

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch.

The following are granted short service commns. in ranks stated, with effect from, and with seniority of the dates indicated: *Flying Officers*.—(For seven years on the active list).—W. H. Burbury (Lieut., Indian Army, ret.), H. L. Drake (Lieut., Indian Army, ret.), M. C. Pascoe (Lieut., R.N., ret.), M. A. Platts (Lieut., Indian Army, ret.) (July 7). *Pilot Officers on Probation*.—(For five years on the active list).—W. S. Barnicott, P. E. Berryman, J. W. Busted, G. P. Butcher, H. A. S. Byrne, A. H. Campbell-Horsfall, E. H. Collinson, M.C. (Maj. E. Surrey Regt., R.A.R.O.), H. V. Crowder, F. G. H. Ewens, S. B. Flood, M. H. Frame, J. N. Goodwyn, J. A. Hawkings, L. M. S. Knight, C. A. C. Patton, E. C. L. Richardson, W. L. Robertson, W. J. M. Spaight, N. E. C. Squire, I. R. Sweeting, W. S. Townend, P. G. Tweedie, E. J. H. Wathen, R. C. Whittle (July 7); A. J. L. Hughes (July 13).

London Gazette, July 21, 1925

General Duties Branch

The following are granted short service commns. as Flying Officers, with effect from and with seny. of dates indicated:—T. B. Fenwick; July 9. A. S. M. Meyrick-Jones; July 14. The following Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer:—J. A. Mollison; February 14. D. L. Thomson; Feb. 15. G. C. A. Armstrong, E. S. C. Davis, M. D. Ommamney, R. B. H. Jackson, H. M. Groves, J. H. Hutchinson; June 19. Pilot Officer J. L. F. Fuller-Good is promoted to rank of Flying Officer,

with effect from June 19 and with seny. of February 15. Pilot Officer H. R. F. Baxter is restored to full pay from half-pay; June 26. Pilot Officer A. H. Montgomery takes rank and seny. from May 14, and not as *Gazette* July 7. Sqdn.-Ldr. C. H. Hayward is placed on retired list at his own request; July 22. Pilot Officer R. C. L. Limbert resigns his short service commn.; July 23. Flying Officer H. Aldridge (Lieut. E. Surrey R.) relinquishes his temp. commn. on return to Army duty; July 7. Flying Officer R. W. H. Cook (Lieut., R.A.) relinquishes his temp. commn. on resigning his commn. in the Army; July 20.

Medical Branch

Flight-Lieut. E. N. H. Gray, D.P.H., is promoted to rank of Squadron-Leader; July 21. Flying Officer G. Clark, M.B., is transferred to Reserve, Class D.2; July 19.

Reserve of Air Force Officers

The following are granted commissions as Pilot Officers on probation General Duties Branch (July 21):—*Class A*.—L. O. Moss, M.M. *Class B*.—H. A. Record.

The following are confirmed in rank:—*Flying Officers*.—L. F. Ashley; June 30. B. P. B. Carter, D.F.C.; July 3. Lord E. A. Grosvenor; July 20. A. H. P. Pehrson; July 20. *Pilot Officers*.—E. H. Bird; June 16. W. R. W. Kelley; July 1. A. A. C. N. Smith; July 20. A. B. H. Youell; July 20.

Memorandum

The permission granted to Lieut. L. J. Llewelyn to retain his rank is withdrawn on his enlistment in the Army; June 30.

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

General Duties Branch

Squadron Leaders: J. A. G. De Courcy, M.C., to Inland Area Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 20.7.25. A. H. Measures, O.B.E., to Sch. of Tech. Training (Men), Manston, 27.7.25. R. H. Kershaw, to H.Q. Inland Area, 10.8.25.

Flight Lieutenants: E. W. Broadberry, M.C., to R.A.F. Depot, on transfer to Home Estab., 20.7.25. E. F. Waring, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Calshot, 23.7.25.

Flying Officers: E. S. Burns, to No. 405 Flight, Leuchars, on transfer to Home Estab.; 12.6.25. D. S. Brookes to remain at No. 16 Sqdn., Old Sarum, instead of to No. 4 Sqdn. as previously notified. R. Barrett to No. 6 Sqdn., Iraq; 21.6.25. H. D. Mitchelmore to No. 70 Sqdn., Iraq; 21.6.25. W. H. Burbury, H. L. Drake, M. C. Pascoe, and M. A. Platts, to R. A. F. Depot on appointment to Short Service Commns.; 7.7.25. C. S. Whellock, to No. 2 Armoured Car Co., Palestine; 24.6.25. A. S. M. Meyrick-Jones, to R.A.F. Depot, on appointment to a Short Service Commn.; 14.7.25. H. V. David, to H.Q., Iraq; 1.7.25. A. Malone, to R.A.F. Depot, on transfer to Home Estab.; 26.6.25. R. A. King, to No. 47 Sqdn., Egypt; 21.6.25. P. L. Binns, to No. 216 Sqdn., Egypt; 21.6.25.

