

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch.

L. S. Potter is granted a short-service comm., as a Flying Officer, with effect from, and with seniority of, April 7, 1925. Pilot Officer on probation E. C. Boucher is confirmed in rank (April 16). Wing Commander E. L. Gossage, D.S.O., M.C., is seconded for three years' duty at the Staff College, Camberley (Jan. 22).

Stores Branch.

Flying Officer M. R. Preece is placed on retired list (April 18).

Medical Branch.

Flight-Lieut. C. P. Barber is granted a permanent comm. in rank stated

(April 22). Flight-Lieut. D. J. Jones, M.B., relinquishes his temp. comm. on account of ill-health (April 1).

Reserve of Air Force Officers.

The following is confirmed in rank (April 28):—Flying Officer J. G. Good-year.

Flight-Lieut. J. F. Stallard is employed with the Regular Air Force for a period of one year (April 8).

Memorandum.

Flying Officer J. J. O'Connor relinquishes his temporary commission on ceasing to be employed (April 1).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Appointments.—The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

General Duties Branch

Wing Commanders: D. L. Allen, A.F.C., and T. L. Leigh-Mallory, D.S.O., to R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, for Staff Course; 4.5.25. W. L. Welsh, D.S.C., A.F.C., to H.Q. Mediterranean, Supernumerary; 8.4.25.

Squadron Leaders: C. H. B. Blount, O.B.E., M.C., C. H. Nicholas, D.F.C., A.F.C., G. C. Bailey, D.S.O., and E. A. Beulah, to R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, for Staff Course; 4.5.25. P. B. Hunter, to No. 4 Flying Training Sch., Egypt; 1.4.25. E. J. P. Burling, D.S.C., D.F.C., to No. 444 Flight, Lee-on-Solent; 27.4.25.

Flight Lieutenants: Hon. R. A. Cochrane, A.F.C., J. K. Waugh, D.S.C., W. F. Anderson, D.S.O., D.F.C., T. F. W. Thompson, D.F.C., A. H. Orlebar, A.F.C., W. H. Park, M.C., D.F.C., S. E. Toomer, D.F.C., R. P. M. Whitham M.C., H. P. Lloyd, M.C., D.F.C., J. H. Butler, R. M. Foster, D.F.C., S. C. Strafford, D.F.C., and J. Blackford, to R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, for Staff Course; 4.5.25. G. E. Livock, D.F.C., to No. 24 Sqdn., Kenley; 1.5.25. W. R. B. Annesley, to No. 1 Sch. of Tech. Training (Boys), Halton; 4.5.25. R. H. M. S. Saundby, M.C., A.F.C., to Aden Flight, Egypt; 24.3.25. S. M. Kinkead, D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C., to H.Q., Egypt; 28.3.25. D. S. Earp, D.F.C., to H.Q. Iraq; 15.4.25.

Flying Officers: N. C. Bretherton, (Hon. Flight-Lieut.) H. W. A. Fox, (Hon. Flight-Lieut.) R. W. M. Hall, and (Hon. Flight-Lieut.) F. W. Wisman-Clarke, to Aircraft Depot, India; 8.3.25. W. A. Opie, to Aircraft Depot, India, instead of to No. 31 Sqdn., as previously notified; 27.2.25. J. C. Walker, to No. 4 Flying Training Sch., Egypt; 13.2.25. J. W. Turton Jones, to Aircraft Depot, India; 17.4.25. R. H. Mahon, to Aden Flight, Egypt; 8.4.25. H. S. Hobby, M.C., to No. 28 Sqdn., India; 2.3.25. L. E. Cutforth, to Aircraft Depot, India, instead of to No. 5 Sqdn., as previously notified; 13.2.25. G. J. Gaynor, to No. 70 Sqdn., Iraq; 8.3.25. G. S. Brown and L. H. Brooke, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport; 27.4.25. R. L. Bateman, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby; 27.4.25. F. E. Nuttall, to No. 24 Sqdn., Kenley, instead of to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., as

previously notified; 27.4.25. H. A. J. de S. Barrow, to remain at R.A.F. Depot, instead of to No. 16 Sqdn., Old Sarum, as previously notified. E. S. Bullen, to C. and M. Party, Cattewater; 28.4.25.

Pilot Officers: J. A. P. A. Yearsley, to Aircraft Depot, India, instead of to No. 28 Sqdn., as previously notified; 27.2.25. W. J. Brett, to No. 27 Sqdn., India; 17.3.25. R. W. Holden, R. O. Jones, and W. Wynter-Morgan, M.C., to Aircraft Depot, India; 8.3.25. G. M. Pitts-Tucker, to No. 70 Sqdn., Iraq; 25.3.25.

Stores Branch

Flight Lieutenant: K. D. G. Collier, to Stores Depot, Egypt; 19.3.25. **Flying Officers:** W. Best, to No. 1 Wing H.Q., India; 3.10.24. R. Lamb, to No. 20 Sqdn., India; 5.1.25. F. C. C. Hitchens, to No. 28 Sqdn., India, instead of to No. 20 Sqdn., as previously notified; 24.1.25.

Accountant Branch

Flying Officers: G. W. Lynn, to No. 41 Sqdn., Northolt; 5.5.25. J. Charles, to remain at No. 111 Sqdn., Duxford, instead of to No. 39 Sqdn., as previously notified. J. A. Coleman, to H.Q., Accountant Office, Iraq; 23.2.25. H. Hedderwick, to Brigade Accountant Office, Iraq; 23.2.25.

