

# THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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## General Duties Branch

Group-Captain E. D. M. Robertson, D.F.C., is appointed Director of Personal Services, Air Ministry (Nov. 10); Air-Commodore P. F. M. Fellowes, D.S.O., relinquishes his appointment as Director of Personal Services, Air Ministry (Sept. 5).

Flying Officer J. C. Larking (Auxiliary Air Force) is granted a short service commn. as Pilot Officer on probation, with effect from and with seny. of Nov. 17; Capt. S. H. Woolf (R.A.F.O.) is granted a short service commn. as a Flight-Lt. on the Supplementary List (Nov. 19); Lt. Anthony M. Kimmins, R.N., is re-attached to R.A.F. as a Flight-Lt. with effect from Nov. 22, and with seny. of July 18, 1927; Pilot Officer on probation E. Coleman, D.F.M., is confirmed in rank (June 17). The follg. Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer:—M. Watson (Oct. 13); G. F. Humphries (Nov. 1).

Flight-Lt. C. C. Edwards is placed on half-pay list, scale B, Oct. 15 to Nov. 25, inclusive. (Substituted for *Gazette* of Oct. 21). Flight-Lt. A. E. Thompson is placed on retired list (Dec. 2).

The follg. Flying Officers are transferred to the Reserve (Nov. 28):—Class A.—C. A. Anderson, L. G. Gray, J. G. Parkin, L. C. Phillips, R. O. O. Taylor. Class C.—T. B. Byrne, F. J. Parker, R. J. Stone (Lt. Norfolk Regt., T.A.).

Lt. K. Hunt, R.M., Flying Officer R.A.F., relinquishes his temp. commn. on returning permanently to duty with the Royal Marines (Oct. 28); Lt. O. C.

Jones, R.M., Flying Officer, R.A.F., relinquishes his temp. commn. on discharge from the Royal Marines (Nov. 8).

## RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

### General Duties Branch

H. B. G. Michelmore is granted a commn. in Class A as Pilot Officer on probation (Nov. 18); Flying Officer F. W. Mundy is transferred from Class A to Class C (Oct. 4); S. H. G. Trower relinquishes his commn. on completion of service (April 1).

## AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

### General Duties Branch

No. 600 (CITY OF LONDON) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—The follg. to be Pilot Officer:—J. E. D. Benham (Oct. 27). Flying Officer J. C. Larking relinquishes his commn. on appointment to a short service commn. in the Royal Air Force (Nov. 17).

No. 602 (CITY OF GLASGOW) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—Pilot Officer D. L. Lloyd is promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (Oct. 21).

No. 603 (CITY OF EDINBURGH) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—Flying Officer E. S. V. Burton resigns his commn. (Nov. 17).

## PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE

Sister Miss A. M. Hardwicke resigns her appointment (Dec. 1).

## ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

### General Duties Branch

Wing Commander J. O. Archer, C.B.E., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on transfer to Home Estab.; 1.11.30.

Squadron Leader T. C. Luke, M.C., to No. 7 Sqn., Worthy Down; 20.11.30. Squadron Leader J. Leacroft, M.C., to Station Administration, Halton, 1.12.30.

Flight Lieutenants: E. C. Dearth, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; 17.11.30. G. G. Mobsby, to Royal Air Force College, Cranwell; 7.11.30. F. L. Hopps, A.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Singapore; 22.11.30. F. W. W. Wilson, to No. 70 Sqn., Hinaidi; 27.10.30. E. A. McKinley-Hay, to No. 11 Sqn., India; 22.11.30. G. H. Loughnan, to No. 20 Sqn., India; 22.11.30. L. M. Hilton, D.F.C., A.F.C., to No. 41 Sqn., Ruislip; 17.11.30. S. A. Turner, M.B.E., to H.Q., Inland Area, Stanmore; 20.11.30. R. J. H. Holland, to No. 1 Flying Training School, Netheravon; 24.11.30. S. H. Woolf, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on appointment to a Short-Service Commn.; 19.11.30.

Flight Lieutenants: C. R. Smythe, to No. 405 (Fleet Fighter) Flight, Mediterranean, 29.11.20. C. C. Edwards, to No. 32 Sqn., Kenley, 26.11.30. H. H. V. Tristem, to Station Administration, Halton, 1.12.30. S. H. Woolf, to H.Q., R.A.F., Transjordan and Palestine, 28.11.30.

