

number of incoming letters 38,696. The average efficiency of the outward air mail services was: On the London-Paris route, 95 per cent.; London-Brussels, 70 per cent.; London-Amsterdam, 89 per cent.

During the period under review (six months) there were two accidents resulting in the death of one or more occupants, two resulting in injury to occupants and six not involving injury to personnel, or a total of 10 accidents. The number of machine miles per flying accident was 32,200; the number of machine flights per flying accident, 1,718. Machine hours flown per accident, 415. Passengers killed per 1,000 carried,

0.03, and passengers injured per 1,000 carried, 0.03. These figures speak well for the safety of modern flying, and as they show a considerable decrease in accidents as compared with the corresponding period of last year, it may be assumed that as machines and organisation improved the percentage, small as it is, will be still further reduced.

An appendix by the Department of Civil Aviation states the case for civil aviation with remarkable clearness and without taking in any instance an exaggerated view of the service which aviation can and should render to humanity.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

THE following appears in the New Year Honours list:—The King has been pleased to give orders for the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Bath:—

K.C.B. (Military Division)

FELL, Group-Capt. (acting Air-Commodore) MATTHEW HENRY GREGSON, C.B., C.M.G., R.A.F. Med. Serv.

C.B. (Military Division)

BORTON, Group-Capt. AMYAS EDEN, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., R.A.F.

C.B. (Civil Division)

SMITH, WILLIAM SYDNEY, Esq., O.B.E., Superintendent of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough.

It is announced that the honour of Knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. A. S. Mays-Smith, President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, and that Mr. Wm. M. Letts, C.B.E., has been promoted to Knight Commander (K.B.E.) of the Order of the British Empire, for public services. It may be added that Mr. W. M. Letts is Managing Director of Messrs. A. V. Roe and Co., Ltd.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

The Air Ministry announces that the King has been pleased to approve of the following awards to officers of the Royal Air Force:—

Second Bar to the Air Force Cross.—Sqn.-Leader William Ronald Read, M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C. (Capt., Dragoon Guards).

Bar to the Air Force Cross.—Sqn.-Leader Roderic Maxwell Hill, M.C., A.F.C.

The Air Force Cross.—Flight-Lieut. Augustus Henry Orlebar, Flight-Lieut. David Arthur Stewart, M.C., D.F.C., Flying Officer Sidney Norman Webster.

Promotions

The following officers are promoted to the ranks stated, with effect from January 1:—

General List

Air-Commodore to be Air Vice-Marshal.—Philip Woolcott Game, C.B., D.S.O.

Group-Captains to be Air-Commodores.—Hugh Caswall Tremenheere Dowding, C.M.G., Bertie Clephane Hawley Drew, C.M.G., C.B.E., Charles Rumney Samson, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., Robert Hamilton Clark Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Wing-Commanders to be Group-Captains.—Alfred Drummond Warrington-Morris, C.M.G., O.B.E., Norman Duckworth Kerr MacEwen, C.M.G., D.S.O., Hon. John David Boyle, C.B.E., D.S.O., Edward Featherstone Briggs, D.S.O., O.B.E., Peregrine Forbes Morant Fellowes, D.S.O.

Squadron-Leaders to be Wing-Commanders.—Dermott Lang Allen, A.F.C., Charles Humphrey Kingsman Edmonds, D.S.O., O.B.E., Richard Edmund Charles Peirse, D.S.O., A.F.C., Reynell Henry Verney, O.B.E., Thomas O'Brien Hubbard, M.C., A.F.C., Lawrence Arthur Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Hazelton Robson Nicholl, O.B.E., Arthur Thomas Whitelock, Robert John Ferguson Barton, O.B.E., William Lawrie Welsh, D.S.C., A.F.C., Hugh Lambert Reilly, D.S.O.

Flight-Lieutenants to be Squadron-Leaders.—William Bowen

Hargrave, O.B.E., Hugh Vernon Champion de Crespigny, M.C., D.F.C., Ivor Thomas Lloyd, Eric John Hodgson, Raymond Collishaw, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C., D.F.C., Cyril Gordon Burge, O.B.E., Francis William Henry Lerwill, O.B.E., Charles Henry Elliott-Smith, A.F.C., Charles Oscar Frithiof Modin, D.S.C., Sir Christopher Joseph Quinton Brand, K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C.

