

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch

The following are granted short service commns. as Pilot Officers on probation with effect from and with seny. of dates stated:—R. C. Reynell (Pilot Officer, R.A.F.O.) (Sept. 28); R. H. Maw (Flight Lieutenant, Special Reserve) (Oct. 1). Flight Cadet F. C. Daubney, having successfully passed through the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, is granted a permanent commn. as Pilot Officer on probation with effect from Sept. 1, and with seny. of July 25; Lt. D. W. Mackendrick, R.N., is re-attached to R.A.F. as Flying Officer with effect from Oct. 10, and with seny. of Sept. 1, 1926.

The following Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in rank:—G. W. P. Grant, P. J. W. Hawkins, D. W. Morrish (Sept. 22); G. Burdick (Sept. 23); A. A. Adams, J. A. B. Begg, G. R. Canavan, A. L. Christian, W. I. Clarke, A. E. Clouston, J. A. Dobson, J. N. Dufort, J. A. C. Forbes, E. Foster, W. M. Hargreaves, W. H. Husbands, J. J. Murphy, L. J. Neale, F. R. Newell, R. A. Phillips, H. Pilling, D. G. Singleton, F. G. L. Smith, J. G. Young-husband (Oct. 10). Pilot Officer on probation J. C. W. Staveley is confirmed in rank and promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (Oct. 1); Lt. T. H. Villiers, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., relinquishes his temp. commn. on retirement from Royal Navy (Oct. 1).

Stores Branch

Flight Lieut. H. J. Barnham is placed on retired list (Oct. 15).

Stores Branch

Squadron-Leader H. S. F. T. Jerrard, to Central Supply Depot, Hinaidi, Iraq, 26.9.31. Flight-Lieutenant F. B. Ludlow, O.B.E., M.C., to No. 4 Stores Depot, Ruislip, 4.10.31. Flying Officers: A. W. Rule, to H.Q., R.A.F., Middle East, Cairo, 26.9.31. R. E. P. Paynter, D.C.M., to R.A.F. Depot, Aboukir, Egypt, 26.9.31.

Squadron Leader W. A. Kingston, to H.Q., R.A.F., Mediterranean, Malta, 30.9.31.

Chaplains Branch

The Rev. T. M. Jones, B.A., is granted a short service commn. as Chaplain (Presbyterian) with relative rank of Squadron Leader (Oct. 10).

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

General Duties Branch

Pilot Officer on probation C. Watson is confirmed in rank (Oct. 15); Flying Officer J. F. Lawn is transferred from Class A to Class C (Oct. 2); Pilot Officer on probation R. C. Reynell relinquishes his commn. on appointment to a short service commn. in R.A.F. (Sept. 28).

Stores Branch

Flying Officer H. J. Thomas relinquishes his commn. on completion of service and is permitted to retain his rank (June 17).

Erratum

Gazette Sept. 29 (FLIGHT, Oct. 9, 1931, p. 1029)—For Flying Officer R. Y. Bush read Flight Lt. R. Y. Bush.

SPECIAL RESERVE

General Duties Branch

Flight Lt. R. H. Maw relinquishes his commn. on appointment to short service commn. in R.A.F. (Oct. 1); Flying Officer N. A. Lindley resigns his commn. (May 5).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Flight Lieutenants: F. E. Shorsby, to Station H.Q., Mount Batten, 6.10.31. G. J. Maygothling, to Station H.Q., Mount Batten, 9.10.31. H. J. Young, to Central Flying School, Wittering, 5.10.31.

Flying Officers: W. A. D. Collingwood, to No. 2 Stores (Ammunition) Depot, Altrincham, 5.10.31. R. B. Hortsmaun, to No. 602 Sqdn., Glasgow, 5.10.31.

Pilot Officer J. R. Fraser, to R.A.F. M.T. Depot, Shrewsbury, 25.9.31.

AIR MINISTRY NOTICES

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No. 62 of the year 1931. High Tension Cables near Private Landing Ground at Stallions Green, Tonbridge. (136531/31.)

High tension cables are in course of erection in the immediate vicinity of the private landing ground at Stallions Green, near Hadlow (3½ miles N.E. of Tonbridge, Kent).

Pilots of aircraft are accordingly warned that the existence of these cables may render the use of this landing ground unsafe when the wind is blowing from certain directions.

October 5, 1931.

No. 63 of the year 1931. Night Flying without Navigation Lights. (84095/31.)

Royal Air Force aircraft will be flying between 1900 and 0045 G.M.T. daily during the period from November 1 to December 31, 1931, over the area bounded by straight lines joining Chelsfield, Addington, Oxted, Sevenoaks and Chelsfield. Above an altitude of 5,000 ft. the aircraft will not exhibit navigation lights, unless other aircraft are observed in their vicinity.

October 21, 1931.

AIR MINISTRY NOTICES TO GROUND ENGINEERS

No. 59 of the year 1931. Emergency Exit Requirements. (135849/31.)

Provision must be made on all aeroplanes for the egress of passengers and crew in emergency.

Aeroplanes classified as belonging to Sub-division (a)—Public transport of passengers—must be provided with means of exit from every passenger compartment (doors, windows, ripping panels, etc.) at the rate of at least one exit for every four passenger seats. Included in these must be exits in the top of every passenger compartment at the rate of at least one for every eight passenger seats.

Windows counted as emergency exits must be easy to open or push out, and must be equally divided between the two sides of the aeroplane. If elliptic or rectangular, the principal internal dimensions must not be less than 18 in. by 12 in. If round or square, the diameter or length of side must be at least 18 in.

