

# THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



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## General Duties Branch

Pilot Officer on probation G. L. Menzies is confirmed in rank (July 11). The following Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer:—C. S. Moore and N. E. Morrison (June 20); A. H. Marsack and M. Sorsbie (July 5). F./O. J. A. H. Loudon takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date Jan. 30, 1931. Reduction takes effect from May 24, 1932. F./O. J. Mutch takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date Jan. 28, 1931. Reduction takes effect from May 24, 1932. Wing Com. G. W. Roberts, M.C., is placed on half-pay list, Scale A (Aug. 2). Flt. Lt. J. B. Veal is transferred to Reserve, Class A (Aug. 1).

## Stores Branch

The following Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in rank (April 13):—W. H. Dyson and R. J. Williams. Flt. Lt. E. W. Lawrence is placed on retired list (July 31).

## PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE

Staff Nurse Miss G. K. Johnston resigns her appointment (Aug. 1).

## ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

### General Duties Branch

R. K. Rose is granted a commn. in Class A as Flying Officer (July 6). The following are granted commns. in Class AA (ii) as Pilot Officers on

## ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

### General Duties Branch.

Wing Commander G. S. M. Insall, V.C., M.C., to Station H.Q., Upavon, 27.7.32, to Command vice G./Capt. E. W. Norton, D.S.C.

Squadron Leaders: C. Crawford, to Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Estab., Martlesham Heath, 1.7.32, for armament duties vice F./Lt. C. W. M. Thompson. A. F. Lang, M.B.E., to No. 210 (F.B. Sqdn.), Pembroke Dock, 28.7.32, for flying duties vice W./Cdr. J. O. Andrews, D.S.O., M.C.

Flight Lieutenants: C. W. McK. Thompson, to No. 15 (B) Sqdn., Martlesham Heath, 1.7.32. R. Grice, D.F.C., to No. 208 (A.C.) Sqdn., Heliopolis, Egypt, 11.7.32.

Flying Officers: W. R. Hartwright, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 18.7.32. G. G. Barrett, to Marine Aircraft Experimental Estab., Felixstowe, 25.7.32. D. Barclay, to No. 27 (B) Sqdn., Kohat, India, 6.7.32. C. L. Monckton, to No. 11 (B) Sqdn., Risalpur, India, 6.7.32. F. W. Yates, to No. 2 Armoured Car Co., Ramleh, Transjordan, 22.7.32. A. R. Combe, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham, 31.7.32. W. K. Beisiegel to R.A.F. College, Cranwell, 31.7.32. S. L. Blunt, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham, 31.7.32. P. J. H. Halahan, to R.A.F. College, Cranwell, 31.7.32. J. E. MacCullum, to No. 5 Flying Training Sch., Sealand, 31.7.32. E. J. H. F. Moreton, to Elec. & Wireless Sch., Cranwell, 31.7.32. H. G. Parker, to No. 5 Flying Training Sch., Sealand, 31.7.32. P. W. A. Dudgeon to R.A.F., Training Base, Leuchars, 31.7.32. J. A. C. Stratton, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham, 31.7.32. A. L. Weait, to R.A.F. College, Cranwell, 31.7.32.

probation (July 19):—J. H. Marsh, D. L. Rawnsley. The following Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in rank:—A. B. Tucker (July 2); J. L. Barker (July 6), R. L. Moss (July 6), J. A. S. Hodgson (July 20).

The following are transferred from Class A to Class C:—Flt. Lt. W. A. Mackay, D.C.M. (Lt. R.A.R.O.) (July 31); F./O. H. C. Biard (June 19); F./O. H. A. A. Brosse (June 29); F./O. F. J. E. Feeny, D.S.O. (July 29). F./O. R. F. G. Lea resigns his commn. on appointment to a commn. in Auxiliary Air Force as Pilot Officer (July 22).

## Medical Branch

Flt. Lt. D. Magrath, M.B., is transferred from Class D (ii) to Class D (i) (Sept. 24, 1930).

## SPECIAL RESERVE

### General Duties Branch

D. O. Young is granted a commn. as Pilot Officer on probation (June 30).

## AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

### General Duties Branch

No. 600 (CITY OF LONDON) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—R. F. G. Lea is granted a commn. as Pilot Officer on resigning his commn. in Reserve of Air Force Officers (July 22).

L. F. Sinclair, to No. 5 Flying Training Sch., Sealand, 31.7.32. H. L. McCulloch, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby, 31.7.32. F. L. P. Henzell, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham, 31.7.32.

## Stores Branch.

Flying Officers: W. Macey, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 28.7.32. G. G. N. Marshal, M.B.E., to Station H.Q., Upper Heyford, 28.7.32. G. Thornton, M.M., to Station H.Q., Hawkinge, 28.7.32. G. R. Thwaite to Marine Aircraft Experimental Estab., 28.7.32.

## Accountant Branch.

Flight Lieutenant F. M. Hall, to No. 3 Flying Training Sch., Grantham, 25.7.32.

## NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty:—

Comms.—G. V. B. Faulkner and H. D. Vaughan-Hughes, to *President* for course at Air Ministry.

Lieut. P. A. Booth (F./O., R.A.F.), to *Furious*, for 466 Flight (July 31).

Flight Lieutenant C. R. Smythe, to R.A.F. Depot (July 1).