Flying Officers to be Flight-Lieutenants.—Herbert Martin Massey, M.C., Geoffrey Arthur Henzell Pidcock, Cecil Alfred Stevens, M.C., Walter Travis Swire Williams, D.S.C., Samuel Marcus Kinhead, D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C., Seymour Stewart Benson, A.F.C., Edward Derek Davis, Peter Cundle Wood, Robert Allingham George, M.C., Frederick McBean Paul, Allen Robert Churchman, D.F.C., Bernard McEntegart, Peter Warburton, M.B.E., Frank Gerald Craven Weare, M.C., William Edmund Somervell, Alfred Conrad Collier, Kenneth Buchanan Lloyd, A.F.C., George Thomas Richardson, Maurice Henry Butler, D.F.C., William Geoffrey Meggitt, M.C., Eric John Webster, D.F.C., Herbert Edwin Tansley, M.C., Ian Cullen, A.F.C., George Cecil Gardiner, D.F.C., Arthur Vincent Howard Gompertz, Maurice Moore, Arthur Francis Quinlan, Percy John Barnett, M.C., Sydney Edward Toomer, D.F.C., Leslie Norman Hollinghurst, D.F.C., Clement Flegg Horsley, M.C., Charles Basil Slater Spackman, D.F.C., Ernest Lionel Ardley, Richard Michael Trevelyan, M.C., Neville Byron Ward, Edward Reginald Openshaw, Reginald Thomas Brooke Houghton, A.F.C., Ralph Myddleton Bankes-Jones, James John Williamson, A.F.C., Owen Washington de Putron, Robert Hugh Hanmer, M.C., Victor Hubert Tait, James Matthews McEntegart, Robert William Edwards, James Alexander Gordon Haslam, M.C., D.F.C., Kenneth Lloyd Harris, Albert Grounds Peace, A.F.C., William Conway Day, M.C.

Stores List

Squadron-Leader to be Wing-Commander.—Walter John Dakins Pryce, O.B.E., D.C.M.

Flight-Lieutenants to be Squadron-Leaders.—William Boston Cushion, Eric Rivers-Smith, M.B.E., James Ambrose Stone, William Henry George Maton, M.B.E.

Flying Officers to be Flight-Lieutenants.—Arthur Benjamin Wiggan, William Arthur Kingston, Ernest William Crosbie, Frederick Thomas McElwee, Arthur Myrtle Saywood, Harry Leonard Woolveridge, Arthur Elias Sutton-Jones, Patrick John Murphy, John Henry Dale, Edward Ernest Porter, M.B.E., D.C.M., Edwin Harold Eldridge, Maurice Jewison James, M.B.E., Reginald Harry Smyth, M.C., Alfred Horace Comfort, Henry Sewell Alger, Leonard Arthur Lavender, Richard Adams, Lamont Smith, Charlie Young Mitchell, John Augustus Plunkett.

Medical Service

Squadron-Leader to be Wing-Commander.—Henry Wakeman Scott, M.B., B.A.

Flight-Lieutenants to be Squadron-Leaders.—Robert Ernest Bell, M.B., Gerald Struan Marshall, O.B.E., Eric William Craig, M.C., M.B., Robert Andrew George Elliott, M.B., B.A.

Flight-Lieutenant to be Honorary Squadron-Leader.—William Rous Kemp, B.A.

German Gliders for Britain

As a direct result of the interesting experiments carried out in the Rhön Mountains in Germany during last summer, considerable interest is now being taken in the problems of gliding and soaring. Not only are the German experiments to be continued this year, but France has planned a gliding competition also. In this country, although, judging from the number of enquiries which we have received, there is considerable interest in the subject, nothing definite has

been planned. The chief reason for this is probably that the problem of constructing scientific gliders has not hitherto received any attention here. We now learn, however, that the Aachen glider on which Klemperer remained aloft for 13 minutes may be introduced in this country if sufficient interest is found to exist. The agency for this type of glider has been acquired by Mr. J. T. P. Jeyes, of 38, The Crescent, Northampton, who will be pleased to give further information relating to the details of the Aachen glider.