Outer doors must open outwards and in such a way that the pressure of the relative wind tends to keep them closed.

Suitable emergency exits must be provided for members of the crew isolated from passenger compartments.

The position of emergency exits must be clearly indicated.

It is proposed in due course to incorporate the above requirements as a Design Leaflet in Air Publication 1208, Airworthiness Handbook for Civil Aircraft.

September 26, 1931.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MEMORIAL FUND

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fund was held at Iddesleigh House, Caxton Street, London, S.W.1, on Wednesday, October 7, 1931. Sir Charles McLeod was in the chair, and there was a very full attendance of members.

Two resignations of old members were reported to the Committee, namely, Air Vice-Marshal T. I. Webb-Bowen, C.B., who was leaving town to take over command at Andover, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir C. L. Lambe, K.C.B., lately commanding Coastal Area, R.A.F., and who is retiring from the Service. In their places Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, K.C.B., and Air Vice-Marshal R. H. Clark-Hall, C.M.G., have been invited to join the Executive Committee.

The Committee were informed that since the last meeting, held on July 1, 1931, the Grants Sub-Committee and the secretary have dealt with 305 cases of appeals for help, and that the sum of £2,583 1s. 4d. had been disbursed in grants to all ranks, past and present.

It was announced to the meeting that the Grants Committee had made a donation from the Fund of £10 10s. to the Royal United Service Orphans' Home for Girls, Devonport, in respect to five children of two ex-airmen who are now being maintained in that Home.

The Committee were informed that Vanbrugh Castle School, Blackheath,

maintained by the Fund, had opened for the Christmas term on September 8 with 38 boys.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the Armistice celebration, so far as concerns the R.A.F. War Memorial on the Victoria Embankment, would take place at 12 noon on Sunday, November 8 next, when Air Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond, G.C.B., Chief of the Air Staff, would lay a wreath at the foot of the memorial. A sum of £10 was ordered by the Committee to be expended for provision of the wreath selected, and a sum of £5 was sanctioned for the provision of a wreath to be laid at the foot of the Scottish National War Memorial (R.A.F. Bay), Edinburgh.

The usual meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of the Fund was held on October 2. Mr. W. S. Field was in the chair, and the other members of the Committee present were: Mrs. L. M. K. Pratt Barlow, O.B.E.; Air Commodore B. C. H. Drew, C.M.G.; Sqd. Ldr. A. H. Wann. The Committee considered in all nine cases, and made grants to the amount of £197 1s. 3d.

At the meeting held on October 15, Mr. W. S. Field was in the chair, and the other members of the Committee present were: Mrs. L. M. K. Pratt Barlow, Air Commodore B. C. H. Drew, Mrs. F. Vesey Holt, Sqd. Ldr. A. H. Wann. The Committee considered in all eight cases, and made grants to the amount of £148 2s. 11d.

R.A.F. Aircraft Apprentices

The Air Ministry announces:—

In view of the urgent need for national economy, it is regretted that a considerable reduction must be made in the number of boys to be enlisted into the Royal Air Force in January next, for training as aircraft apprentices. The number to be taken has now been fixed at 180.

New Bomber Squadrons

No. 18 (Bomber) Squadron was formed at Upper Heyford on October 20, 1931, in accordance with Establishment No. HD/XC, dated October 20, 1931. This establishment will be cancelled when a revised establishment for Upper Heyford is issued.

No. 57 (Bomber) Squadron was formed at Netheravon on October 20, 1931, in accordance with Establishment No. HD/23, dated October 20, 1931. This establishment will be cancelled when a revised establishment for Netheravon is issued. No. 57 Squadron will come under the A.O.C., Inland Area, for administration, and under the A.O.C., Wessex Bombing Area, for operations and training.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

The Long Service and Good Conduct medal has been awarded to the undermentioned airmen:—

Sgt. Maj. W. Dalton, S. H. Graham, J. Greener, E. D. Jackson, C. Maynard, F. J. Smith, G. F. Paice.

Flt. Sgts. J. S. Brett, W. A. C. Elsby, G. W. Hepple, R. Hollingworth, W. McCarthy, H. P. Situpson, M.M., A.F.M., F. Warwick.

Sgts. W. E. Elliott, H. E. Laidler, F. W. Middleditch, A. Peters.

Change in Royal Air Force Higher Command

The Air Ministry announces the following appointment:—Air Commodore Cuthbert Trelawder Maclean, D.S.O., M.C., formerly Officer Commanding British Forces in Aden, to be Director of Postings at the Air Ministry, with effect from December 21, 1931, vice Group Captain Francis Knox Haskins, D.S.C., A.D.C.

Air Commodore C. T. Maclean entered the Army in 1914, as Second Lieutenant, Royal Fusiliers, and joined the Royal Flying Corps in December, 1915. During the Great War he served in France with the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force and, in addition to receiving the awards of D.S.O. and M.C., was mentioned in despatches on three occasions. He was appointed to a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force in 1919 and later commanded a Flying Training School at home and units in Iraq and Egypt. He became Officer Commanding, British Forces in Aden in September, 1929, and was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore in July, 1931.

H.M.S. Engadine Re-Union

The Annual Re-Union of the officers and men of H.M.S. Engadine will be held at the Adelphi Hotel, John Street, Strand, on Saturday, November 14, at 6 p.m. Particulars from Arthur B. Ward, 135, Burbage Road, Dulwich, S.E. 21.