



but magneto trouble caused delay, and on reaching Nimule it was too late to proceed. Crews slept in hammocks for first time.]

8th Stage, March 13-17.—Nimule-Kisumu (320 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 43 mins. [Before leaving Nimule, Chief of Village indicated—in dumb show—that he remembered the arrival of the "Silver Queen." Visibility increased from 1 mile to 50 miles.]

9th Stage, March 17-19.—Kisumu-Mwanza (240 miles). Mwanza-Tabora (185 miles). Time, 4 hrs. 38 mins. [When leaving Mwanza (on 17th) two of the machines were bogged in soft ground up to the axles, and freeing them delayed the start considerably.]

10th Stage, March 19-21.—Tabora-Abercorn (300 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 13 mins. [Thick forest existed practically all the way to Tanganyika, and a forced landing without damage would have been impossible.]

11th Stage, March 21-23.—Abercorn-N'Dola (342 miles). Time, 4 hrs. 11 mins. [Near Bangweulu they saw a wall of heavy rainstorms ahead, and had to alter course to dodge them, and as a result had slight difficulty in locating N'Dola.]

12th Stage, March 23-25.—N'Dola-Broken Hill (104 miles). Time, 1 hr. 21 mins. [Thick forest over this stage.]

13th Stage, March 25-29.—Broken Hill-Livingstone (303 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 21 mins. [A good deal of cloud encountered, necessitating flying at about 9,000 ft.]

14th Stage, March 29-31.—Livingstone-Bulawayo (243 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 6 mins. [Bumps encountered, partly due to nature of ground and partly to clouds. Flight visited Matoppos Hills to see Cecil Rhodes' and Sir Starr Jameson's graves.]

15th Stage, March 31-April 2.—Bulawayo-Palapwe Road (200 miles). Time, 2 hrs. 31 mins. [No difficulty experienced in taking off, as experienced by other pilots. At request of Tshkedi Khama, Regent of Bechuanaland, Flight flew over Serowi, the capital, on April 1.]

16th Stage, April 2-5.—Palapwe Road-Pretoria (232 miles). Time, 2 hrs. 43 mins. [Had to fly low when crossing over the tops of a range of hills, and dodge about considerably—at one moment barely missing tree-tops, and the next moment passing over a precipice 600 ft. or so deep. Flight met at Pretoria by Gen. Brink, Col. Sir van Ryneveld, and Mayor.]

17th Stage, April 5-8.—Pretoria-Johannesburg (35 miles). Time, 1 hr. 1 min. [Escorted by 14 aeroplanes of S.A. Air Force and the spare Fairey IIIb, the latter giving "joy-rides" to the Mayor and other influential members of the community during the stay at Johannesburg.]

18th Stage, April 8-11.—Johannesburg-Bloemfontein (227 miles). Time, 2 hrs. 42 mins. [On landing at Bloemfontein one machine developed a leaky oil tank, and a spare tank from Pretoria was installed. A good deal of rain was encountered during the stay.]

19th Stage, April 11-12.—Bloemfontein-Beaufort West (304 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 37 mins. [Country flat and open to Jagersfontein, then becomes more broken up.]

20th Stage, April 12-19.—Beaufort West-Cape Town (266 miles). Time, 3 hrs. 41 mins. [Machines climbed to 11,000 ft. above sea level to clear tops of the Drakensburg Mts. Whilst crossing the range the new oil tank installed at Bloemfontein split, and the pilot climbed above the others in order to have more time to select a landing ground should the engine seize. The oil pressure held, however, so the pilot opened to full throttle and dived at full speed into Wynberg, arriving there some 20 mins. ahead of the others. A firm in Cape Town, therefore, made four new 20-gauge copper tanks, which were installed in the four machines and gave no further trouble throughout the return flight. On landing at Wynberg the Flight was received by the Minister of Defence, the Chief of the General Staff, and the Mayors of Wynberg and Cape Town.]

Next week we will deal with the return flight.  
(To be concluded.)

## NEW YEAR HONOURS

It is announced in a Supplement to the *London Gazette* that H. M. the King has signified his intention of conferring the following New Year Honours:—

### Baron

Sir Charles Greenway, Bart., Chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.

### C.B. (Military Division)

Group-Capt. Charles Stuart Burnett, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.A.F.

### C.B. (Civil Division)

Henry Thomas Tizard, Esq., A.F.C., F.R.S., Principal Assistant Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

### PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

The Air Ministry announces:—

The undermentioned are promoted with effect from January 1, 1927:—

### General Duties Branch

*Air Chief Marshal to be Marshal of the Royal Air Force.*—Sir Hugh Montague Trenchard, G.C.B., D.S.O.

*Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders.*—Evelyn Hayley Sparling, A.F.C.; Frederick Charles Victor Laws, O.B.E.; William John Ryan, C.B.E.

*Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders.*—Richard Burnard Munday, D.S.C., A.F.C.; John Callagan Brooke, D.S.C.; William Ewart Reason; George Raymond Albert Deacon, M.C.; Loudoun James Maclean, M.C.; Walter Henry Park, M.C., D.F.C.

*Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants.*—James Cornelius Stevens; Raymond de Lacy Stedman; Alan Jerrard, V.C.; Alexander Arthur Clarendon Hyde; James George Western, M.B.E.; David Stewart Allan; Samuel Lewis Hope Potter; Anthony Leach, M.C.; Leon Martin; Alfred Randles Wardle; Joseph Claude Andrews, M.B.E.; David Forgham Anderson, D.F.C.; Cyril Douglas Spiers; Edward Morton Drummond; George McCormack; Frederick Laurence Pearce; John Frank Clark; Herbert George Rowe; Lewin Bowring Duggan; Cyril Rapley; Robert Hugh McCoubrie Sheppard; Bernard Thomas Hood; Reginald Jones; John Watson Jean, D.S.M.; Robert Dawlas McEwan Hart; George Stewart Taylor; John Augustine Elliott; James Wright Lissett; Edward Arthur Blake, M.M.; Harold Alfred Haines, D.F.C.; Charles Henry Fihlin; Thomas George Bird; David D'Arcy Alexander Greig, D.F.C.; Henry Frederick Vuilliamy Battle; Cyril Douglas Adams; Edward Dayrell Handley Davies; John Richard Wolley; Donald Malcolm Fleming; Fred Kirk; Stephen McKeever; Eric Ralph Carrington Hobson, D.F.C.; William Edmund Purdin; John Alexander McDonald; Bar nabas Henry Cross Russell; Robert Ritchie Greenlaw, M.B.E.

### Stores Branch

*Wing Commander to be Group Captain.*—George Laing, O.B.E.

*Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders.*—Rudall Woodliffe Thomas, O.B.E.; Ephraim William Havers.

*Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders.*—William James King, D.C.M.; Edwin Maurice Cashmore; Frederick Petch, O.B.E.; Walter Thorne.

*Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants.*—Charles Joseph Polden; Harry Frederick Webb; Clarence Tremaine Davis; Herbert James Payne; Harry Bartlett Hawker; Wallis St. John Littlewood; John Roland Gardiner; William Liniker; Robert George Gore; George Baker.

### Accountant Branch

*Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders.*—Arthur Geoffrey Nevill Belfield; James Leask Robertson.

*Flight Lieutenant to be Squadron Leader.*—Cecil Cornelius James Croydon.  
*Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants.*—John Freeman-Fowler; James Michie Adams; Edward Vernon Humphrey.

### Medical Branch

*Squadron Leader to be Wing Commander.*—Harold Burnet Porteous, M.B., D.P.H.

### Legal Branch

*Flight Lieutenant to be Squadron Leader.*—Donald Lane Ingpen.

### Director of Music

*Flying Officer (Hon. Flight Lieutenant) to be Flight Lieutenant.*—John Henry Amers, M.B.E.

### Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

*Acting Matrons to Matrons.*—Senior Sister Miss Muriel Beatrice Botwood; Sister Miss Katherine Christie Watt.

*Senior Sisters to acting Matrons.*—Miss Maggie Moddrell; Miss Emily Mathieson Blair.

*Sister to Acting Senior Sister.*—Miss Winifred Evelyn Molesworth.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE—AWARDS

The Air Ministry announces:—  
The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force:—

#### Awarded the Air Force Cross

Flight Lieutenant Louis Massey Hilton, D.F.C.  
Flight Lieutenant Matthew Crawford Dick.

#### Awarded the Air Force Medal

83298 Sergeant (Pilot) Herbert Myles.  
157816 Corporal Arthur East.  
330341 Leading Aircraftman Robert Edward Barton.  
327585 Leading Aircraftman Stanley George Wright.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Red Cross, First Class, to Miss Mary Wilson Campbell, late Matron, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, in recognition of the exceptional devotion and competency displayed by her in the nursing and care of the sick in Air Force Hospitals at Home and in Iraq.

### Khartoum-Kisumu Seaplane Damaged

MISFORTUNE has soon overtaken the D.H. seaplane "Pelican," which only recently arrived at Khartoum for use on the air service between that town and Kisumu in Kenya. On December 30 last the machine was about to start off for a test flight from the Nile, but before it left the water it suddenly plunged nose first into the river. Pilot and passenger were rescued unhurt, after a brief inspection

of the bed of the Blue Nile, and the damaged seaplane was brought ashore. An examination disclosed serious damage to the port float, the bow of which was stove in and ripped open. There is little doubt that the machine must have struck some submerged object when taxiing along the water. We understand that a fresh float—or parts—will have to be obtained from England before the damage can be repaired.