

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



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General Duties Branch

Pilot Officer on probation C. F. Newcombe is confirmed in rank (March 24); Pilot Officer P. S. Gomez is placed on the half-pay list, scale A (May 29); Flight Lt. A. T. S. Leguen de Lacroix is placed on the retired list (May 27).

Stores Branch

Flight Lt. T. H. Jolley is placed on the retired list (May 25).

Medical Branch

Flight Lt. A. A. Townsend, M.B., B.Ch., is promoted to the rank of Squadron Ldr. (May 27).

**ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE
RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS**

General Duties Branch

The follg. are granted commissions as Pilot Officers on probation in class AA(i) (May 29)—E. L. Gosling, L. G. O. Hutchison, H. P. McClean.

Flying Officer L. Rimmer, M.M., is transferred from class A to class C (May 29).

The follg. Flying Officers relinquish their commissions on completion of service:—D. P. Jones (April 27); E. G. Curtice (May 9).

London Gazette, June 1, 1934

The follg. promotions are made with effect from June 1:—
Flight Lts. to be Squadron Ldrs.—J. R. I. Scambler, A.F.C., F. J. Fogarty, D.F.C., E. P. Mackay, W. H. Poole, A.F.C., M.M., J. C. Foden, A.F.C., J. Bussey.

Flying Officers to be Flight Lts.—W. K. Baird, H. D. McGregor, T. W. G. Eady, C. V. Howes, G. F. Overbury, G. K. Tulloch, G. E. Sampson, H. M. Pearson, E. A. Jones, W. H. Hutton, H. H. Leech, J. E. Allen, E. D. Elliott, W. R. Hartwright, W. P. J. Thompson, F. W. Murison, R. B. Councill, J. A. C. Stratton, L. F. Sinclair, C. V. J. Pratt, J. G. Llewelyn, P. G. Thomson, M. V. Delap, A. G. Adnams, R. Chadwick, R. S. Darbyshire, D. H. F. Barnett, A. C. Mitchell, E. C. Passmore, F. C. Sturgiss.

Stores Branch

The follg. promotions are made with effect from June 1:—
Flight Lt. to be Squadron Ldr.—C. H. Masters.
Flying Officers to be Flight Lts.—C. I. Fry, R. B. Brown, H. M. S. Dawes.

Medical Branch

The follg. Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lt. with effect from May 29, and with seny. of May 1:—T. C. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., J. S. Carslaw, M.B., Ch.B.

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

General Duties Branch

Wing Commanders.—A. D. Pryor, to Station Headquarters, Upavon, 15.5.34, to command vice W/Cdr. G. S. M. Insall, V.C., M.C. G. E. Livock, D.F.C., A.F.C., to No. 209 (F.B.) Squadron, Mount Batten, 17.5.34, to command, vice S/Ldr. J. H. O. Jones.

Squadron Leader J. H. O. Jones, to No. 202 (F.B.) Squadron, Malta, 17.5.34, to command, vice S/Ldr. A. H. Wann.

Flight Lieutenants.—O. I. Gilson, to H.M.S. *Furious*, 22.5.34. W. A. Tattersall, to R.A.F. Depot, Middle East, Aboukir, 4.5.34. J. F. Griffiths, to Station Headquarters, Donibristle, 26.5.34. R. D. Starley, M.C., to D.D.R.M., Dept. of A.M.S.R., Air Ministry, 29.5.34.

Flying Officers: T. N. Coslett, to R.A.F. Base, Leuchars, 24.5.34. R. I. Wallace, to Central Flying School, Wittering, 23.5.34. N. W. A. Cullum, to No. 811 (F.T.B.) Squadron, 19.5.34. W. R. Sadler, to Station Flight, Duxford, 24.5.34. H. W. A. Chesterman, to No. 27 (B) Squadron, Kohat, India, 6.5.34. G. K. Fairclough, to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 30.5.34. R. C. Reynell, to No. 1 (F) Squadron, Tangmere, 19.5.34.

Pilot Officers: T. R. Vickers, to No. 99 (B) Squadron, Upper Heyford, 16.5.34, on appointment to a short service commission. J. R. MacLachlan, to No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham, 26.5.34, on appointment to a permanent commission.

Acting Pilot Officers: W. E. Legard, to No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir, Egypt, 26.5.34. E. W. Owens Thurston, to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 30.5.34.

