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Brereton Gets U. S.

Middle East Command

Maj. Gen. Lewis E. Brereton is the new commander of the U. S. forces in the Middle East.

The announcement of his transfer from the air command in India came from Cairo yesterday, characteristically with his first communique in which he emphasized co-operation between his fliers and the RAF. He said his units under U. S.



Gen. Brereton

command were relying heavily on the RAF for information and ground service.

Brereton, a native of Pennsylvania, is one of the most experienced fliers in the war. He fought through the Java campaign before being transferred to India.

While commanding in India he piloted a Flying Portress in a raid he led against a Japanese convoy at Fort Blair in the Adaman Islands. His plane dropped a bomb on a Japanese cruiser.

London announced yesterday appointment of Air Vice Marshal Keith Rodney Park to command of the Mediterranean theater. He replaces Air Vice Marshal Hugh Pughe Lloyd.