



THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch

Group Captain A. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., to No. 21 Group H.Q., West Drayton, on appointment as Air Officer Commanding, 27.9.27.

Squadron Leaders: L. H. Slatter, O.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., to Superintendent of R.A.F. Reserve, Hendon, 25.1.28. E. D. Atkinson, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 2.1.28. L. F. Forbes, M.C., to No. 2 Armoured Car Co., Palestine, 16.12.27. R. S. Lucy, A.F.C., to No. 10 Sqdn., Upper Heyford, 10.1.28.

Flight-Lieutenants: J. I. T. Jones, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., M.M., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 3.12.27. R. Jones, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 24.11.27. A. J. Elliott, to Air Ministry (Department of the Air Member for Supply and Research), 1.1.28.

Flying Officers: A. S. Lewis, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 24.11.27. T. B. Fenwick, to No. 503 (b) Sqdn., Waddington, 15.12.27. (Hon. Fit.-Lt.) G. M. E. Gifford, to H.Q., Coastal Area, 2.1.28. G. B. Collot, to Elec. & Wireless Sch., Flowerdown, 3.1.28.

Pilot Officers: W. B. Causer, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 29.11.27. H. R. R.

Ackerley, S. O. Bufton, P. H. E. Grisewood, D. B. McGill and G. Wood, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on appointment to Short Service Commissions, 16.12.27.

Stores Branch

Squadron Leader A. W. Turner, D.C.M., to No. 4 Stores Depot, Ruislip, 3.12.27.

Flight-Lieutenant T. S. James, to No. 2 Stores Depot, Altrincham, 19.12.27.

Accountant Branch

Flight-Lieutenant A. J. Moore, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 3.12.27.

Medical Branch

Flight-Lieutenants: G. J. Griffiths, to R.A.F. Station, Bicester, 28.12.27. D. B. Smith, M.B., to Station H.Q. and Storage Section, Andover, 28.12.27.

Naval Appointments

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on December 28, 1927:—

Lieut. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.)—J. N. Sparks, to *Excellent*, for long (G.) course (Jan. 5), attachment to R.A.F. terminated.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

Included in the list of New Year Honours issued on January 1, are the following:—

Knight

Thomas Ernest Stanton, Esq., C.B.E., F.R.S., D.Sc., Superintendent, Engineering Department, National Physical Laboratory.

Order of the Bath

C.B. (Military Division)

Air Commodore Hugh Caswall Tremenhare Dowding, C.M.G., R.A.F.

Order of the British Empire

D.B.E. (Civil)

Mary du Caurroy, Duchess of Bedford, R.R.C., F.L.S.—For public services. The Duchess of Bedford takes a keen interest in aviation. Last August she flew 3,500 miles in eight days.

NEW YEAR AWARDS

The Air Ministry announces:—
The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force:—

Air Force Cross

Flight Lieutenant Charles Roderick Carr, D.F.C.
Flight Lieutenant Robert Linton Ragg.

Air Force Medal

127878 Flight Sergeant (Pilot) Francis Hubert Pelham Simpson, M.M.
335127 Sergeant (Pilot) David Kinnear.

HALF YEARLY PROMOTION LIST

The Air Ministry announces:—
The undermentioned promotions are made with effect from January 1, 1928:—

General Duties Branch

Group Captains to be Air Commodores: Andrew George Board, C.M.G., D.S.O.; John Adrian Chamier, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E.

Wing Commanders to be Group Captains: Henry Le Marchant Brock, D.S.O.; Napier John Gill, C.B.E., M.C.; Joseph Herbert Arthur Landon, D.S.O., O.B.E.; James Bevan Bowen, O.B.E.

Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders: John Valentine Steel, O.B.E.; John Arthur Gerald De Courcy, M.C.; Alexander Francis Anderson Hooper, O.B.E.; Robert Peel Willock; Edward Arthur Beckton Rice, M.C.; Thomas Edward Barham Howe, A.F.C.

Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders: Horace George Bowen, M.B.E.; Sturley Philip Simpson, M.C.; Geoffrey Hornblower Cock, M.C.; Arthur Gordon Jones-Williams, M.C.; Tilden Christmas Thomson; Franz Workman, M.C.; Victor Reginald Scriven, A.F.C.; Hugh Leedham; Philip Hildersley Cummings, D.F.C.

Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants: Robert John Montgomery-Moore; Frank Woolley, D.F.C.; James Charles Belford; Eric Charles Delamain, M.C.; Charles Alexander Cornelius Fidler, D.C.M.; Walter Reginald Day; Robin Howard Haworth-Booth, D.F.C.; William Henry Golder, D.S.M.; Claude McClean Vincent, D.F.C.; William Labat Payne; John Leslie Wingate; Edward Enos Arnold, D.F.C.; Victor Hugh Clift; Alfred Harold Love; Narbrough Hughes D'Aeth; Cecil George Hancock; Dennis Caldwell Prance; Cuthbert John Collingwood; Bertram William Trelawney Hare; George Anthony Fielding Bucknall; John Simon Leslie Adams; Gilbert Harcourt Smith; Eric Scott Burns; Arthur Francis Scroggs; Henry Adelbert Anson; Stuart Douglas Scott; Robert Henry Horniman; John Brayne Lynch; Cyril Beresford Wincott; Clift Neil Charles Dickson, A.F.C.; Robert Cecil Wansbrough; Charles Harold Brill; John Marsh Burd; M.C.; James Noel Douglas Anderson; Harry Gayton Kirkman (Hon. Flight Lt.); Archer Robert Prendergast (Hon. Flight Lt.); Vyvyan John Somerset-Thomas (Hon. Flight Lt.); Herbert Roy Bond Howell (Hon. Flight Lt.); Ernest Cecil Barlow; George Holroyd Mills; Reginald Newnham Waite; Walter Joseph Martin Akerman; Arthur Pethick Revington; Malcolm Bruce Mackay; Roland Arthur Ross Mangles; David William Frederick Bonham-Carter; Frederick George Stewart Mitchell; William Arthur Darville Brook; Colin Logan Falconer; Gerard Combe; Thomas Joseph Desmond; John Gossett Hawtrey; John Charles Eric Arnott Johnson (Hon. Flight Lt.); Percy Ivor Vincent Rippon (Hon. Flight Lt.); Leonard Young; Robert Kennedy Emerson; John Vincent Kelly; Edgar Henry Douglas Spence (Hon. Flight Lt.); Alfred Haines.

Lieutenant, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., to be Flight Lieutenant: Edward Michael Conolly Abel-Smith.

Stores Branch

Squadron Leader to be Wing Commander: Cuthbert Leopold Archbold.

Flight Lieutenant to be Squadron Leader: George Frederick Law.

Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants: Raymond Hugh Latham; Ernest Richard Wood; Frederick William Todd.

Accountant Branch

Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders: Algernon Wynn Pendennis Phillips, O.B.E.; Charles Henry Moore.

Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants: William Joseph Heneghan; Walter William Deane; William Edward Victor Richards; Robert Cecil Clayton; Harold Edmund Cardwell, A.F.C.

Medical Branch

Wing Commander to be Group Captain: Edward Cecil Clements, O.B.E.
Flight Lieutenant (Acting Squadron Leader) to be Honorary Wing Commander: John Norman MacDonald.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Acting Senior Sister to be Acting Matron: Miss Janet MacLeod, A.R.R.C.
Sister to be Acting Senior Sister: Miss Gladys Taylor.

ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS, R.A.F.

THE Air Ministry announces that an examination will be held in the latter part of March, 1928, under the scheme inaugurated in 1924 for the entry into the Accountant Branch of the Royal Air Force of qualified and experienced civil accountants. About eight vacancies are likely to be available. The age limits are 22 to 26, extensible to 30 for certain candidates having previous service in the Forces.

The competition will be held in London by the Civil Service Commissioners and will include (1) an examination in book-keeping and accountancy (excluding partnership and executorship accounts), the standard being that of the final examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors; (2) an examination in English and general knowledge (essay, précis and questions to test knowledge of matters of general interest); and (3) an interview before a selection board at which stress will be laid on accounting experience and special weight given to the type of experience provided by article service.

The emoluments of an Accountant Officer consist on the one hand of pay and on the other of accommodation, fuel, light, rations and personal attendance provided in kind. When the latter are not available, cash allowances are granted in lieu. The total of the pay and cash allowances of accountant officers range at present rates from about £400 a year for an officer on first entry to £1,135 a year for a married officer in the highest rank.

The Accountant Branch provides a permanent career. It is not of course possible to pledge the future, but so far as present foresight can show the

Branch will expand in the future and will be subject to no sudden changes affecting adversely the fortunes of its officers. The Air Force is at present a growing service and the duties thrown on the Accountant Branch are such as will, so far as can be foreseen, always be required.

Officers enter the Branch with the rank of Pilot Officer and on probation. After twelve months' satisfactory service they are confirmed in their commission and promoted to Flying Officer. Thereafter promotion is by selection. The next ranks are Flight Lieutenant and Squadron Leader and it is contemplated that officers who give satisfactory service should be promoted at least up to the latter rank, while a reasonable proportion would be able to expect promotion to the higher rank of Wing Commander and some to the rank of Group Captain. It must be understood that promotion depends on requirements and requirements on future circumstances, but the policy of the Air Ministry is directed to ensuring to Accountant Officers a career not inferior to that indicated above.

The length of the career provided depends on the rank attained. The compulsory retiring ages are for Squadron Leaders 53, for Wing Commanders 57, and for Group Captains 60; any officers not attaining the rank of Squadron Leader would be retired at the age of 50.

Application should be made to the Secretary, Air Ministry (S.7), Kingsway, London, W.C.2, for the regulations and for application forms. Completed application forms should reach the Air Ministry by February 1 next, or at latest by February 15.