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General Ditties Branch

The follg. Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in rank and graded as Pilot Officers (September 23) :—G. N. Amison, J. W. Buchanan, J. O. Carter, H. W. Dean, F. H. Dixon, J. C. Evans, P. S. Foss, G. R. Howie, G. O. Llewellyn, T. C. Sanders, E. T. Smith, D. E. Turner, P. N. J. Wilkins. The follg. Acting Pilot Officers on probation are graded as Pilot Officers on proba-tion :—C. F. Newcombe, J. P. Selby (September 16) ; G. J. I. Clennell, T. B. Morton, J. H. G. Sarll (September 23).

The follg. Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer :—R. Faville (April 10) ; D. L. Dustin (October 10).

Flt.-Lt. A. D. Macdonald, MX. (Supplementary List) is promoted to rank
of Squadron Leader (October 17) ; Wing-Corn. V. Gaskell-Blackburn. D.S.C., A.F.C., is placed on half-pay list, scale A (October 26) ; Lt. J. C. Richards. R.N., Flt.-Lt., R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty (October 19) ; Flt.-Lt. J. A. MacNab is placed on retired list (October 26); Sqdn.-Ldr. G. S. Reed, O.B.E., relinquishes his short service commn.

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on completion of service (October 1) ; Lt. R. P. Garnett, R.N., F/O., R.A.F., relinquishes his temporary commn. on return to Naval duty (December 3, 1931). (Substituted for Gazette, December 15, 1931.)

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

General Duties Branch

F/O. M. G. Parker is transferred from Class A to Class C (October 10) ; F/O. H. W. Smith relinquishes his commn. on completion of service (July 28) ; F/O. W. Allan relinquishes his commn. on completion of service and is per-mitted to retain his rank (October 7) ; F/O. H. S. Basford relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health and is permitted to retain his rank (November 1); F/O. S. H. R. Clarke relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health (November 1).
Medical Branch

Flt.-Lt. J. D. Driberg, O.B.E., M.C., F.R.C.S., relinquishes his commn. on completion of service (August 20).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

Group Captain: R. M. Field to Special Duty List, 15.10.33, on appoint-ment as Air Attache, Paris, vice Group Capt. R. J. Bone, C.B.E., D.S.O. Wing Commanders: G. E. Livock, D.F.C., A.F.C., to H.Q., Cranwell, 23.10.33, for Air Staff duties, vice Wing Com. W. B. Farrington, D.S.O. F. H. M. Maynard, A.F.C., to Air Ministry, Dept. of Chief of the Air Staff (D.O.S.D.), 23.10.33, for Air Staff duties, vice Group Capt. W. B. Callawav, A.F.C.

Squadron Leader : G. H. Harrison, D.F.C., to H.Q., Central Area, 23.10.33, for Navigation duties.
Flight Lieutenants : P. S. Blockey to Aircraft Depot, Karachi, India, 24.10.33. T- C. Foden, A.F.C., to Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi, Iraq, 29.9.33. E. D. MacL. Hopkins to No. 15 (B.) Sqdn., Martlesham Heath, 23.10.33. H. L. Patch to Air Armament School, Eastchurch, 23.10.33. C. H. Turner to No. 31 (A.C.) Sqdn., Quetta, India. 24.10.33. E. B. Addison to Air Ministry, Dept. of A.M.P.. 26.10.33. F. Boston to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 17.10.33. C. F. C. Coaker to H.Q., Central Area, 27.10.33.
Flving Officers: J. Coverdale to No. "14 (B.) Sqdn., Amman, 14.10.33. A. P. Glennv to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 16.10.33. 1. Y. Humphreys to Xo. 31 (A.C.) Sqdn., Quetta, India, 24.10.33. E. J. Laine to Superintendent of R.A.F. Reserve, 25.10.33. C. R. Lousada to No. 28 (A.C.) Sqdn., Ambala, India, 24.10.33. W. H. Mitchell to Aircraft Depot, Karachi, India, 24.10.33. M. A. Payn to No. 2 Aftnoured Car Co., Ramleh, 12.10.33. F. C. Sturgiss to No. 2 (Indian Wing) Station, Risalpur, India, 24.10.33. M. D. C. Biggie to Station Flight, Abingdon, 24.10.33. D. I. P. Macnair to Air Pilotage School, Andover, 25.10.33. D. W. Reid to No. 502 (Ulster) (B.) Sqdn., Aldergrove, 27.10.33.
Pilot Officers : C. F. M. Rambaut to No. 101 (B.) Sqdn., Andover, 11.10.33. F. M. C. Corelli to No. 11 (B.) Sqdn., Risalpur, India, 24.10.33. W. J. Craig to No. 20 (A.C.) Sqdn., Peshawar, India, 24.10.33. C. C. House to Aircraft Depot, Karachi, India, 24.10.33. K. S. Howe to Aircraft Depot, Karachi, India, 24.10.33. A. W. Langton to No. 28 (A.C.) Sqdn., Ambala, India, 24.10.33. W. McA. McAulay to No. 28 (A.C.) Sqdn., Ambala, India, 24.10.33.

W. L. Stedman to Aircraft Depot, Karachi, India, 24.10.33. C. M. Stewart to No. 5 (A.C.) Sqdn., Quetta, India, 24.10.33. E. G. Thompson to No. 31 (A.C.) Sqdn., Quetta, India, 24.10.33.

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Flight Lieutenant: A. H. Allan to H.Q., Central Area, 1.10.33.