Stores Branch

Flight Lieutenants: N. W. Law, to H.M.S. *Furious*, 25.5.34. D. A. W. Sugden, to R.A.F. Base, Malta, 25.5.34.

Accountant Branch

Group Captain H. J. Down, to Headquarters, Inland Area, Stanmore, 1.6.34, for duty as Command Accountant, vice W/Cdr. J. Rylands.

Wing Commander T. H. Evans, to Headquarters, R.A.F., Middle East, Cairo, 26.5.34, for duty as Command Accountant, vice W/Cdr. A. G. N. Belfield, O.B.E.

Flying Officers: H. D. Connor, to School of Naval Co-operation, Lee-on-the-Solent, 24.5.34. R. Cassels, to Station Headquarters, Pembroke Dock, 20.5.34. G. E. Shirley, to No. 16 (A.C.) Squadron, Old Sarum, 1.6.34.

Medical Branch

Group Captain F. N. B. Smartt, to Headquarters, R.A.F., Cranwell, 31.5.34, for duty as Principal Medical Officer, vice W/Cdr. H. B. Porteous.

Squadron Leader C. T. O'Neill, O.B.E., to R.A.F. Hospital, Cranwell, 31.5.34, for duty as Medical Officer.

Flying Officer I. Mackay, to Station Headquarters, Biggin Hill, 22.5.34, for duty at Weston Zoyland.

Chaplains Branch

Rev. A. G. Kayll, to Headquarters, British Forces in Iraq, 19.5.34, for duty as Chaplain (C. of E.), vice Rev. R. D. Grange-Bennett.

CHANGES IN THE HIGHER COMMAND

IMPORTANT changes in the Higher Commands of the Royal Air Force are announced by the Air Ministry.

The appointments are as follows:—

Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Longmore, C.B., D.S.O., now Air Officer Commanding, Inland Area, Royal Air Force, to be Air Officer Commanding, Coastal Area, Royal Air Force, at the end of September, 1934, vice Air Marshal R. H. Clarke-Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Burnett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., now Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, to be Air Officer Commanding, Inland Area, Royal Air Force, about March, 1935, vice Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Longmore, C.B., D.S.O.

Air Vice-Marshal W. G. S. Mitchell, C.B.E., D.S.O., I.C., A.F.C., now Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, and Commandant of the Royal Air Force College, to be Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, about February, 1935, vice Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Burnett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Air Commodore H. M. Cave-Brown-Cave, D.S.O., D.F.C., now Director of Technical Development at the Air Ministry, to be Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, and Commandant of the Royal Air Force College, about December, 1934, vice Air Vice-Marshal V. G. S. Mitchell, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C.

Air Commodore R. H. Verney, O.B.E., now commanding Electrical and Wireless School, Royal Air Force, Cranwell, to be Director of Technical Development at the Air Ministry, about September, 1934, vice Air Commodore L. M. Cave-Brown-Cave, D.S.O., D.F.C.

Air Commodore J. T. Babington, D.S.O., now serving in the Directorate of Operations and Intelligence, Air Ministry, to be Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Halton, about September, 1934, vice Air Vice-Marshal N. D. K. MacEwen, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Longmore was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy in 1904, and joined the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps as a Squadron Commander in 1912. During the war he served with the Royal Navy and the Royal Naval Air Service in France from 1914-16, and after six months' reversion to sea service he rejoined the Royal Naval Air Service. After the war he proceeded to Bulgaria as President of the Inter-Allied Aeronautical Commission of Control, and in 1925 he was appointed Director of Equipment at the Air Ministry; he was then posted to Headquarters, Inland Area, as Chief Staff Officer. In 1929 he became Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Cranwell, and Commandant of the Royal Air Force College. He was promoted to his present rank in January, 1930, and, since February, 1933, he has been Air Officer Commanding, Inland Area.

For his services during the war he was awarded the D.S.O., and was mentioned in despatches, besides having several foreign orders bestowed upon him. He was appointed C.B. in the New Year's Honours List of 1925.

Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Burnett entered the Army as 2nd Lieutenant, Highland Light Infantry, in 1901, and after having taken part in two campaigns resigned his commission in August, 1909. He joined the Royal Flying Corps at the outbreak of war in August, 1914.