

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

London Gazette, May 11

Permanent Commissions

Sqdn. Ldr. A. Grant, M.B.E., M.B. (Medical), is granted a permanent commn. as Sqdn. Ldr.; March 26.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir G. M. Paine, K.C.B., M.V.O., is placed upon half-pay (Scale A), with effect from April 1. Air Vice-Marshal Sir G. M. Paine, K.C.B., M.V.O., is placed on the retired list at his own request; May 12.

Flying Officer A. H. G. Dunkerley (A.) resigns his permanent commn.; May 12.

Short Service Commissions

Flying Officer F. Dunlop relinquishes his short service commn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service; May 11.

The following temp. appt. is made:—

Staff Officer, 1st Class—(P.)—Lieut.-Col. (actg. Brig.-Genl.) A. C. H. Maclean, C.B.E., and to relinquish actg. rank of Brig.-Genl.; Mar. 17, 1919.

Flying Branch

Sec. Lieuts. to be Lieuts.—(Hon. Lieut.) A. Cox; Sept. 12, 1918. J. A. Stewart; Oct. 26, 1918 (since demobilised). M. G. Ryan; Dec. 29, 1918. R. N. Bell; March 26, 1919 (since demobilised). R. C. S. Hall; May 30, 1919 (since relinquished commn.).

Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers.—G. R. Moffoot, D.F.C.; Aug. 2, 1919 (since relinquished commn.). G. J. Gawthorn, D.S.M. (since demobilised). J. S. Middleton, J. V. Reeve; Oct. 1, 1919. J. E. Goudey; Dec. 27, 1919. Pilot Officer W. W. Bradford (O.) to be Observer Officer; Jan. 5. Lieut. T. L. Settle (Lieut. (Reg. Bn.) S. Staff. R.) relinquishes his temp. R.A.F. commn. on return to Army duty; March 19, 1919. Lieut. N. G. Reynolds (Lieut., E. Ontario R.) relinquishes his temp. R.A.F. commn. on return to Canadian Unit; Jan. 10.

(Then follow the names of 21 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Sec. Lieut. J. A. Oliver relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service, and is permitted to retain his rank; May 5. The surname of Capt. H. L'Estrange Tyndale-Biscoe is as now described, and not as stated in *Gazette* of April 29, 1919. The christian name of Lieut. John Cross is as now described, and not as stated in *Gazette* of April 13. The notification in *Gazette* of Sept. 19, 1919, concerning S. W. Gee is cancelled.

Administrative Branch

Maj. E. C. Mulgrue is graded for purposes of pay and allowances as Lieut.-Col. while employed as Lieut.-Col.; May 1, 1919, to Nov. 2, 1919 (since demobilised). Flying Officer G. Oliver is graded for purposes of pay and allowances as Sqdn. Ldr. while employed as Sqdn. Ldr.; Oct. 16, 1919, to Feb. 15. Sec. Lieut. A. F. Johnston to be actg. Lieut. while employed as Lieut. Grade (B); Oct. 30, 1918 (substituted for notification in *Gazette* of May 4. Sec. Lieut. A. A. Mackay to be Lieut.; Feb. 30, 1919 (since demobilised).

Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers.—H. J. Grant; Oct. 1, 1919 (since demobilised). G. H. Keeble; Nov. 1, 1919. (Act. Lieut.) H. Balls; Dec. 1, 1919. G. C. Wilson; Feb. 4. E. J. Cam; March 21. A. Worthington; March 30. Sec. Lieut. H. J. Thomas to be Sec. Lieut. from (T.); May 1, 1919. Lieut. (temp. Capt.) J. H. Jackson (Lieut. Ches. R. (Service Bn.)) relinquishes his temp. R.A.F. commn. on return to Army duty; June 20, 1918.

The following relinquish their temp. R.A.F. commns. on ceasing to be employed:—Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) W. Grischette (Capt., Shrops. L.I.); Jan. 29, 1919. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) H. M. Taylor (Sec. Lieut., S. African Forces); July 13, 1919.