Accountant Branch

Squadron Leaders: W. G. W7

. Prall to H.Q., Western Area, 2.11.33, for
Accountant duties, vice Sqd. Ldr. R. Byrne. A. R. Thomas to Central Flying School, Wittering, 29.10.33, for Accountant duties, vice Sqd. Ldr. C. H. Moore.

Flight Lieutenant: R. G. D. Thomas to No. 4 Flving Training School, 9.10.33.
Medical Branch

Wing Commander: R. W. Ryan to Aircraft Park, India. Lahore, 18.10.33. Squadron Leaders : B. F. Haythornthwaite to H.Q., R.A.F., Aden, 18.10.33, for dutv as Deputy Principal Med. Officer (Hvgiene). W. J. G. Walker to R.A.F. Gen. Hospital, Hinaidi, Iraq, 18.10.33, for duty as Med. Officer. Flight Lieutenant: F. B. C. L. B. Crawford t o R.A.F. Gen. Hospital, Hinaidi, Iraq, 18.10.33.
Flving Officer: L. M. Corbet to No. 2 (Indian) Wing Station, Risalpur, India, 18.10.33.
Dental Branch

Flight Lieutenant: J. J. Lawson to R.A.F. H.Q., Cranwell, 31.10.33. Flying Officer : V. H. Weeks to No. 5 Flving Training School, Sealand, 30.10.33.

NAVAL APPOINTMEN T

The following appointment has been made by the Admiralty :—

PROMOTION

Lieutenant: A. Brock (Flight Lt., R.A.F.), to rank of Lt. Com. (seniority October 30).

Comrades of the Royal Air Forces
OFFICIAL recognition has been given to " The Comrades of the Royal
Air Forces," an association whose primary object is to foster a spirit of comradeship among the past and present members of the Air Services. The Association has branches in various parts of the country and its membership is open to all past members of the various flying services and to serving per-sonnel of the Roval Air Force. Its President is Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Trenchard, G.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D. Further parti-culars as to membership, etc., can be obtained from the Hon. General Secre-tary, Flt.-Lt. C. E. Cullen, R.A.F. (retired), Azara, Station Estate, Taplow, Bucks.
Electrical and Wireless LSchool, Royal Air Force
OFFICERS' Reunion Dinner is to be held at Royal Air Force Club,
'28, Piccadilly, W.I, on Saturday, November 25, 1933. Information from the Honorarv Secretary : J. F. Herd, Ditton Corner, Datchet, Slough.
No. 3 Sqdn., R.F.C., and No. 3 (Fignter) Sqdn.—Annual Reunion Dinner
THE annual reunion dinner of officers of No. 3 Sqdn. will be held at
the Mayfair Hotel, W.l, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m., on Friday, December I,

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Protection of Aeroplanes from Danger Due to Lightning
SINCE 1925, only ten cases of British aeroplanes (Ser-vice and civil) having been struck by lightning have been r,,ported, and in no case did serious damage occur. In these cases the following appear to have been the deter-mining circumstances: —(a) Meteorological reports indi-cated the possibility of thundery conditions, (b) The air-craft flew into or close below the clouds before being struck. (c) Nearly all the aircraft had the wireless aerial trailing. In order to avoid danger the following pre-cautions are advised, whenever the circumstances permit of their adoption:—(i) Avoid all large cloud masses from wWch showers of rain, hail or snow are falling, especially

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1933. The Chair will be taken bv Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C. Tickets I3s. 6d. each, exclusive of wines, may be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary, Flt.-Lt. A. T. K. Shipwright, D.F.C., No.-3 (Fighter) Sqdn., Royal Air Force, Upavon, Marl-borough, Wilts. Owing to oversea postings and changes of address, it has been impossible to notify all past and present members of the squadron of the dinner. Those members who have not received notices should com-municate with the Honorary Secretary.
Ne w Chaplain-tn-Chief, Royal Air'Force
THE Air Ministry announces the following appointment .—The Reverend James Rowland Walkey, M.A., to be Chaplain-in-Chief to the Royal Air Force, with effect from December 11, 1933, in succession to the Reverend Sidney Lampard Clarke, M.A., B.Sc, K.H.C., who retires from the Royal Air Force on that date. The Reverend J. R. Walkey graduated at Cam-bridge University in 1902 and was appointed a Chaplain in the Army in 1912* During the war he served in France with distinction, gaining a '' Mention in Despatches," and being promoted Chaplain to the Forces, 3rd Class, for distinguished services in the field. He transferred to the Royal Air Force in 1918, and has been the senior Chaplain at Halton since December, 1930.

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in the number and strength of atrflospherics will generally indicate that a dangerous area is being approached. When the wireless apparatus is being operated by a wireless operator, he should inform the pilot of such an increase. The pilot should consider this information in conjunction with the weather conditions which he can see ahead of

him, in deciding whether conditions are actually dan-gerous. Should the aircraft already be in a dangerous area, e.g., a hail storm, winding in the aerial may be dangerous to the W/ T operator. In such a case the aerial should merely be earthed and the aircraft flown out of the storm as quickly as possible ; if necessary, the aircraft should be flown back on its course to give the operator an opportunity to wind in the trailing aerial before pro-ceeding through the storm. It is also recommended that the connection of the aerial to earth should be made to the

aircraft structure outside the fuselage. Whenever possible, the aircraft should be flown well below the lowest layer of any cloud masses encountered.

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