Lieut.-Comdr. (Flt. Lieut., R.A.F.)—F. W. H. Clarke, to *Glorious*, for 461 Flight, in command (July 15).

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Flying Officer.—W. R. Hartwright, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport (July 18).

## R.A.F. Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell

The following are extracts from the Report by the Commanding Officer, Group-Capt. R. H. Verney, at the Passing-Out Inspection of Aircraft Apprentices on July 28, 1932. The inspection was carried out by Air Vice-Marshal F. W. Bowhill, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The total entry (after allowing for changes) is 74, comprising 33 Wireless Operator Mechanics and 41 Electricians.

**Discipline.**—A high standard has been maintained by this Entry, though I regret to report that as regards the Aircraft Apprentices as a whole I have to complain of some lack of discipline in observing the regulations about smoking, the saluting of Officers, and lack of steadiness, e.g. looking about while on parade or marching at attention.

**Training.** *Wireless Operator Mechanics.*—Reports received from the various technical sections on this Entry of Aircraft Apprentices vary considerably—in Morse Signalling and Procedure they have reached a high standard, in Radio and Electrical subjects they have displayed keenness, and their attainments, though not brilliant, are well up to average. In the Workshops Sections their attainment is average, and their application fair. The standard attained in Aircraft Wiring was below average, but they are well up to standard in air operating.

The results attained at the C.T.T.B. Examination were satisfactory; of 33 pupils examined, 5 passed out as L.A.C., 22 as A.C.1, and 6 as A.C.2.

**Electricians.**—The standard reached by the Electricians of this entry has been quite up to average.

The actual results obtained in the final C.T.T.B. Examination are fair—of 40 pupils examined, 4 passed out as L.A.C., 20 as A.C.1, and 16 as A.C.2. One Apprentice, absent in Hospital, has not yet been examined.

**Education.**—Comparatively speaking, the standard of the entry has been rather lower than usual, but sixty-two Apprentices succeeded in qualifying educationally for L.A.C., although only two candidates obtained more than 75 per cent., and only five more than 70 per cent. The average marks for the entry as a whole, 58.7 per cent., compares a little unfavourably with 60 per cent and 62.6 per cent. for the previous two Entries that have passed out. Nevertheless, the results, apart from the eleven Apprentices who failed to qualify educationally for L.A.C., have been very satisfactory indeed for the general body of candidates.

**General.**—In addition to the 420 Aircraft Apprentices there are Officers and Airmen under training in the School. 18 Officers and 360 Airmen at the time this Report was written.

**Medical.** *General Health.*—During the period under review the general health of the troops was very good. Other than one case of Scarlet Fever, no infectious diseases occurred.

The total number of Apprentices admitted to Hospital for the period January to June was 95, compared with 110 for the corresponding period of last year.

**Instructional Developments.**—(a) As experience had shown that the 12 Wireless Outstations situated on the road leading to Cranwell Village were inadequate for the numbers under training, the capacity for this form of instruction has been increased by converting a large lecture room into 12 internal sound-proof cubicles. These are organised as Wireless Stations, and enable the instruction and experience in handling traffic to be increased.

(b) By the introduction of a remotely-controlled Wireless Station we are enabled to work two aeroplanes in the air using continuous wave transmission and reception. In addition, the use of a large field as a landing ground, 4 miles from Cranwell, has been obtained, and this enables air operating to be practised in conjunction with a portable ground station without adding to the air congestion of aircraft operating near Cranwell Aerodrome.

**Drill.**—This refers to Aircraft Apprentices. The general standard is considered to be good.

**Physical Training.**—This refers to Aircraft Apprentices.

Since January, every Aircraft Apprentice has half an hour's P.T. before breakfast on one morning a week, and half an hour in the morning or afternoon on another day, and the effects are obviously beneficial.

**Games.**—Refers only to "A" Squadron (Aircraft Apprentices).

**Association Football.**—The Squadron XI played 24 games in the Ruskington League. Of these, 16 were won, 1 was drawn, and 7 lost. Flight-Apprentice Hollingworth scored 45 goals out of the total of 108 scored by the team during the whole season. The Squadron was fourth in the League table at the conclusion of the season.

**Rugby Football.**—The Rugby team was less successful. 26 games were played since the beginning of the year, of which 9 were won, 2 drawn and 15 lost.

**Hockey.**—19 games were played, of which 11 were won, 3 were drawn and 5 lost.

**Athletics.**—The Apprentices Squadron obtained the highest aggregate of points in the Command Sports held at Cranwell on May 30, 1932, and were awarded the Squadron Championship Cup for the first time. The Tug-of-War Cup was also won by the "A" Squadron team which was composed entirely of apprentices.

**Cricket.**—Eleven matches have been played up to the present of which 7 have been won and 4 lost.

**Prizes.**—The winners of the Air Ministry Prizes were as under:—

**Highest Aggregate Prize** for the Aircraft Apprentice obtaining the highest aggregate marks in all subjects:—Sergeant-Apprentice Barsby, N.

**Highest Technical Prize** for the Aircraft Apprentice obtaining the highest marks in technical subjects, and **Highest Educational Prize** for the Aircraft Apprentice obtaining the highest marks in Educational Subjects:—Corporal-Apprentice Tillyard, R.

**Cadetships.**—No cadetships have been awarded on this occasion to aircraft apprentices passing out from the Electrical and Wireless School.