

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch

Ronald Harry Griffith is granted a short service commn. as a Pilot Officer on probation with effect from and with seniority of Jan. 24. The following are granted short service commns. as Pilot Officers for four years on active list, with effect from and with seniority of Jan. 17:—J. G. Foreman, G. Selk, L. C. L. Murray, E. H. Irving, F. Townsend, A. A. Koch, and C. H. A. Colman. The following Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer:—William George Wainwright Fahey (Nov. 30, 1926); Ronald Christopher Wilson, Charles Henry Godwin Brembridge (Jan. 30).

Flying Officer Howard John Thomas Saint, D.S.O., is transferred to Reserve, Class A (Feb. 1). Flying Officer Alison Wenley Daly is transferred to Reserve, Class A (Dec. 9, 1926). (Substituted for *Gazette*, Dec. 7, 1926).

Pilot Officer Verney Tension Norwood resigns his short service commission (Feb. 2). The short service commission of Pilot Officer on probation Stanley Charles Bell is terminated on cessation of duty (Feb. 2).

Accountant Branch
Pilot Officer on probation Robert Cassels is confirmed in rank and is promoted to rank of Flying Officer (Dec. 7, 1926).

Medical Branch
Flight Lt. George Ross Nodwell, M.B., is transferred to Reserve, Class D.1 (Jan. 29). Flying Officer Vivian Paul Ellis (Temp. Lt., General List, Army Dental Surgeon), relinquishes his temp. commission on completion of service (Jan. 8). (Substituted for *Gazette*, Jan. 14.)

Reserve of Air Force Officers.
The following Flying Officers relinquish their commissions on completion of service:—Frank Joseph Magee (Oct. 24, 1926); Arthur Knox, William Beresford Mortimore (Jan. 30).

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

General Duties Branch
The undermentioned to be Pilot Officer:—No. 603 CITY OF EDINBURGH (BOMBING) SQUADRON:—A. R. H. Miller (Feb. 1).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

General Duties Branch

Wing Commander: F. L. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., to H.Q., Iraq, for Personnel Staff duties; 24.1.27.

Squadron Leaders: I. T. Lloyd, to No. 480 Flight, Calshot; 7.2.27. A. S. C. S. Maclaren, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on transfer to Home Estab.; 18.12.26. A. H. Peck, D.S.O., to M.C., to No. 6 Armoured Car Co., Iraq; 14.1.27. W. S. Caster, M.C., R.A.F. Depot, Egypt; 19.1.27.

Flight-Lieuts.: E. H. Bryant, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport; 24.1.27. J. Duncan, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow; 21.1.27. H. G. Rowe, to No. 207 Sqn., Eastchurch; 24.1.27. S. L. G. Pope, D.F.C., to No. 22 Sqn., Martlesham Heath; 1.2.27. J. H. Winch, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby; 18.1.27. J. G. S. Candy, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Egypt; 2.1.27. W. A. Duncan, to H.Q., Egypt; 2.1.27. N. S. Paynter, to No. 20 Sqn., India, 1.1.27.

Flight Lieuts.: H. H. Down, A.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Calshot; 28.1.27. D. Colyer, D.F.C., to H.Q., Egypt; 10.1.27. J. A. G. Haslam, M.C., D.F.C., to No. 13 Sqn., Andover; 9.2.27. L. R. Briggs, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport; 8.1.27. W. E. G. Mann, D.F.C., to No. 6 Sqn., Iraq; 17.1.27. D. S. Allan, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars; 14.1.27.

Flying Officers: B. H. Godfrey, to Armament and Gunnery Sch., Eastchurch; 1.10.26. E. V. S. Lacey, to No. 22 Sqn., Martlesham Heath; 1.2.27. J. Rodger, D.S.M., to R.A.F. Depot, Egypt; 14.1.27. H. Stafford, to No. 216 Sqn., Egypt; 2.1.27. G. C. Shepherd, to H.Q., Egypt; 13.1.27. H. Thomas, to R.A.F. Depot, Egypt; 12.1.27. L. E. Goodman, to Aircraft Park, India; 24.1.27. H. S. Hobby, M.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on transfer to Home Estab.; 24.12.26. N. A. P. Pritchett, to R.A.F. Station, Tangmere; 1.2.27. E. Addis, to Record Office, Ruislip; 20.1.27. J. H. Barringer, to No. 60 Sqn., India; 24.1.27.

Flying Officers: J. E. W. Bowles, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars; 17.1.27. J. N. D. Anderson and W. H. O. Rumbit, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars; 10.1.27. H. A. M. Weir, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars; 24.1.27. L. H. Stewart, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars; 5.2.27. M. F. Morris, to No. 1 Sch. of Tech. Training (Apprentices), Halton; 13.1.27. N. T. Goodwin, to Record Office, Ruislip; 1.2.27. E. A. H. Fisher, to H.M.S. "Argus"; 26.1.27. R. B. Harnden, to R.A.F. Depot, Egypt; 16.1.27. M. W. J. Boxall, to No. 30 Sqn., Iraq; 18.1.27. M. A. Platts

and H. Thomas, to No. 216 Sqn., Egypt; 16.1.27. R. H. Barlow, to remain at No. 9 Sqn., Manston, instead of to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, as previously notified. V. J. Sofano, to H.Q., Transjordan and Palestine; 12.1.27. W. J. Kelly, to No. 9 Sqn., Manston; 17.1.27. A. L. MacMillan, to Armament and Gunnery Sch., Eastchurch; 15.2.27.

