

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Service Notes and News



Air Ministry Announcements

FLIGHTS AT GOSPORT

With effect from January 1, 1935, "D" and "E" Flights stationed at the R.A.F. Base, Gosport, will be known as "A" (Torpedo Training) Flight and "B" (Torpedo Experimental) Flight, respectively. The existing "C" Flight is now named "C" (Deck-landing Training and Flying Practice) Flight.

TERRITORIAL SEARCHLIGHT UNITS

It was recently stated in the House of Commons that the Searchlight Units of the Territorial Army, which are part of the Air Defence organisation, were below strength on July 31 to the extent of 33 officers and 1,260 other ranks, and that steps were under consideration which aimed at bringing the units up to establishment. Of the existing strength, 80 per cent. took part in the Air Exercises last July.

THE MIDDLE EAST ANNUAL FLIGHT

The annual formation flight which now usually flies from Egypt to the West African colonies will be carried out in 1935 by four aircraft of No. 8 (Bomber) Squadron, which is stationed at Aden. The present equipment of this squadron is the Fairy 3F, but it has been decided that it is shortly to receive the "Vincent." The formation flight will leave Aden on January 10 and is expected to reach Bathurst, in Gambia, in twenty days. The return flight will be more expeditious, as there will not be the same need to accept hospitality, and the flight is due back on February 15.

No. 3 SQUADRON R.F.C. AND No. 3 (F) SQUADRON R.A.F. REUNION DINNER

The fifteenth annual reunion dinner of the No. 3 Squadron R.F.C., and No. 3 (Fighter) Squadron, R.A.F. Dinner Club is to be held at the May Fair Hotel on Friday, December 7, 1934, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke Popham, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., will be in the chair. Tickets are 13s. 6d. each, and are obtainable from Flt. Lt. D. S. Brookes, R.A.F., Kenley, Whyteleafe, Surrey.

The Squadron since the early days have supplied many names which are historic in Service and civil aviation, and its annual reunion dinner claims to be the oldest in the Service. The secretary is particularly anxious to regain touch with



LORD WAKEFIELD BOXING COMPETITION AT HENLOW: Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward Ellington presenting the Senior Stations trophy to F/O. Brown, captain of the Henlow "A" team.

many past members of the squadron, both war time and post-war, and will be glad to hear of the whereabouts of those who cannot attend this year so that their addresses may be noted for future occasions.

FOREIGN OFFICERS WITH THE R.A.F.

Lts. Li-Shou Chen and S. K. Lee, of the Chinese Air Service, having completed the eleven months' course at No. 3 Flying Training School, will be attached to No. 16 (Army Co-operation) and No. 9 (Bomber) Squadrons, respectively, as from October 22 to November 24, 1934.

EXAMINATION FOR GROUND ENGINEERS' LICENCES

Examination Boards will sit for the purpose of examining applicants for ground engineers' licences at the following places and times:—(a) London, weekly, on each Tuesday in January, February and March, 1935; (b) Croydon, on the second Friday in January, February and March, 1935; (c) Manchester, on the first Friday in March, 1935; (d) Bristol, on the first Friday in January, 1935; (e) Glasgow, on the first Thursday in February, 1935.

Applications for licences should be made on C.A. Form 2B, which is obtainable on request, and should be addressed to The Secretary, Air Ministry (C.A.2), Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Applications for extensions to existing licences will also be dealt with at these boards, and such applications should be made on C.A. Form 2D to the above address. When forwarding the application the applicant should indicate the provincial centre which he wishes to attend for examination, if he is unable to take the examination in London.

Application for examination at the centres named at (c), (d) and (e) above can only be accepted provided that the application, together with the appropriate fees, is received *twenty-eight days* before the dates specified, and provided also that the total number of applications received is within the capacity of the board. Applicants whose applications are not accepted owing to these provisions will be given the opportunity of early examination in London, or, alternatively, of being placed on a waiting list for the next board to be held in the place in question.

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS TO THE RESERVE

The undermentioned short service, medium service and non-permanent officers should note that they become due for transfer to the reserve, on completing their period of service on the active list:—

JUNE-JULY, 1935

General Duties Branch

Sqd. Ldr. Alan David Macdonald, M.C. (Capt. R.A.R.O.); Flight Lieutenants Cyril Walter, Patrick Edwin Berryman, William Hawkesley Burbury, Maurice Clive Pascoe, Arthur John Lloyd Hughes, Edward John George, Frederick Walter Hick Hall, and George Valentine Thorpe Thomson; F/O's John Wilmot Bateman, Roger Brammer Brown, George James Stewart Chatterton, Montagu Victor Murray Clube, Alan James McDougall, John Blackwell Sinclair Monypenny, Douglas Griffith Morris, Maurice Robert Desmond Trewby, Leonard John Crosbie, Ronald Hanson, Alan Harold Hole, Thomas Anthony Jefferson, Dudley Hardwicke Marsack, Francis Guy Mason, Cecil Leslie Monckton, Murray Armstrong Payn, Henry Neville Gynes Ramsbottom-Isherwood, Ian Gibson Ross, Charles Patrick Villiers, and Edward Charles Smith-Ross.

Medical Branch

Flt. Lt. John Frederick Stewart Wiseman, M.B., Ch.B.

Dental Branch

Flt. Lts. David Ivan Malcomson, L.D.S., Reginald George Joseph Charlesworth, L.D.S., Harold Irving Clapperton, L.D.S., William David Guyler, L.D.S., Humphrey Dight Humphreys, L.D.S., John Mitchell Jamie, L.D.S., Paul Marcus Margand, L.D.S., and Bertram Sumerling, B.D.Sc.

F/O's Morris and Crosbie have been selected for permanent commissions.