Pilot Officers: W. S. Barnicott, P. E. Berryman, J. W. Busted, G. P. Butcher, H. A. S. Byrne, A. H. Campbell-Horsfall, E. H. Collinson, M.C., H. V. Crowder, F. G. H. Ewens, S. B. Flood, M. H. Frame, J. N. Goodwyn, J. A. Hawkings, L. M. S. Knight, C. A. C. Patton, E. C. L. Richardson, W. L. Robertson, W. J. M. Spaight, N. E. C. Squire, I. R. Sweeting, W. S. Townend, P. G. Tweedie, E. J. H. Wathen, and R. C. Whittle. All posted to the R.A.F. Depot on appointment to Short Service Commns. (on probation);

7.7.25. W. C. Adams, to No. 70 Sqdn., Iraq; 23.6.25. A. J. L. Hughes, to R.A.F. Depot, on appointment to a Short Service Commn.; 13.7.25.

Stores Branch

Flight Lieutenants: J. K. McDonald, to Air Ministry, 10.8.25. T. A. G. Hawley, to No. 1 Stores Depot, Kidbrooke, 10.8.25. J. Roberts, to No. 4 Stores Depot, Ruislip, 4.8.25.

Medical Branch

Flight Lieutenants: J. K. R. Landells, M.B., to R.A.F. Depot, 1.8.25. (Hon. S./Ldr.) W. R. Reith, M.D. A.M., to Inspector of Recruiting, 4.8.25.

Flight Lieutenant (Dental) H. E. Flavelle, to No. 5 Flying Training Sch., Sealand, 27.7.25.

Flying Officer (Dental) V. P. Ellis, to H.Q., Cranwell, 22.7.25.

Flying Officer P. D. Barling, M.B., to Central Med. Board, Hampstead, 4.8.25.

Naval Appointments

The following were notified by the Admiralty on July 22:—*Lieutenants (F.O., R.A.F.)*: H. L. St. J. Fancourt, R. A. Peyton, and E. E. Blackwell, to *Eagle*, and for 422 Flight, 18.7.25.

Promotions

Royal Marines

Captain (F.O., R.A.F.): E. J. O. Ellison, to *Eagle* and for 422 Flight, 18.7.25.

Royal Air Force

Flying Officer G. A. R. Muschamp, to *Eagle*, for technical engine duties, 16.7.25.

ROYAL AIR FORCE CADETSHIPS

THE Air Ministry announces that the next examination of candidates for entry as flight cadets to the Royal Air Force Cadet College, Cranwell, in January, 1926, will begin on November 17. On this occasion not less than 35 cadetships will be offered. Forms of entry which can be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, W. 1, will not be accepted, in any circumstances, later than September 17th.

Candidates, who should be medically fit and be between the ages of 17½ and 19½ will, with the exception of those nominated by the Air Council on the recommendation of Headmasters, be required to produce school certificates A or B, obtained by passing certain specified examinations. For this examination candidates who can show that for sufficient reason they have been prevented from obtaining a school certificate may be allowed to compete at the discretion of the Air Council.

The examination is, in the main, a written one, which is held in London and at various other centres, but each candidate must also attend an Interview Board at the Civil Service Commission. Successful candidates, after passing the Royal Air Force Medical Board, undergo a two years' course at the College where in addition to continuing their general education, they receive a thorough training in all questions concerning military aviation and cognate subjects, and also graduate as service pilots following a lengthy period of flying training from skilled instructors.

The expansion of the Royal Air Force in accordance with the Home Defence Scheme makes it necessary to obtain a considerably increased number of candidates for cadetships. The Air Ministry therefore desire to call attention to the career which the Royal Air Force offers. On passing successfully out of Cranwell flight cadets are granted permanent commissions. They have before them a life career with good prospects of rising by their own efforts to the highest ranks.

There is no question of their compulsory retirement on the ground that they have become too old for service as pilots. The work offers great scope both in its military and in its technical aspects to young men of ability, and facilities are given to officers to specialise in aeronautical engineering, wireless telegraphy, aerial gunnery and other subjects.

The total cost to a parent of putting his son into the Royal Air Force through Cranwell is about £250 for the two years' course. For flight cadets who are successful in obtaining prize cadetships or who are eligible for reductions in fees in respect of their father's service in the fighting forces the total cost of the two years' training is considerably less. On first commissioning as Pilot Officers at the age of 20 or 21, officers receive total emoluments amounting at present rates to about £450 a year and need no further assistance from their parents. After 18 months' service they become eligible for promotion to the rank of Flying Officer with substantially increased rates of pay, the total emoluments at present rate being about £540.

The Air Ministry considers that the career offered by the Air Force compares very favourably with that offered by any other profession and they desire to emphasise that to take advantage of that career it is quite unnecessary to be possessed of private means.

The expenses in Royal Air Force messes are strictly limited, and officers even of the most junior rank have no difficulty in living on their pay.

Full details as to entry into Cranwell are contained in Air Publication 121 "Regulations for admission to the Royal Air Force Cadet College" (price 6d. net), and more general information as to the career offered by the Royal Air Force is provided in an official handbook entitled "The Royal Air Force as a Career" (price 3s.). These publications can be obtained through any bookseller or direct from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, W.C. 2.