Pilot Officer: K. E. M. Holmes, to No. 39 Sqdn., Spittlegate; 20.4.25.

Medical Branch

Squadron Leader: J. T. T. Forbes, to H.Q., Egypt; 6.4.25.

Flight Lieutenants: D. McLaren, M.B., to No. 4 Flying Training Sch., Egypt; 31.3.25. J. A. Perdrau, M.D., to No. 100 Sqdn., Spittlegate; 22.4.25. E. D. D. Dickson, to R.A.F. Depot; 1.5.25.

Flying Officers: W. A. Beck, M.B., D.P.H., to Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establt., Martlesham Heath; 21.4.25. T. W. Wilson, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby; 28.4.25. B. Pollard, to Central Flying Sch., Upavon; 26.3.25. F. W. G. Smith, M.B., B.A., to Basrah Combineh Hospital, Iraq; 2.4.25. C. J. MacQuillan, M.B., B.A., to R.A.F., British Hospital, Iraq; 4.4.25. F. P. Scholfield, M.B., to H.Q., Iraq; 24.4.25. H. J. Henderson (Dental), to No. 4 Sqdn., S. Farnborough; 4.5.25.

IN PARLIAMENT

R.A.F. Boy Recruits

COLONEL DAY on April 29 asked the Secretary of State for Air the number of boys under 17 who had been recruited into the Royal Air Force during the past two months as a result of Press advertisements or otherwise; and whether any of these boys are being, or will be, trained for service on bombing aeroplanes?

Sir S. Hoare: As regards the first part of the question, boys are recruited for the Air Force only twice a year, and the last recruiting period was in January, when 350 boys were attested. As regards the second part of the question, none of these boys is under training as a pilot, and it is impossible to foresee whether any, and, if so, how many, will eventually be employed for aerial work in bombing squadrons.

Training School, Wales

CAPTAIN GARRO-JONES asked the Secretary of State for Air the number and nature of Air Ministry establishments in Wales?

Sir S. Hoare: There is one Air Ministry establishment in Wales; it is a flying training school.

New Airships

CAPTAIN GARRO-JONES asked the Secretary of State for Air what progress has now been made in the construction of the two new airships?

Sir S. Hoare: Actual construction of either airship has not as yet been commenced. A large volume of investigation and other preliminary work has, however, been carried out.

Fighting Services Expenditure

MR. T. THOMSON asked the Financial Secretary to the Treasury the comparable figures showing the gross expenditure on the Navy, Army, and Air Force for the years 1913-14 and 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925?

Mr. Guinness: The following are the figures:—

	Navy.	Army.	Air Force.
	£	£	£
1913-14	50,213,450	31,320,397	*1,375,700
1922-23	65,403,954	66,001,075	14,585,271
1923-24	59,201,586	55,532,359	16,635,706
1924-25	60,729,250	54,480,000	19,074,000
(Estimated).			
1925-26	64,363,460	54,333,000	21,319,300
(Estimated).			

* £605,700 charged to Navy Votes and £770,000 charged to Army Votes.

Iraq Bombing Operations

LIEUT.-COMMANDER KENWORTHY on April 30 asked the Secretary of State for Air how many times the Royal Air Force has been in action during the present year; what were the casualties suffered; if there is any estimate of the casualties inflicted; and whether on all occasions warning is given before dwellings are bombed in order that non-combatants may be moved to a place of safety?

Major Sir Philip Sassoon: The answer to the first part of the question is five times; to the second, two casualties; to the third, that as in at least one case the bombing supervened on inter-tribal fighting and the casualties due to the one cause or the other could not be distinguished, no estimate under this head can usefully be given; to the last part of the question, that explicit warnings were given in all cases, except where the air action was taken in defence of Iraqi tribesmen who were being raided by invading and looting tribesmen.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy: In the latter case were any dwelling houses bombed? I am not asking the tribes that were attacked in the field, but whether any dwellings were bombed?

Sir P. Sassoon: The latter case applies to invading tribes coming from a great distance and having to be dealt with summarily many hundreds of miles from their homes.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy: My question refers to dwellings being bombed. Is it a fact that in all circumstances warning was given before dwellings were bombed?

Sir P. Sassoon: Yes.

Airship R. 33

SIR H. BRITAIN asked the Secretary of State for Air whether he can see his way to suggest that some special mark of recognition be awarded to Flight-Lieut. Booth for the efforts of himself and his crew which resulted in the successful return of the R. 33 to Pulham?

Sir P. Sassoon: I assume that my right hon. friend will in any case be considering this matter on his return.

Sir H. Brittain: Will the hon. and gallant gentleman do all he can to suggest that some really tangible recognition should be given not only to the lieut.-commander but to the entire personnel for the splendid British exploit which has thrilled this country and the whole world?

Sir P. Sassoon: I will tell my right hon. friend.

Mr. Wells asked the Secretary of State for Air if he can state the cause of the accident to the Airship R. 33; and, if so, what steps are being taken to minimise accidents of this nature in the future?

Sir P. Sassoon: An inquiry is at present being held into the cause of the accident, and until the investigating committee has reported, I am unable to make any statement on the subject.

The Italian Flight to Australia

COL. M. DI PINEDO, Chief of Air Staff in Italy, who is making a big aerial tour on a Savoia S.16 ter flying-boat, and who reached Charbar last week, had the misfortune to

damage his machine when attempting to resume his flight on May 2. The damage was slight, however, and he made a fresh start on May 5 and landed that afternoon in Karachi Harbour.