

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch

J. G. Cardale is granted a short service commn. as Pilot Officer on probation with effect from and with seny. of July 10; Capt. R. M. Giddy, R.M., is re-attached to R.A.F. as a Flying Officer with effect from June 27, and with seny. of June 16, 1924. The follg. Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in rank (July 19):—R. Hanson, H. J. L. Hawkins, A. H. Hole, T. A. Jefferson, A. F. McKenna, F. G. Mason, C. L. Monckton, M. A. Payn, H. N. G. Ramsbottom-Isherwood, I. G. Ross, C. P. Villiers. The follg. Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer (June 14):—A. Earle, E. F. J. L'Estrange. Flight Lt. (acting Squadron Leader) W. Elliott, D.F.C., relinquishes the acting rank of Squadron Leader on ceasing to be employed as British Liaison Officer, Beirut (July 11); Flying Officer H. J. Soper is placed on retired list (Aug. 18); the short service commn. of Pilot Officer on probation C. Cheshire (Sec. Lt., A.I.R.O.) is terminated on cessation of duty (April 1), (substituted for *Gazette*, May 5).

Stores Branch

Flying Officer W. A. G. Goldsworthy is placed on retired list at his own request (Aug. 6).

Medical Branch

Flight Lt. E. A. Rice, M.B., B.Ch., is transferred to Reserve, Class Dii. (Aug. 16).

Assistant Provost Marshal

Captain C. R. Richdale (I.A., ret.), is granted a permanent commn. as Assistant Provost Marshal and Deputy Chief of Air Force Police in rank of Flying Officer on probation (Hon. Flight Lt.), with effect from and with seny. of Aug. 10.

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

General Duties Branch.

Group Captains.—J. R. W. Smyth-Pigott, D.S.O., to Station H.Q., Worthy Down, to command, 7.8.31. A. C. Winter, O.B.E., R.A.F. Reception Depot, West Drayton, to command, 3.8.31. F. L. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, pending taking over command, 1.8.31. C. H. K. Edmonds, D.S.O., O.B.E., to No. 21 Group H.Q., West Drayton, to command, 7.8.31. O. T. Boyd, O.B.E., M.C., A.F.C., to H.Q., Aden Command, pending taking over command, 7.8.31.

Wing Commanders.—T. L. Leigh-Mallory, D.S.O. to Air Ministry, on appointment as Deputy Director of Staff Duties, 7.8.31. E. O. Grenfell, M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, for administrative duties, 3.8.31. L. L. Maclean, to No. 23 Group H.Q., Grantham, for Engineer Staff Duties, 8.9.31.

Squadron Leaders.—B. E. Harrison, A.F.C., to Marine Aircraft Experimental Estab., Felixstowe, 27.7.31. F. R. Alford, M.C., to H.M.S. *Hermes*, China, 7.8.31.

Flight Lieutenants.—R. A. P. Roberts, to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 5.8.31. J. D'A. Keary, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 5.8.31. J. G. D. Armour, to Special Duty List, on appointment as Air Equerry to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 4.8.31. K. E. Ward, to No. 10 Sqn., Boscombe Down, 7.8.31. J. T. Paine, to No. 111 Sqn., Hornchurch, 7.8.31. J. H. Powle, to Marine Aircraft Experimental Estab., Felixstowe, 5.8.31. G. E. Wilson, to No. 56 Sqn., North Weald, 4.8.31. C. E. H. Allen, D.F.C., to Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Estab., S. Farnborough, 4.8.31. P. S. Blockey and R. Costa, both to Cambridge University Air Sqn., 7.7.31. L. C. Barling, to No. 24 Sqn., Northolt, 1.8.31. J. C. Belford, to No. 45 Sqn., Helwan, Egypt, 27.7.31. G. B. Beardsworth and F. S. O'Hanlon, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 4.7.31.

Flying Officers.—J. C. Harcombe, A. F. C. Booth, K. A. K. MacEwen, G. F. W. Heycock, all to the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, 5.8.31. J. A. Simpson, A. F. Powell, A. J. Tunnard, A. E. V. Mathias, G. R. Montgomery, all to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 5.8.31. E. L. J. Rowe, to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 5.8.31. V. R. Moon, K. D. Klocker, C. B. Hughes, all to No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham, 5.8.31. P. R. May, to No. 2 Flying Training School, Digby, 5.8.31. H. G. Wheeler, to School of Army Co-operation, Old Sarum, 1.8.31. G. M. Buxton and W. G. Cheshire, both to Cambridge University Air Sqn., 7.7.31. N. A. Pearce, to Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, 5.8.31. G. P. Marvin, to Armament and Gunnery

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

General Duties Branch

W. D. T. Gairdner is granted a commn. in Class AA(i) as Pilot Officer on probation (July 10); Pilot Officer on probation J. M. D. Ker is confirmed in rank (Aug. 12); Flight Lt. B. C. Rice, M.C., is promoted to rank of Squadron Leader (Aug. 19). The follg. Flying Officers are promoted to rank of Flight Lieut. (Aug. 12):—P. Phillips D.F.C., J. W. Thomson, A. G. Loton, W. C. Venmore, R. N. Riddell, R. H. Holmes, J. H. Barringer, R. C. Whittle, E. A. T. Murray, C. E. Eckersley-Maslin, H. C. Johnson, W. J. Pickard, C. S. John. The follg. Flying Officers are transferred from Class A to Class C:—A. M. Alexander, A.F.C. (May 29); J. R. Cox (May 22); F. W. Field (Aug. 5). The commns. of the follg. Pilot Officers on probation are terminated on cessation of duty:—F. P. B. Sanderson (July 24); J. B. W. Sherlock (July 24); W. H. Curtis (July 24); H. C. Beaumont (July 25).