(Then follow the names of 7 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Gazette of Feb. 27 concerning Lieut. H. M. Taylor is cancelled.

Technical Branch

Flying Officer (actg. Flight Lieut.) E. J. Newman relinquishes the actg. rank of Flight Lieut. on ceasing to be employed as Flight Lieut.; May 6. Sec. Lieut. H. H. E. Wood to be Lieut.; May 26, 1919, without pay and allowances prior to July 1, 1919 (since demobilised) (notification in *Gazette* of Aug. 9, 1918, to stand). Pilot Officer H. Cantrill to be Flying Officer, Grade (A); Oct. 1, 1919 (since demobilised).

Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers, Grade (B).—P. G. Price (since demobilised), W. C. Titheradge (notification in *Gazette* of July 22, 1919, to stand); Oct. 1, 1919. D. C. Manuel; Dec. 10, 1919 (since demobilised).

Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers.—C. Littlejohn; Aug. 19, 1919. A. A. W. Barron (since granted Short Service Commn.), B. Cheesman, M.B.E., H. P. G. Leigh, H. Little, H. Stafford, S. Upton; Oct. 1, 1919. Sec. Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) R. Alston to be Lieut. without pay and allowances of that rank; April 2, 1918 (since demobilised) (*Gazette* of July 29, 1919, to stand).

Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers, without pay and allowances of that rank.—A. Elson; Aug. 4, 1919 (since demobilised). W. R. Jenner; Aug. 27, 1919. W. B. Chippendale (since demobilised), G. Croft, F. Wiltshire; Oct. 1, 1919. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) N. J. Wallis (Capt. Can. Eng.) relinquishes his temp. R.A.F. commn. on ceasing to be employed; July 15, 1919.

(Then follow the names of 7 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Lieut. G. A. Gillings relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health, and is permitted to retain his rank; May 5.

The name of Sec. Lieut. (actg. Lieut.) Leonard Thomas Sanderson, D.S.M., is as now described, and not as stated in *Gazette* of Nov. 22, 1918.

Medical Branch

Two officers transfd. to Unemployed List.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) A. A. Atkinson (R.A.M.C. (S.R.)) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and is permitted to retain rank of Maj.; May 4.

Memoranda

Lieut.-Col. (actg. Brig.-Genl.) F. G. Willock, C.B.E., D.S.O., to be Hon. Col.; Nov. 7, 1918 (since demobilised).

(Then follow the names of 93 Cadets granted hon. commns. as Sec. Lieuts.)

London Gazette, May 14

Permanent Commissions

The following are granted permanent commns. (Chaplain's Branch), with effect from Aug. 1, 1919.—Rev. B. W. Keymer, O.B.E., Rev. H. McCalman, M.C., Rev. G. H. Collier.

Short Service Commissions

The following are granted short service commns. (Chaplain's Branch), with effect from April 1.—Rev. A. A. Crawshaw, Rev. J. T. S. Law, Rev. J. H. P. Still, Rev. G. A. Davies.

Flying Branch

Sec. Lieut. W. K. Cole relinquishes his commn. on ceasing to be employed and his permitted to retain his rank; April 15, 1919.

(Then follow the names of 21 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Squad. Ldr. H. Wyllie, O.B.E. (late Capt., Wilts R.), having retired from the Army and relinquished his R.A.F. commn., is granted the rank of Lieut.-Col.

The following relinquish their commns. on account of ill-health contracted on active service, and are permitted to retain their rank:—Lieuts. R. C. S. Hall; Jan. 2 (substituted for *Gazette* of Jan. 9). G. R. Moffoot, D.F.C.; March 15 (substituted for *Gazette* of March 23). G. Hood; May 14. Sec. Lieut. C. A. Songhurst April 29. Sec. Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) S. C. Savill (W. Yorks.) (T.F.); May 6. Pilot Officer (Hon. Flying Officer) A. A. McConnell, M.C. (temp. Lieut. (actg. Capt.), Durh. L.I.), relinquishes his R.A.F. commn.; Aug. 28, 1919.