Pilot Officers: W. M. C. Kennedy, to No. 1 Flying Training Sch., Netheravon; 17.1.27. W. L. Bateman and P. S. Cook, to No. 100 Sqn., Spittlegate; 14.12.26. C. H. L. Evans and C. G. Lucas, to No. 16 Sqn., Old Sarum; 14.12.26. S. H. C. Gray, to No. 13 Sqn., Andover; 14.12.26. J. F. Griffiths, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby; 16.1.27. G. A. G. Johnson, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby, on appointment to a Short Service Commn.; 15.1.27. R. H. Griffith, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby, on appointment to a Short Service Commn.; 24.1.27.

Pilot Officers: E. B. Steedman, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, instead of to No. 1 Flying Training Sch., as previously notified; 4.1.27. J. E. A. Binnie, to R.A.F. Base, Calshot, on transfer to Home Estab.; 17.2.27. L. S. T. Brown, to No. 11 Sqn., Netheravon, on transfer to Home Estab.; 17.2.27. W. E. W. Grieve, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on transfer to Home Estab.; 8.1.27. H. E. Milton, to No. 29 Sqn., Duxford, on transfer to Home Estab.; 17.2.27. A. W. H. Nelson, to No. 16 Sqn., Old Sarum, on transfer to Home Estab.; 17.2.27.

Accountant Branch

Flight-Lieut.: E. V. Humphrey, to H.Q., Egypt; 14.1.27.
Flying Officers: J. J. Caiger, to No. 208 Sqn., Egypt; 2.1.27. R. W. Freeman, to No. 14 Sqn., Palestine; 12.1.27. R. W. Collinson, to No. 4 Flying Training Sch., Egypt; 2.1.27.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty:—
Lieuts. R.N. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.): G. T. Campbell, to *Furious*, and for full flying duties in 462 Flight; 14.1.27. J. W. M. Healing, N. R. Courthope-Munroe, A. N. R. Keene and J. W. Hawkins, to *Tamar* and for 442 Flight; 24.1.27. J. H. I. Wood, to *Tamar* for 443 Flight; T. O. Bulteel, A. M. Pilling and J. F. M. Robertson, to *Tamar* for 401 Flight; 24.1.27. E. O. F. Price, to *Eagle* and for full flying duties in 441 Flight; 11.1.27.
Comms.: G. R. S. Watkins, D.S.O., and H. C. Legge, D.S.C., to *President*, adtl., to be lent to R.A.F. for course; 24.1.27.

AIR MINISTRY NOTICES

Italy: Rome (Centocelle) Aerodrome

It is hereby notified:—
1. The Rome (Centocelle) aerodrome is not available for use at night, as lighting facilities have not yet been provided. The information published in A.P.M.S.23, page 14, should be annotated accordingly.

Hollows in the surface of this aerodrome are being filled in; in wet weather these places become soft and treacherous and great care should be exercised when landing.

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Obstructions at Aerodromes

It is notified:—
1. *Martlesham Heath*.—Visiting pilots should take great care when landing, as heather is now being cut at this aerodrome. This work is expected to continue for at least six months.

2. *Manston*.—The obstruction lights on the W/T Masts at this station are temporarily out of action. Care should be taken when flying in the vicinity at night.

3. *Tangmere*.—Levelling operations have been completed. There are several furrows on the aerodrome that have been filled in with brown rubble and appear from the air to be ridges. They are, however, quite safe and aircraft may land on them.

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Royal Air Force Flying Accidents

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that as the result of a collision in the air off Benghisa Point, Malta, on February 1, between a Fairey Flycatcher machine of No. 402 Flight, and a Fairey 3.D. machine of No. 441 Flight, John Yarranton Mills, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, Flying Officer, Royal Air Force, the pilot and sole occupant of the Fairey Flycatcher aircraft, was killed. Flying Officer Alexander Harold James Howlett, the pilot of the Fairey 3.D. aircraft was uninjured, and his passengers, Wing Commander Gilbert George Herbert Cooke, D.F.C., A.F.C., and No. 61875, Flight-Sergeant

Vacancies for Apprentice Clerks. Royal Air Force

The Air Ministry announces:—Sixty vacancies exist in the Royal Air Force for well-educated boys, between the ages of 15½ and 17, to enter as Apprentice Clerks. Approximately 40 of the posts will be filled by means of an open competition which will be held by the Civil Service Commissioners in April at various centres, and the remaining 20 by direct entry of boys who have obtained an approved school certificate. Successful candidates will be required to complete a period of 12 years' regular Air Force service after reaching the age of 18, in addition to the training period. At the age of 30 they may return to civil life or may be permitted to re-engage to complete time for pension. Detailed information regarding the apprentice clerk scheme can be obtained from the Royal Air Force, Gwydyr House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. Boys entered under this scheme undergo a two years' course of training in clerical duties, typewriting, shorthand, book-keeping and practical office routine, during which time their general education is continued under a staff of graduate teachers. The apprentice clerks are paid 7s. per week for the first year and 10s. 6d. per week afterwards until they have both attained the age of 18 and have been posted for duty after passing their final examination. The subsequent commencing rates of pay, varying from 21s. to 31s. 6d. per week, depend upon the degree of success achieved at this examination. In addition, they receive free board and lodging. An opportunity will be given to apprentice clerks to volunteer for training as airman pilots. Selection to the number of about 60 annually is made from volunteers of all trades. A few airman pilots are periodically selected for commissioned rank.

Arthur Edmond Laurence Worster, sustained only slight injuries.

As the result of an accident at Upavon to a Woodcock aeroplane of No. 3 Squadron, on February 2, Pilot Officer Gomer Flower Lewis, the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, was killed.

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that, as the result of an accident at Rottingdean, Sussex, to a Grebe aeroplane of No. 56 Squadron, Biggin Hill, on February 4, Pilot Officer Sidney Arthur Vernon Evans, the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, was killed.