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AIR MARSHAL MALSE APPOINTED VICE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

AIR MARSHAL DEWAN TO BE DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

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Air Marshal Y.V. Malse, PVSM, Deputy Chief of Air Staff has been appointed Vice Chief of Air Staff vice Air Marshal Shivdev Singh, who is retiring on March 31.

Air Marshal H.C. Dewan, PVSM, ^{Air} Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff.

Air Marshal M. Barker, PVSM, Air Officer-in-Charge (Maintenance) has been appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command.

Air Marshal G.B. Singh, PVSM, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command, ^{Air} has been appointed Air Officer-in-Charge (Maintenance) at Headquarters.

All these appointments will take effect from April 1, 1973.

Air Marshal Malse joined the Indian Air Force in 1940 and was promoted to his present rank in 1969.

Air Marshal Dewan was promoted to this rank in March, 1971 and was Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, during the Bangla Desh operations.

Air Marshal Barker was commissioned in 1941 and has flown all fighter aircraft, including MiG-21 and bombers, including Canberras.

Air Marshal G.B. Singh is the senior ^{most} Officer in the Equipment Branch and ^{from this branch} was the first Officer to be appointed A.O.C.-in-C.

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