

# THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

London Gazette, October 1, 1926

*General Duties Branch*

The follg. are granted permanent commissions as Pilot Officers with effect from Sept. 18, 1926, and seniority of Sept. 18, 1925:—C. S. Cadell, J. H. E. Jones. The follg. are granted short-service commissions as Pilot Officers on probation, with effect from and with seniority of Sept. 18: G. C. Bainbridge, G. Bartholomew, A. K. K. Calwell, J. F. Duff, F. G. Fairhead, G. P. T. Gibbons, M. Griffiths, H. C. D. Hayter, D. S. King, F. E. L. Reynolds, V. D. Morshead, J. A. Rogers, E. L. J. Rowe, H. H. R. Schleman, C. K. T. Hughes, G. R. Weighill. The follg. are granted temp. commissions as Flying Officers on seconding for four years' duty with R.A.F. (Sept. 18):—B. F. R. M. Freeman (Lieut., King's Own Royal Regiment), J. W. Thompson (Lieut., R.A.).

The follg. Flying Officers are transferred to Reserve, Class A:—H. MacMillan (Sept. 27), B. J. Finn (Sept. 29). Flying Officer (Hon. Flight-Lieut.) F. B. Lawrie (Lieut., R.N., ret.) resigns his short-service commission (Sept. 30); Flying Officer J. A. P. A. Yearsley relinquishes his short-service commission on account of ill-health (Sept. 29).

*Medical Branch*

The follg. Flying Officers are granted permanent commissions in this rank (Sept. 29):—B. W. Cross, J. MacC. Kilpatrick, M.B.

*Chaplains' Branch*

The Rev. A. H. Dolphin is granted a short-service commission as a Chaplain with the relative rank of Sqdn.-Leader (Sept. 6).

*Memorandum*

Sec.-Lieut. A. E. Morecroft is deprived of his honorary commission on conviction by the Civil Power (Aug. 9).

*Reserve of Air Force Officers*

The follg. are granted commissions in Class A.A., General Duties Branch, as Pilot Officers on probation:—A. L. Muir (Sept. 13), E. L. Purdy, M.C. (Sept. 16).

The follg. are confirmed in rank:—Flying Officer C. E. M. Piekthorn, M.C. (Sept. 23). Pilot Officers.—G. N. Warwick (Aug. 28), H. C. Barnett (Sept. 28).

The follg. Flying Officers are transferred from Class A to Class C:—W. E. de B. Diamond (Sept. 2); F. A. Smith, A.F.C. (Sept. 25). Pilot Officer E. F. S. Hughes is transferred from Class B.B. to Class C (Sept. 28). Flight-Lieut. G. Kinnear is transferred from Class D.2 to Class D.1 (May 7). Flying Officer G. Colledge relinquishes his commission on completion of service (May 29).

**AUXILIARY AIR FORCE***General Duties Branch*

The follg. to be Pilot Officer:—No. 600 City of London (Bombing) Squadron: L. A. Hackett (Sept. 7).

**ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE**

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

*General Duties Branch*

*Group Captains:* A. B. Burdett, D.S.O., to Air Ministry on appointment as Deputy Director of Organisation; 21.9.26. R. P. Mills, M.C., A.F.C., to H.Q., India, for Air Staff duties; 21.9.26.

*Wing Commanders:* E. R. C. Nanson, D.S.C., A.F.C., to Station Commandant, Hinaidi, for Air Staff duties; 21.9.26. A. B. Gaskell, D.S.C., to H.Q., Iraq, for Air Staff (Armoured Car) duties; 21.9.26. D. L. Allen, A.F.C., to No. 2 Wing H.Q., India, pending taking over command; 21.9.26. L. A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., to H.Q., India, for Air Staff duties; 21.9.26.

*Squadron Leaders:* J. McCrae, M.B.E., to Station Commandant, Hinaidi; 21.9.26. G. S. M. Insall, V.C., M.C., to Station H.Q., Basrah; 21.9.26. A. S. Morris, O.B.E., to No. 5 Armoured Car Co., Iraq; 21.9.26. C. E. H. Medhurst, O.B.E., M.C., to H.Q., Iraq; 21.9.26. C. H. Keith, to No. 70 Sqdn., Iraq; 21.9.26. F. J. Vincent, D.F.C., to Aircraft Depot, Iraq; 21.9.26. C. O. F. Modin, D.S.C., to H.M.S. Eagle; 30.9.26. S. R. Watkins, A.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 20.9.26.

*Pilot Officers:* R. C. Whittle, to No. 60 Sqdn., India; 14.8.26. C. S. Cade, and J. H. Edwardes Jones, to No. 5 Flying Training Sch., Sealand, on appointment to Permanent Comms.; 18.9.26. E. H. Collinson, M.C., and C. A. C. Patton, to No. 14 Sqdn., Palestine; 4.9.26. W. A. Andrews and J. F. Lawn, to No. 19 Sqdn., Duxford; 30.9.26. W. E. Barnes, J. Blackmore, W. G. Campbell and L. H. Mason, to No. 207 Sqdn., Eastchurch; 30.9.26. H. C. G. Dauncey, to No. 23 Sqdn., Henlow; 30.9.26. H. G. Loch, to No. 43 Sqdn., Henlow; 30.9.26. T. F. Moloney, C. M. Peabody, R. T. Read and J. T. Riggs, to No. 12 Sqdn., Andover; 30.9.26. L. G. Rumsey, to No. 39 Sqdn., Spittlegate; 30.9.26.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are posted to No. 5 Flying Training School, on appointment to short service comms. (on probation), with effect from 18.9.26:—G. C. Bainbridge, G. Bartholomew, A. K. K. Calwell, J. F.

