Group Captain Arthur Burdett BURDETT, D.S.O., is placed on the half-pay list, scale A. 1st Jan. 1930.

Vice-Marshal Frederick Crosby HALAHAN, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., is placed on the retired list at his own request (to accelerate promotions). 1st Jan. 1930.

Squadron Leader Alfred James CURRIE is placed on the retired list. 30th Dec. 1929.

Flight Lt. Frank Leonard Woledge resigns

his short service commission. 31st Dec. 1929. Flying Officer Frederick Basil Tomkins is transferred to the Reserve, Class A. Dec. 1929.

The short service commissions of the undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are terminated on cessation of duty:-

Gerald Lewis Score Marsh. 31st Dec. 1929. Richmond Rougier CHAPMAN. 1st Jan.

Flying Officer John Lancaster Bridge STEVINSON (Lt. R. Tank Corps) relinquishes his temporary commission on return to Army

duty. 18th Dec. 1929. Lt. Hugh Rowley Mount Nicholl, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., relinquishes his temporary commission on return to Naval duty. 30th Dec. 1929.

Lt. Edward Owen Figuls Price, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., ceases to be attached to the R.A.F. on return to Naval duty. 9th Dec. 1929.

STORES · BRANCH.

Squadron Leader Charles Marsden BEVAN . is placed on the retired list at his own request. 1st Jan. 1930.

Flying Officer Henry Owen Fellowes is cashiered by sentence of General Court Martial. 18th Dec. 1929.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flying Officer Thomas Alexander Edwards, M.B., resigns his short service commission. 31st Dec. 1929.

Flight Lt. Arthur Wandesford Comber relinquishes his temporary commission on completion of service. 20th Nov. 1929.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS. GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted commissions in the Special Reserve as Pilot Officers on probation:

Charles William LINDSAY. 8th Nov. 1929. Follett Berkeley Bristow. 13th Nov. 1929.

Civil Service Commission, December 31, 1929.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. :-

REGULATIONS RESPECTING COMPETITIVE EXAMINA-TIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

1. Candidates will be required to appear before a Board of Selection which will meet at the Office of the Civil Service Commission on the first Tuesday in May, and will decide which Candidates possess suitable qualifications for entry into the Foreign Office or Diplomatic Service in order to enable them to compete at the examination prescribed below. Candidates may appear before this Board of Selection at any time after they have attained the age of nineteen; but a Candidate who is not recommended for acceptance by the Board of Selection may not appear before that Board for interview a second time unless he is specifically notified after his first appearance that the Board will be prepared to see him

- 2. Candidates must have attained the age of 22 and must not have attained the age of 25 on the first day of August in the year in which the Examination is held.
- 3. Candidates must be natural-born British subjects and born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions of parents also born within those territories, except when the circumstances are such as to justify a departure from the general rule, in which case they can be allowed to compete by special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, provided they fulfil the conditions of the rule in respect of nationality prescribed for Candidates for admission to His Majesty's Civil Service as a whole, viz.:-
- "Candidates must be natural-born British subjects and the sons of fathers also naturalborn British subjects; provided that exception may be made:-
 - (a) In the case of Candidates serving in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.
 - (b) In the case of natural-born British subjects who served in His Majesty's Armed Forces in the Great War between 4th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918.
 - (c) In the case of natural-born British subjects who have satisfactorily completed a period of not less than five years' service on full pay in His Majesty's Regular Forces.

Provided also that if the Civil Service Commissioners are satisfied, in the case of any Candidate who is a British subject but does not fufil all the requirements of the rule as to nationality and descent, that the Candidate is so closely connected by ancestry and upbringing with His Majesty's dominions that an exception may properly be made to that rule, they may accept such Candidate as eligible provided that this discretion shall not be exercisable unless (a) the father or the paternal grandfather of the Candidate was a natural-born British subject, and (b) neither the father nor the paternal grandfather had acquired any other nationality by naturalization or by any other voluntary and formal act."

4. No person actually serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force will be eligible for admission to the Examination unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the competition, and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued.