

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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General Duties Branch

Group Capt. J. T. Cull, D.S.O., is placed on half-pay list, scale A (Jan. 2); Sqdn. Ldr. F. R. Alford, M.C., is placed on half-pay list, scale A (Dec. 26, 1933); F/O. M.R. Kelly takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date Aug. 22, 1930, immediately following F/O. G. P. Longfield on the gradation list—reduction takes effect from Nov. 15, 1933; Air Commodore R. P. Ross, D.S.O., A.F.C., is placed on retired list at his own request (Jan. 1); Flt. Lt. R. F. Part is placed on retired list on account of ill-health (Jan. 1).

The follg. Flying Officers are transferred to Reserve, class A:—C. R. Crow, J. S. Douglas, E. Esmonde, J. W. C. Glen, D. B. Knapp, H. V. L'Amey, A. E. V. Mathias, A. T. Orchard, T. J. Rees, E. G. Sharp, J. A. Simpson (Dec. 28, 1933); O. P. E. Williams (Dec. 29, 1933). The follg. Flight Lts. are transferred to Reserve, class A (Jan. 3):—G. A. Simons, H. Thomas.

Memorandum

F/O. G. J. Ross is removed from retired list (Dec. 21, 1933).

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

General Duties Branch

F/O. A. G. Lamplugh is transferred from class A to class C (Dec. 30, 1933). The follg. Flying Officers relinquish their comms. on completion of service and are permitted to retain their rank:—H. Hollick-Kenyon (Oct. 2, 1933); J. H. Parry (Dec. 18, 1933).

Medical Branch

Flt.-Lt. P. A. Carrie, M.B., relinquishes his commn. on completion of service (Dec. 22, 1933).

SPECIAL RESERVE

General Duties Branch

M. A. Smith is granted a commn. as Pilot Officer on probation (Jan. 2); Pilot Officer on probation J. A. Robinson is confirmed in rank (Nov. 19, 1933).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

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Wing Commander F. H. Coleman, D.S.O., to H.Q., Coastal Area, Lee-on-Solent, 21.12.33 for Personnel Staff duties, vice W/Cdr. L. C. Keeble.

Squadron Leaders: E. B. C. Betts, D.S.C., D.F.C., to No. 101 (B) Sqdn., Andover, 21.12.33 to Command, vice W/Cdr. F. H. Coleman, D.S.O. H. J. Collins, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, 20.12.33, for Flying duties with Base Training Sqdn., vice S/Ldr. N. P. Dixon, A.F.C. C. St. Noble, to H.Q., Fighting Area, Uxbridge, 21.12.33, for Equipment (Engr.) Staff duties, vice S/Ldr. R. E. G. Fulljames, M.C. C. R. Keary, to R.A.F. Base, Kai Tak, 6.11.33, to Command, vice S/Ldr. P. C. Wood. C. E. H. James, M.C., to Air Ministry, Dept. of Air Member for Personnel (D.D.M.), 29.12.33, for Personnel Staff duties vice F/Lt. E. B. Addison. A. Rowan, to Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establt., Martlesham Heath, 28.12.33, for duty as Adjutant. J. F. Gordon, D.F.C., to Aircraft Depot, Iraq, Hinaidi, 22.12.33, for Administrative duties, vice S/Ldr. L. M. Iles, A.F.C.

Flight Lieutenants: C. S. Cadell, to No. 2 (A.C.) Sqdn., Manston, 19.12.33. M. H. Garnons-Williams, to Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Flight, Biggin Hill, 29.12.33. F. G. S. Mitchell, to No. 4 (A.C.) Sqdn., S. Farnborough, 20.12.33.



Examinations for Civil Air Navigators' Licences

PROVIDED a sufficient number of applications is received: (a) a full examination for First Class Air Navigators' Licences will be held, in London only, on Monday to Friday, March 19-23, 1934, inclusive. (b) facilities will also be given at centres abroad for candidates to sit, for the written papers only, on Monday to Wednesday, March 19-21, 1934, inclusive, in the case of those candidates who can satisfy the Air Ministry that they can present themselves in London prior to March 1, 1935, for the practical tests. The failure of any candidate, through any cause whatsoever, to present himself in London for the practical tests within the period stated will unconditionally render the candidate liable to sit again for the whole examination.

An examination for Second Class Air Navigators' Licences will also be held on Monday to Thursday, March 19-22, 1934, inclusive, at the following centres: (a) London (at a centre to be announced later); (b) Heliopolis (the office of the British Aviation Directorate Representative in Egypt, Heliopolis Aerodrome); (c) Baghdad (Hinaidi Aerodrome); (d) Singapore (Seletar Aerodrome).