Flying Officers D. J. R. Hylton, to Armament and Gunnery Sch., Eastchurch; 13.11.30.

Flying Officers: C. G. C. Woledge, to No. 10 Sqn., Upper Heyford, 2.12.30. H. E. Sales, to No. 33 Sqn., Bicester, 4.11.30. F. G. Fairhead, to Marine Aircraft Experimental Estab., Felixstowe, 24.11.30. A. McKee, to Aircraft Park, Lahore, 10.11.30. T. W. G. Eady, to No. 84 Sqn., Shaibah, 26.10.30. de L. Cooke, to No. 27 Sqn., Kohat, 7.11.30.

Pilot Officers: E. C. Smith-Ross, to No. 2 Armoured Car Co., Palestine; 3.11.30. E. G. B. Kiddle, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham; 19.11.30. J. C. Larking, to No. 12 Sqn., Andover, on appointment to a Short-Service Commn., as Pilot Officer (on probation); 17.11.30.

Pilot Officer E. F. J. L'Estrange, to No. 55 Sqn., Hinaidi, 7.10.30.

### Stores Branch

Wing Commander B. W. M. Williams, to Aircraft Depot, Iraq; 21.11.30, for Stores duties.

Flight Lieutenant R. T. Rich, to Station H.Q., Hornchurch; 1.12.30.



## Two Famous Squadron Leaders

THIS year will be remembered in the Fighting Area as the year of No. 43 (F.) Squadron, in so much as it was this unit which gave exhibitions of squadron aerobatics at the Hendon Display, at the Belgian centenary, and at Croydon, on the occasion of the visit of the Dominion representatives. When a squadron achieves excellence, one may be sure that it rejoices in a very good C.O., and No. 43 undoubtedly had an excellent one in Sqn.-Ldr. C. N. Lowe, M.C., D.F.C., the famous old wing three-quarter of the England Rugby XV. Having commanded the squadron for three years, he has now been appointed Chief Flying Instructor at No. 2 Flying Training School, Digby. He is succeeded in the command of No. 43 (F.) Squadron by another famous pilot, Sqn.-Ldr. L. H. Slatter, O.B.E., D.S.C., D.F.C., who was captain of the Schneider team of 1927, when the race was held at Venice and was won by Flight-Lieut. Webster. Sqn.-Ldr. Slatter has recently commanded No. 111 (F.) Squadron, at Hornchurch, and worked it up to a high state of efficiency. We feel sure that he will be a worthy successor to Sqn.-Ldr. Lowe. The command of No. 111 falls to Sqn.-Ldr. E. R. Openshaw, who has recently been adjutant of No. 19 (F.) Squadron at Duxford.

## No. 36 (Torpedo-Bomber) Squadron

No. 36 (Torpedo-Bomber) Squadron, which has lately been stationed at Donibristle, has been transferred to the R.A.F. Base at Singapore, and so comes under the Far

East Command. Its place at Donibristle has been taken by No. 100 (B.) Squadron from Bicester. Both No. 36 and No. 100 are equipped with Hawker "Horsley" aeroplanes with Rolls-Royce engines. The Far East Command now boasts two squadrons. No. 205 (Flying Boat) Squadron, which made the famous tour from Plymouth to Australia and Hong Kong, in Southamptons, is already there, and now No. 36 is added to the strength at Singapore. The latter squadron travelled by sea to Karachi, and there the aeroplanes were assembled and the journey was continued by air. The first flight of four machines reached Allahabad on Thursday, December 4th.

## Aeronautical Lectures at Royal United Service Ins.

AMONG the forthcoming lectures before the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, are the following relating to aeronautics. The lectures begin at 3 p.m.

February 11.—"The Future of Aeroplane Design for the Services," by Mr. C. R. Fairey.

February 25.—"The Land and Air Defence Forces of Australia," by Major-General J. H. Bruche; Mr. L. S. Amery, M.P., in the chair.

March 4.—"Meteorology and Air Navigation," by Lieutenant-Commander J. W. Josselyn; Rear-Admiral H. P. Douglas in the chair.

## Miss Amy Johnson's Lecture for Children

MISS AMY JOHNSON will speak at the first of the Royal Empire Society's Christmas lectures for children at the Hotel Victoria on December 29, about her flight to Australia.