

# THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



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**General Duties Branch**

E. R. Berrill is granted a short service commn. as Acting Pilot Officer on probation with effect from and with seny. of April 16.

The follg. Pilot Officers are confirmed in rank :—W. S. Jenkins (April 10); J. H. Gratwick Sarll (April 11).

Pilot Officer on probation J. P. Selby is confirmed in rank (March 29).

The follg. Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer March 16 :—D. G. Lewis; J. K. Rotherham.

Wing Comdr. F. Fowler, D.S.C., A.F.C., is placed on the half-pay list, scale A (April 5); Group Capt. A. C. Winter, O.B.E., is seconded for duty as Air Adviser to the Greek Government (April 26); Sqd. Ldr. P. Warburton, M.B.E., ceases to be seconded for duty with the Iraq Government (April 1); Lt. C. P. Wade, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., relinquishes his temp. commn. on return to naval duty (March 15, 1933) (substituted for the notification in the Gazette of April 18, 1933); Lt. J. M. Wintour, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., relinquishes his temp. commn. on retirement from the Royal Navy (April 1); Flt. Lt. G. M. F. O'Brien, D.S.C., is placed on the retired list (April 28); Flt. Lt. W. M. Fry, M.C., is placed on the retired list at his own request (May 1).

**Medical Branch**

Flt. Lt. (Hon. Sqd. Ldr.) G. S. Ware, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., relinquishes his temp. commn. on completion of service and is permitted

to retain the honorary rank of Squadron Leader (April 7); Flt. Lt. (Hon. Sqd. Ldr.) J. G. Skeet, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., relinquishes his temp. commn. on completion of service (April 14).

**ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE  
RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS**

*General Duties Branch*

R. A. Farquhar is granted a commn. as Pilot Officer in Class A (March 27). The follg. Flying Officers are transferred from Class A to Class C :—R. Mountain (Oct. 15, 1933); B. E. Herbert, D.C.M. (Oct. 24, 1933). The commn. of Pilot Officer on probation R. H. Adams is terminated on cessation of duty (March 29).

**SPECIAL RESERVE**

*General Duties Branch*

W. B. Houston is granted a commn. as Pilot Officer on probation (March 24). The follg. Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer :—W. B. Royce (Dec. 4, 1933); H. M. Magrath (Jan. 8). The notification in the Gazette of April 24 concerning Pilot Officer R. F. G. Lea is cancelled.

**AUXILIARY AIR FORCE**

*General Duties Branch*

No. 605 (COUNTY OF WARWICK) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—F/O. J. R. H. Baker relinquishes his commn. on completion of service (Feb. 3); P/O. R. A. Farquhar resigns his commn. (March 27).

## ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

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

*General Duties Branch*

**Group Captains:** H. Gordon-Dean, A.F.C., to Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, 23.4.34, to command, vice A/Cdre. R. H. Verney, O.B.E. J. Sowrey, A.F.C., to R.A.F. Base, Malta, 16.4.34, to command, vice Wing-Com. R. L. G. Marix, D.S.O. A. C. Winter, O.B.E., to Special Duty List, 26.4.34, whilst seconded for duty as Air Adviser to the Greek Government.

**Wing Commanders:** R. L. G. Marix, D.S.O., to Station Headquarters, Hal Far, 16.4.34, to command, vice Wing-Com. E. R. Pretzman, H. K. Thorold, D.S.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., to No. 70 (B.T.) Squadron, Hinaidi, Iraq, 7.4.34, to command, vice Wing-Com. G. C. Bailey, D.S.O.

**Squadron Leaders:** J. P. Coleman, A.F.C., to No. 2 Armoured Car Company, Ramleh, Palestine, 5.4.34, to command, S. S. Benson, A.F.C., to Dept. of Air Member for Supply and Research, Air Ministry, 29.4.34, for equipment (engineer) staff duties.

**Flight Lieutenants:** M. Griffiths, to No. 504 (Co. of Nottingham) (B) Sqdn., Hucknall, 23.4.34. G. A. Hadley, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 23.4.34. G. H. Loughnan, to No. 32 (F) Sqdn., Biggin Hill, 22.4.34. A. H. Love, to Special Duty List, 28.4.34, for duty with the Army, on appointment as G.S.O. III, Western Command. C. B. R. Pelly, M.C., to No. 19 (F) Sqdn., Duxford, 26.4.34.

**Flying Officers:** C. G. Hill, to No. 4 (A.C.) Sqdn., South Farnborough, 22.4.34. A. W. Sweeney, to No. 600 (City of London) (B) Sqdn., Hendon,

20.4.34. L. I. T. Whitaker, to No. 4 (A.C.) Sqdn., South Farnborough, 22.4.34. E. M. F. Grundy, to Station Headquarters, North Weald, 23.4.34. B. H. Jones, to R.A.F. Base, Leuchars, 23.4.34.

The following Flying Officers are posted to Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, on 22.4.34 :—L. J. Crosbie (23.4.34); A. T. Monks, W. T. H. Nichols, W. P. G. Pretty (23.4.34); R. C. Richmond, A. M. Rodgers, T. U. C. Shirley, J. A. Tester, H. B. Wrigley (23.4.34).

