

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

1st November 1977.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Commodore M. G. BEAVIS, C.B.E., A.F.C., M.B.I.M., is appointed Director-General of Royal Air Force training with the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal in succession to Air Vice-Marshal F. B. SOWREY, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C., 24th Oct. 1977. The announcement concerning Air Commodore B. W. PLENDERLEITH, M.A., C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S., M.B.I.M., in *London Gazette* dated 30th Aug. 1977 is hereby cancelled.

Group Captain D. A. ATHERTON is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN in succession to Group Captain H. E. BOOTHBY, O.B.E., B.A., on the latter's retirement from the Royal Air Force, 1st Nov. 1977.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)**As Acting Pilot Officer :**Aircraftmen :*

6th Oct. 1977

Clifford John BROOM (8026992).
Neil BURN (8026989).
Thomas Simon John HOWE (8026990).
Kieran Charles KIELY (8026995).
Kenneth William PARK (8026991).
Ian Griffiths SMITH (8026956).
Kenneth WOOLER (8026996).

*Promotion**Air Marshal to Air Chief Marshal :*

Sir Alasdair STEEDMAN, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., F.B.I.M., 26th Oct. 1977.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

G. A. SINCLAIR, B.Sc. (2623790), 1st Nov. 1977.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

24th Sep. 1977

G. J. CRAWFORD (8019370).
A. OWEN (8019491).
M. R. J. WESTCOTT (5202792), 27th Oct. 1977.

Specialist Aircrew

The under-mentioned Flight Lieutenants are designated Specialist Aircrew:

A. R. BELL (607995), 27th Oct. 1977.
R. C. HENDERSON (507142), 30th Oct. 1977.

*Regrading**Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :*

28th Oct. 1977

J. D. E. ANTHONY (8026814).
C. L. BOND (8026823).
E. S. BROLON (8026798).
D. G. BUXTON (8026812).
I. DAVIDSON (8026807).
D. T. DIBBENS (8026371).
N. J. GOODENOUGH (8026824).
H. M. M. HAINES (8026806).
G. H. HILLIARD (8026805).
A. M. LEWRY (8026825).
R. A. MARSHALL (8026822).
S. V. MOLE (8026760).
S. J. PARTRIDGE (8026803).
A. PEMBERTON (8026813).
J. G. SUTHERLAND (8026809).

Transfer between Branches

Flight Lieutenant J. A. COLGATE, B.Sc. (2623777) to the Photographic Interpretation Branch; 30th Aug. 1977, in the rank of Flying Officer with seniority adjusted to 15th Apr. 1977.

Flight Lieutenant R. C. ADAMS (1960930) to the General Duties (Ground) Branch, 31st Oct. 1977, in existing rank and seniority.

*Retirement**Squadron Leaders :*

P. J. DEAKIN, M.I.P.M., A.M.B.I.M. (607234), 26th Aug. 1977.

P. J. MAITLAND, A.F.C. (607950), 23rd Sep. 1977.

A. COWAN (173450), 19th Oct. 1977.

J. G. SIMMS (1851237), 31st Oct. 1977.

R. ISHERWOOD (48429), 1st Nov. 1977.

Flight Lieutenants :

P. J. DIGGANCE (4230179), 4th Oct. 1977.

H. A. BEBBINGTON (588301), 31st Oct. 1977.

G. W. MANSFIELD (5202461) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service), 26th Oct. 1977.

B. V. PERRY (608726) (at own request), 4th Oct. 1977.

Commission Terminated

Flying Officer S. M. ROBERTS, B.Sc. (5202362), 8th Sep. 1977.

GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Short Service)

As Acting Pilot Officer (six years on the Active List and four years on the Reserve) :

Aircraftswoman Hazel Elizabeth GRIFFITH (8032063) W.R.A.F., 6th Oct. 1977.

As Acting Pilot Officer (five years on the Active List and four years on the Reserve) :

Aircraftman Richard John Bridgewater THOMPSON (8023445), 6th Oct. 1977.

*Transfer to the Reserve**Flying Officers :*

M. D. E. GILBERT, B.Sc. (5201885), 17th Oct. 1977.

C. A. SPINK (8031837) W.R.A.F., 19th Oct. 1977.

Retirement

Squadron Leader E. NOBLE (582438) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service), 26th Oct. 1977.

Commission Resigned

Flight Lieutenant B. J. HARDWICK (3504648) (Retd.), 12th Jun. 1977.

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION BRANCH

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent) on Branch Officer Terms**As Flying Officer :*

Master Air Electronics Operator Walter Ernest HERRIDGE (2572063), 6th Oct. 1977 (Seniority 6th Oct. 1974).

Appointment to Commission (Short Service)

As Acting Pilot Officer (five years on the Active List and four years on the Reserve) :

Aircraftswoman Jaqueline Ann WHITE (8032049) W.R.A.F., 6th Oct. 1977.

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

M. C. HURRELL (8025676), 29th Oct. 1977.

ENGINEER BRANCH

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)**As Flying Officer :*

Sergeant Andrew Leonard PIPER (8018579), 6th Oct. 1977 (Seniority 15th Oct. 1975).

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

1st Nov 1977

D. R. HASZELDINE, B.Sc. (8018917).

M. J. KILSHAW, B.Sc. (5203342).