

Group Captain Robert Henry Magnus Spencer SAUNDBY, M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., is appointed Director of Operational Requirements, Air Ministry. 22nd Dec. 1938.

The undermentioned (from Reserve) are granted short service commissions as Pilot Officers on probation on the dates stated:—

2nd Jan. 1939.  
Arthur Richard BUTCHER.

6th Jan. 1939.  
Thomas WATSON.

17th Jan. 1939.  
Reginald Otto ALTMANN.  
Donald James CATT.  
Raymond Walter CLARKE.  
Ronald Noel Hamilton COURTNEY.  
John Connell FREEBORN.  
Cecil Laing HULSE.  
Kenneth MANGER.  
John WILSON.

Pilot Officer on probation Thomas Aston HEATH is confirmed in his appointment. 28th Nov. 1938.

The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and graded as Pilot Officers on the dates stated:—

24th Aug. 1938.  
Alex Beresford Speedy HOLDSWORTH.

17th Dec. 1938.  
Peter Bruce ALEXANDER.  
Beresford Gwynne HOOPER.  
Derrick Harry CLARKE.  
Peter Meredith BOULTON.  
John Peter MICHELL.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on the dates stated:—

19th Nov. 1938.  
Hedley Neville FOWLER.

18th Dec. 1938.  
Archibald Mervin MCKENZIE.

23rd Dec. 1938.  
Eric Richard Dennis VAUGHAN (Acting Flying Officer).

29th Dec. 1938.  
Eugene John HETHERINGTON.  
John David Drought COLLIER (Acting Flying Officer).

Philip Howard JACKSON.  
Henry Ellis ANGELL.  
John Thomas Irvine CHALLES.

6th Jan. 1939.  
Thomas Keith MILNE.  
William John MACRAE.

8th Jan. 1939.  
Esmond John PALMER.  
Basil Allen MORTIMER.

11th Jan. 1939.  
Charles Denis LAVERS.

13th Jan. 1939.  
Adrian Hope BOYD.

15th Jan. 1939.  
Walter Harry POWDRELL.

Flying Officer Laurence John STICKLEY is granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant. 28th Nov. 1938.

The undermentioned Flying Officers relinquish the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—

14th Nov. 1938.  
Laurence John STICKLEY.

2nd Jan. 1939.  
Brian Eustace SMITH-REWSE.

Lieut.-Comdr. Charles Richard Vernon PUGH, R.N., Squadron Leader R.A.F., ceases to be attached to the Royal Air Force on return to Naval duty. 28th Dec. 1938.

Group Captain Lachlan Loudoun MACLEAN is placed on the retired list at his own request. 15th Jan. 1939.

Wing Commander Ruthven Montgomerie Chase MACFARLANE, M.C., is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health. 12th Jan. 1939.

Flying Officer Harold Oliver Barton MAWDSLEY is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health. 12th Jan. 1939.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey Hugh JOHN resigns his short service commission. 14th Jan. 1939.

Flight Lieutenant Francis Blomfield CHAPMAN relinquishes his short service commission on transfer to the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve. 16th Jan. 1939.

The undermentioned relinquish their short service commissions on appointment to the Air Branch of the Royal Navy. 2nd Jan. 1939:—

#### *Flying Officers.*

Neville Addison Fyers CHEESMAN.  
Bruce Paterson HART.  
Thomas Donald Mackintosh MACDONALD.  
John Raunsley SULLIVAN.  
John Francis WALKER.  
Vivian Elsenham Rush WILLIAMS.

#### *Pilot Officers.*

Karl Hermann APPLETON.  
John Kelsey CANNON.  
William DOBSON.  
Marcus David DONATI.  
Francis Bruce Blake HOCKING.  
Lloyd Kenneth KEITH (Acting Flying Officer).  
Humphrey Hoskins JACKSON.  
John Walter George WELLHAM.

#### *EQUIPMENT BRANCH.*

The undermentioned Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments. 10th Jan. 1939:—

William Henry Bryant HODGES.  
Arthur Robert WILLIAMS.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments, and promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. 10th Jan. 1939:—

Alan MILLER.  
Douglas George SCOTT.  
Arthur George SUTTON.

#### *MEDICAL BRANCH.*

Flying Officer Norman MACKENZIE, M.B., Ch.B., is promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant with effect from 6th Sept. 1938 and with seniority of 9th Oct. 1937. (Substituted for notification in Gazette of 27th Dec. 1938.)