The notifications in the *Gazette* of July 29, 1919, and April 6, concerning Lieut. S. W. Taylor, M.C., A.F.C., are cancelled.

Gazette of May 2, 1919, concerning Sec. Lieut. W. K. Cole is cancelled.

Administrative Branch

(Then follow the names of 6 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Flight Lieut. A. W. MacIlwaine (late Paymr. Lieut. Com., R.N.) relinquishes his R.A.F. commn. on retirement from the Navy, and is granted the rank of Maj.; April 27. Lieut. R. H. Sturgeon is placed on the retired list; May 15.

Technical Branch

Flying Officer T. S. Pearson, M.C. (Lieut. R.F.A.), relinquishes his temp. R.A.F. commn. on return to Army duty; May 7.

(Then follow the names of 9 officers who are transfd. to the Unemployed List under various dates.)

Sec. Lieut. H. R. Powell is placed on the retired list; May 15. The rank of Sec. Lieut. (Hon. Lieut.) S. D. Pegram is as now described and not as stated in the *Gazette* of March 26.

Medical Branch

L. Game, M.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., is granted a temp. commn. as Flight Lieut.; April 21. Flight Lieut. T. D. J. A. Fuller relinquishes his commn. on ceasing to be employed, and is permitted to retain the rank of Capt.; April 16. Lieut. G. G. Coury, V.C., is transferred to the Unemployed List; April 30, 1919.

Memoranda

(Then follow the names of 3 Overseas Cadets granted temp. commns., 49 Canadian Cadets granted hon. commns., and 31 Cadets granted hon. commns. as Sec. Lieuts.)

The following Proby. Flight Officers are granted hon. commns. as Sec. Lieuts.: J. H. Knight; Jan. 20, 1919. E. F. S. Smyth; Jan. 22, 1919. D. D. Davison; March 15, 1919. R. Whalley; April 12, 1919. P. Wood; April 14, 1919. A. L. Stephens; April 17, 1919. J. N. Banks; May 15, 1919.

Capt. M. McKenzie Wood, O.B.E., having relinquished his R.A.F. commn. is granted the rank of Maj.

An Airship Claims Prize

In the Prize Court last week, before the Right Hon. Sir Henry Duke, President, a claim was heard in respect of the destruction of the U.B. 115. Lieut. Walter Thomas, Arthur Bird, D.S.C., said that on September 29, 1918, he was in command of H.M.S. *Ouse*, and was acting as escort to convoy T.N. 9, with the following vessels: H.M. Airship "R. 29" (Flight Lieut. Godfrey M. Thomas), H.M.S. *Star* (Lieut. Ronald Neild Stuart, V.C., D.S.O.), and six armed trawlers. The "R. 29," when she was in lat. 55.13 N., long. 1.22 W., signalled that an oil patch was rising below her. Steps were at once taken to surround the position, and bombs and depth charges were dropped, followed by a vigorous bombardment. The airship later released a smoke ball and a vessel followed it and dropped other depth charges. The position was marked by a buoy, and oil covered a large area round for 36 hours after. Afterwards an obstruction was found on the bottom, and it was believed to be the wreck of the U.B. 115, which carried a crew of 37.

The President awarded £185.

The Aircraft Deal

THE Aircraft Disposal Co., Ltd., for whom Handley Page, Ltd., have been appointed managing agents, and who have taken over the whole of the surplus stock of aircraft and aircraft material from H.M. Government, announce that their Sales Department is now established at Regent House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 (Telephone: Regent 5621; Telegrams: Airdisco, London) for the purpose of dealing with enquiries and orders, and from time to time offers for the disposal of the various materials will be circulated.

It is the intention of the Company to maintain a fixed price-list quoting definite prices for aeroplanes and engines from which a rebate will be quoted to all British Aircraft Manufacturers, British merchants and firms dealing in aircraft accessories and components.

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