**Acting Pilot Officers:** E. R. Berrill, to No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir, Egypt, 16.4.34, on appointment to a short service commn. H. A. R. Holford, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 21.4.34.

*Accountant Branch*

Flight Lieutenant W. E. V. Richards, to No. 208 (A.C.) Sqdn., Heliopolis, Egypt, 9.4.34.

*Medical Branch*

Squadron Leader J. T. T. Forbes, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 24.4.34, for duty as Medical Officer.

**NAVAL APPOINTMENT**

The following appointment has been made by the Admiralty :—

**PROMOTION**

Lt. (F/O., R.A.F.), H. C. Ranald to rank of Lt. Com. (seny. April 15).

**STAFF COLLEGE, QUETTA**

THE undermentioned officer has completed satisfactorily the course at the Staff College, Quetta, which terminated on December 17, 1933 :— Wing Com. M. Thomas, D.F.C., A.F.C., p.s.a.

**AIR FORCE LIST**

THE May 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 :—Austral 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.

**FLEET AIR ARM SQUADRONS AND FLIGHTS**

THE following squadrons disembarked from H.M.S. *Furious* on April 13, 1934 :—No. 801 (F.F.) Squadron, to R.A.F. Station, Netheravon; No. 822 (F.S.R.) Squadron, to R.A.F. Station, Netheravon; No. 811 (F.T.B.) Squadron, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport.

**R.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION**

THE following officers passed the R.A.F. Staff College Qualifying Examination which was held in January, 1934. Selection of officers to attend the next Staff College course will shortly be made from these officers and from those who previously qualified and are still eligible :—

*Royal Air Force*

FLT. LIEUTS. R. L. R. Atcherley; E. D. Barnes, A.F.C.; J. N. Boothman, A.F.C.; N. Carter; R. H. Carter; A. D. Davies; E. S. C. Davis, A.F.C.; P. E. R. Dixon, M.C. (Stores branch); G. H. Doveton (Stores branch); A. V. Hammond; V. Harris; F. W. Long; W. E. G. Mann, D.F.C.; G. E. Nichollett, A.F.C.; J. H. Pearson Rogers; L. F. Pendred, M.B.E., D.F.C.; N. A. P. Pritchett; J. H. C. Wake; E. L. S. Ward; C. W. Weedon; T. M. Williams, M.C., D.F.C.

Flying Officers W. A. D. Collingwood, W. J. B. Elliott, H. W. Penney, M. S. Shapcott (Stores branch).

*Dominion Air Forces*

Royal Australian Air Force.—Flt. Lt. A. L. Walters.  
Royal Canadian Air Force.—Flt. Lieuts. A. P. Campbell, B. G. Carr-Harris, F. G. Wait.

**R.A.F. FLYING INSTRUCTORS**

THE Air Council have had under review the policy governing the provision of flying instructors. The experimental procedure whereby the selection of officers for flying instructor courses is made at the same stage of service as the selection of officers for specialisation, has proved satisfactory in providing suitable officers for this work. The Council propose, therefore,

to continue this system and to assimilate in certain respects the career of flying instructors even more closely with that of specialist officers.

One of the results of the system of time promotion to flight lieutenant is to eliminate the necessity for a separate classification of flight lieutenant and flying officer flying instructor posts. It will now be practicable to regard existing flight lieutenant and flying officer flying instructor posts as forming one class—which it is proposed to designate "flight lieutenant or flying officer" posts—with the consequent advantage that it will be unnecessary to repost a flying officer serving in a flying instructor post if, during his tenure of it, he is promoted to flight lieutenant.

The essential distinction in future will be between flying instructors serving in their first tour as such and those serving in their second or third tours. It will, therefore, be possible to put flying instructor posting on lines similar to specialist posting. After completing his first three-year tour between four and seven years' service, a flying instructor will revert to other Air Force duty for a tour of two to three years. He will be earmarked for return to flying instructor employment at the end of his reversion posting. When this time comes he will automatically return to flying instructor employment for his second tour, and normally no other posting, except in the case of officers selected early for the Staff College, will be allowed to interfere with this. After completing a second flying instructor tour, an officer will revert again to other Air Force duty and will be available later in the rank of squadron leader for a third flying instructor tour. It will not be necessary, however, to earmark more than a proportion of officers completing their second tour to return to flying instructor employment for a third tour.

Flying instructor posts at present classified as flight lieutenant posts and flying officer posts respectively, will in future be classified as "flight lieutenant or flying officer" posts. It is recognised that the duties of a number of these posts make them appropriate to second-tour officers, and they will be so filled, so far as second-tour officers are available. The fact that a post has hitherto been classified as a flight lieutenant post will not necessarily entitle it to a second-tour instructor; it may be filled by one of the more senior of the officers in their first tour.

The Council have further decided that medium-service flying instructors shall be required to give two tours as flying instructor with an interval of reversion to other employment between them. Selection of short service officers for permanent commissions and medium service and their selection for specialist and flying instructor training will continue to be made in the fourth year of service; short service officers entered subsequently to April 1, 1932, will, therefore, have an average of seven years to serve after selection for medium service. Of this period medium-service flying instructors would spend the first three years and the last two in flying instructor employment.

The conditions of the provision of flying instructors from airman pilots remain unchanged.