The establishment of an examination centre in India is at present under consideration. Prospective candidates should forward their applications to the Director of Civil Aviation in India, Department of Industries and Labour, New Delhi.

Application forms, syllabi and the conditions of examination may be obtained on application in writing to (i) the Secretary, Air Ministry (C.A.2), Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, (ii) the British Civil Aviation Directorate Representative in Egypt, Heliopolis Aerodrome, Heliopolis, Egypt, or (iii) the British Civil Aviation Directorate Representative at Singapore, Royal Air Force Headquarters, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

Formal applications for permission to attend these examinations must be made on Form C.A.2.c. and, together with the prescribed fees, must have been received at the appropriate address: (a) in the case of the First Class examination to be held in London, not later than Monday, February 19, 1934, (b) in the case of the First Class examination (written papers only) at centres abroad, not later than Monday, January 22, 1934, and (c) in the case of the Second Class examination (London and abroad), not later than Monday, February 19, 1934.

In no circumstances can late applications be considered. Applications to sit for the examination should be lodged with: (a) For the London centre: The Secretary, Air Ministry (C.A.2), Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2; (b) For the Heliopolis centre: The British Civil Aviation Directorate Representative in Egypt, Heliopolis Aerodrome, Heliopolis, Egypt; (c) For the Baghdad centre: The Air Officer Commanding, Iraq Command, Royal Air Force, Air Headquarters, Hinaidi, Iraq; (d) For the Singapore centre: The British Civil Aviation Directorate Representative at Singapore, Royal Air Force Headquarters, Singapore, Straits Settlements.



New rank in the R.A.F.

OUR printers invented a new R.A.F. rank last week. Sqd. Ldr. Soden's initials happen to be F. O. The result was a caption, on page 9, which gave that distinguished officer the rank of Sqd. Ldr. F/O. Soden. A certain number of copies were printed before the mistake was discovered, and to those of our readers who happened to get these copies we offer apologies, as well as to

Candidates should give, with their formal application, full details of any qualifications and experience they already possess.

Before a licence can be issued, candidates must pass the prescribed medical examination, for which special arrangements will be made where necessary.

Copies of the papers set at previous examinations for Second Class Air Navigators' Licences may be obtained from His Majesty's Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, or through any bookseller, as follows:—Papers set at the six examinations held in October, 1930, July, 1930, March, 1930, October, 1929, December, 1928, and April, 1928, bound in one volume, price 2s. net, or 2s. 4d. post free, inland. Papers set at the examination held in March-April, 1931, price 6d. net, or 8d. post free, inland. Papers set at the examination held in October, 1931, price 6d. net, or 8d. post free, inland. Papers set at the examination held in March, 1932, price 6d. net, or 8d. post free, inland. Papers set at the examination held in October-November, 1932, price 6d. net, or 8d. post free, inland. Papers set at the examination held in March, 1933, price 6d. net, or 8d. post free, inland.

Copies of the papers set at previous examinations for First Class Air Navigators' Licences may be obtained free of charge on application to the Secretary, Air Ministry (C.A.4), Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

The attention of candidates is drawn to the following: (a) *International Legislation.*—A list of the United Kingdom air navigation regulations, etc., in force will be published in Notice to Airmen No. 2 of 1934. (b) *Maps.*—The War Office "Manual of Map Reading, Field Sketching and Air Photography," published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, price 3s. net, or 3s. 4d. post free, is recommended as an additional book for study. (c) *Air Navigation.*—A new "Manual of Air Navigation" has been published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, price 8s. 6d. net, or 9s. post free, inland. This publication will be found to be a valuable supplement to the "Manual of Air Pilotage, 1930." (d) *Visual Signalling.*—Candidates will be examined in the new Procedure for flashing and semaphore laid down in Part I of the International Code of Signals, 1932. This procedure will be found in the 1933 edition of "Brown's Signalling." Candidates are recommended to study Chapters II, III, VII, VIII and IX. A.M. Pamphlet No. 44 is being amended accordingly.

A further examination for Second Class Air Navigators' Licences will be held during October, 1934. An examination for First Class Licences will also be held in March, 1935, if a sufficient number of applications is received.

The Air Force List

THE January issue of the Air Force List has now been published. It can be purchased (price 2s. 6d.) from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; 2, York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 15, Donegall Square, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Sqd. Ldr. Soden for the unique rank conferred upon him.

Decrease in R.A.F. accidents

IN R.A.F. statistics published lately there is shown a considerable decrease in accidents for miles flown. In the year 1921 the total mileage of the R.A.F. was 5,000,000 miles, and there were 22 fatal accidents. In the year 1933 over 40,000,000 miles were flown with only 39 fatal accidents.