Duff, F. G. Fairhead, G. P. T. Gibbons, M. Griffiths, H. C. D. Hayter, D. S. King, F. E. Liddell Reynolds, V. D. Morshead, J. A. Rogers, E. L. J. Rowe, H. H. R. Schleman, C. K. Turner Hughes, G. R. Weighill.

*Stores Branch*

*Squadron Leaders:* F. G. M. Williams, to H.Q., Iraq; 21.9.26. T. Fawdrey, M.B.E., to Supply Services (Directorate), Iraq; 21.9.26. F. E. J. Coates, to H.Q., Iraq; 21.9.26. H. T. Foxen, to Fighting Area H.Q., Uxbridge; 20.9.26.

*Flight Lieuts.:* T. G. Bowlér, to Station H.Q., Andover; 28.8.26. G. A. Curtis, to H.Q., Iraq; 21.9.26. L. H. Vernon, to Wessex Bombing Area, Andover; 15.9.26.

*Flying Officers:* F. A. Skoulding, to H.Q., Cranwell; 6.8.26. V. B. Ranford, to Air Ministry; 13.9.26. W. F. Langdon, to No. 601 County of London (Bombing) Sqdn., Northolt; 12.9.26.

*Flying Officers:* G. F. P. Warren, to No. 11 Sqdn., Netheravon; 28.8.26. C. Hanson-Abbott, to Elec. and Wireless Schl., Flowerdown; 28.8.26. H. J. Payne, to Station Commandant, Basrah; 21.9.26. A. J. Walker, to Store Depot, Iraq; 21.9.26. C. P. Wingfield, to H.Q. Spec. Res. and Aux. Air Force; 21.9.26. F. B. Ludlow, O.B.E., M.C., to Aircraft Depot, India; 21.9.26.

*Pilot Officers:* H. N. Davies, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow; 28.8.26. R. H. Clay, to Aircraft Depot, Iraq; 21.9.26.

*Medical Branch*

*Flying Officers:* E. A. Rice, M.B., and C. W. Coffey, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; 17.9.26. J. Hutchieson, M.B., to R.A.F. Base, Gosport; 17.9.26.

**NAVAL APPOINTMENT**

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on October 2:—*Commr.*—I. B. B. Tower, D.S.C., to *Victory*, addl., to be lent to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, for instruction in deck landing training; Sept. 23 to Oct. 21.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL****R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge v. Napier R.F.C.**

By Major F. A. De V. ROBERTSON

On Saturday, October 2, it was still summer time, and the sun was determined to show that it was still summer. It would have been an ideal afternoon for a languorous game of croquet, followed by a bathe and iced drinks. All the more honour, therefore, to the strong men of Uxbridge and Napier's who spent part of that balmy afternoon in a strenuous game of Rugger on a ground which seemed like to crack with the heat. There was stern tackling, too, and at the end of the game few knees were not scratched and bleeding.

So early in the season one expects to see ragged football, particularly as regards the forward play. There certainly was a good deal of ragged play in this match, but, strangely enough, the forwards on both sides played right well. The Napier pack were a very hefty lot; they shoved splendidly in the scrums, and went hard in the loose. In the vast majority of the scrums they got the ball and heeled cleanly. Cleverley was the most prominent, while Pate (who in private life is a director) did solid work. Huggins at the scrum was quick to get the ball away, but at that point things always went wrong. There was not a trace of moisture, other than animal grease, to take the polish off the new ball; and, up to the end of the game, the three-quarters on both sides found it difficult to give and to take passes. The usual way of gaining ground was to take a flying kick, and follow up hard. All the same, there were several occasions when the Napier left wing three-quarter ought to have passed to his right instead of trying to insinuate himself through an

impossibly narrow aperture between the scrum and the touch line.

In the first half of the game Napier's did most of the pressing, and ought to have scored. The Uxbridge defence, however, was very sound. Their full back, Bailey, always found touch, though his kicks lacked length. The teams changed over without scoring.

In the second half the superior training of the Service team began to take effect. Smithson, at the scrum, played a great game, and the Depot commenced a series of attacks. Schofield got over once, but was whistled back. Another almost certain score ended in touch-in-goal. There were constant scrums on the Napier line, and at last a gallant defence broke down when Smithson dived over for a try. The kick failed. A few minutes later an Uxbridge three-quarter, Moseley I think it was, dropped a very good goal with his left foot. The Depot thus won by 7 points to love.

Both sides showed promise of making good teams as the season advances. Teams:—

*R.A.F., Uxbridge.*—Full back, A/C Bailey; three-quarters, Cpl. Turner, A/C Schofield, A/C Moseley, L.A/C Aerons; halves, Cpl. Smithson, A/C Webb; forwards, F/Lt. Carr (captain), Sgt. Broadway, Sgt. Moore, A/C Booth, A/C Wray, A/C Warren, Sgt. Buckley, L.A/C O'Malley.

*Napiers.*—Full back, Marks; three-quarters, Whympier, Harvey, Wright, Foulds (captain); halves, Huggins, Owen; forwards, Pate, Elgie, Cleverley, Young, Rowe, Benson, Scott, Pearson.