

Victor Groom  
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GROOM, Air Marshal Sir Victor E., KCVO, *cr* 1953; KBE, *cr* 1952 (CBE 1945; OBE 1940); CB 1944; DFC 1918, and Bar, 1921; RAF retired; *b* 4 Aug. 1898; *e s* of late William E. Groom; *m* 1st, 1924, Maisie Monica Maule (*d* 1961); two *s*; *m* 2nd, 1969, Mrs Murial Constance Brown. *Educ.* Alleyns, Dulwich. Served European War, 1916-18 (DFC); Egypt, Iraq, 1919-22 (bar to DFC); RAF Staff Coll. (psa 1928); India, 1929-34; Bomber Command, 1936-41 (OBE); Directorate of Plans, Air Min., 1941-42; Head of RAF Staff planning the invasion under Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander, 1942-43; SASO 2nd Tactical Air Force, 1943-45; AOA Flying Trg Command, 1945-46; Dir-Gen. of Manning, Air Ministry, 1947-49; AOC 205 Group RAF, MEAF, 1949-51; C-in-C, MEAF, 1952; AOC-in-C, Technical Training Command, 1952-55, retired 1955. Officer Legion of Honour (France). *Address:* 8 Somerville House, Manor Fields, SW15. *T:* 01-788 1290. *Club:* Royal Air Force.

Ministry of Supply, 1947; Attached CEEA  
Paris, 1948-51; Raw Materials Dept, British  
Embassy, Washington, 1951-53; Board of  
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Pretoria, SA, 1958-62; Principal British Trade  
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1967-69. *Recreations:* squash, tennis, do-it-  
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