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IAF OFFICER FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT

New Delhi, January 21. - Group Captain F.C.Lal, senior Air Staff Officer at HQ Operational Command, has been appointed Deputy Secretary (Military) to the Cabinet Secretariat, and granted the acting rank of Air Commodore. He succeeds Brigadier D.C.Misra and will be the first IAF officer to hold the post. His appointment takes effect from January 28, 1953.

After graduating from King's College, London, Lal was commissioned in the G.D.Branch of the I.A.F. in November 1939. He was a student Member of Middle Temple, London, when his studies were interrupted by war.

While commanding No.7 Squadron he was mentioned in despatches and in 1945, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his combat skill.

Soon after partition, Group Captain Lal went to the U.K. and later to the U.S.A. as a member of the Ministry of Defence Mission. In 1950, he graduated from the R.A.F. Staff College at Andover in the United Kingdom.

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