Erratum

In the *Gazette* of July 21 (FLIGHT, July 31, 1931, page 775).—For G. P. E. Howard read G. J. E. Howard.

SPECIAL RESERVE

General Duties Branch

The follg. are granted commns. as Pilot Officers on probation:—L. M. Few (July 24); T. R. Leatherdale (July 25).

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

No. 600 (CITY OF LONDON) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—General Duties Branch.—Pilot Officer W. H. Wetton is promoted to rank of Flying Officer (Oct. 31, 1930).

School, Eastchurch, 5.8.31. W. C. Cooper, to Cambridge University Air Sqn., 30.7.31. D. A. Messiter, to No. 41 Sqn., Northolt, 12.6.31.

Pilot Officers.—A. H. Button, to No. 5 Flying Training School, Sealand, 5.8.31. K. S. Brake, D. J. T. Haynes, J. R. Mutch, T. C. Dickens, F. D. Biggs, W. G. H. Ewing, G. F. Simond, E. C. T. Edwards, I. McL. Cameron, J. F. X. McKenna, V. B. J. Jackson, C. McK. Grierson, A. P. F. M. Berkeley, W. D. J. Michie, M. V. Delap, J. E. M. Bainbridge, S. O. Buton, V. S. Bowling, E. D. Elliott, A. F. Britton, O. I. Gilson, H. D. McGregor, W. H. Jones, T. W. G. Eady, C. V. Howes, R. C. Jordan, G. K. Tulloch, H. E. Dicken, E. Coleman, D. F. M., E. C. W. S. Smith, all to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 5.8.31. D. W. Morrish, to No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham, 2.7.31. A. H. Hole, to No. 14 Sqn., Amman, Palestine, 25.7.31. B. W. E. R. Bonsey, to No. 19 Sqn., Duxford, 29.7.31.

Stores Branch.

Flight Lieutenant.—L. Smith, to Station H.Q., Netheraven, 5.8.31. **Flying Officers.**—L. Horwood, M.C., to No. 501 Sqn., Bristol, 8.8.31. L. H. Anness, A.F.C., to Station H.Q., North Weald, 3.8.31. H. E. Young, to No. 14 Sqn., Amman, Palestine, 25.7.31.

Pilot Officers.—J. R. Fraser to Station H.Q., Worthy Down, 3.8.31. J. E. Shrimpton, to Station H.Q., Tangmere, 3.8.31. H. A. Sudbury, to Station H.Q., Manston, 3.8.31. E. G. Moore, to R.A.F. Base, Calshot, 3.8.31.

Medical Branch.

Wing Commanders.—A. Grant, M.B.E., to No. 1 Air Defence Group, pending posting as Principal Medical Officer, 29.8.31. R. S. Overton, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, for duty as Senior Medical Officer and Commanding Officer, R.A.F. Officers' Hospital, 24.8.31.

Flight Lieutenants.—P. H. Perkins, to Medical Training Depot, Halton, 27.8.31. J. Hutchieson, to Central Medical Estab., 26.8.31.

Assistant Provost Marshal.

Flying Officer.—C. R. Richdale, to H.Q., R.A.F., Halton on appointment to a permanent commn. (on probation) as Assistant Provost Marshal and Deputy Chief of Air Force Police, 10.8.31.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty:—

PROMOTIONS.

LIEUTS.—F. G. WYNNE (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), J. F. M. ROBERTSON (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), to rank of Lieut-Commr. (seny. Aug. 15).

Air Manœuvres Abroad

THE Italian Royal Air Force and the French Army Flying Corps both started extensive manœuvres on August 26. The Italian campaign will be held in northern Italy and will entail flying over the Apennines. The French exercises will test the air defence of the eastern frontier round Nancy.

The International Air Guide

OWING to a mistake on the part of the printers, a footnote to the review of the newly-issued *International Air Guide*, published in FLIGHT last week, was omitted. This was to the effect that copies of *The International Air Guide* may be obtained from the offices of FLIGHT, price 36s. 6d., post free.

Carrying Logs by Aeroplane

A NEW use has been found for aeroplanes, which are at present being extensively employed by mining prospectors in Northern Ontario and elsewhere in the far north of Canada. Having recently penetrated into a region where there are no trees of any size, a well-known Ontario prospector was recently faced with the problem of obtaining the necessary timber to hold up the sides of a 16-foot deep trench, which he was digging on a mining property

in the sub-Arctic. He decided to cut the timber on the shores of a lake many miles away. Then, by carefully loading it in suitable quantities on an aeroplane equipped with floats, he succeeded ultimately in conveying all he required to his mine.

Marconi Rotating Beacon Transmitters

In the article published last week on the subject of Marconi Rotating Beacon Wireless Transmitters, the statement was made that the stations at Orfordness, Gosport, and Farnborough had been erected by the Marconi Company. We have been asked to state that this is incorrect, and that these stations were in fact erected by the Air Ministry. The mistake was entirely ours, and was due to a faulty interpretation of a sentence in the material sent us by the Marconi Company.

A Change of Business

MR. S. J. GILBERT has now severed his connection with Selfridge's Aviation Department, and is starting in business for himself, operating from 22, Normandy Avenue, Barnet, Hertfordshire. He is already in a position to arrange very attractive rates for both the hire-purchase and insurance of aircraft and cars, and would be very glad to hear from any of his old friends who are interested.