

*No. 922 (West Lancashire) Squadron.*

The undermentioned are granted commissions as Acting Pilot Officers on probation. 20th Aug. 1939:—

Jessop Martin Spencer HOGG (91125).  
John Hurst HAYES (91126).

*No. 923 (County of Warwick) Squadron.*

The undermentioned are granted commissions as Acting Pilot Officers on probation. 24th Aug. 1939:—

Samuel Stephen WHEELER (91127).  
Anthony Walter BACON (91138).

*No. 925 (East Lancashire) Squadron.*

Robert Nevil Clifford RACKER (91128) is granted a commission as Acting Pilot Officer on probation. 29th Aug. 1939.

*No. 930 (Hampshire) Squadron.*

Gervase Bowes MONKMAN (91132) is granted a commission as Flying Officer. 29th Aug. 1939.

*No. 931 (Hampshire) Squadron.*

Jack Onslow FANE (91139) is granted a commission as Acting Pilot Officer on probation. 29th Aug. 1939.

*No. 933 (Hampshire) Squadron.*

Clifford William KILN (91124) is granted a commission as Acting Pilot Officer on probation. 30th Aug. 1939.

*No. 935 (County of Glamorgan) Squadron.*

The Right Honourable, The Earl of Plymouth, P.C., is appointed Honorary Air Commodore. 11th Sept. 1939.

*No. 942 (East Riding) Squadron.*

Duke Edmund YONGE (91119) is granted a commission as Pilot Officer. 21st Aug. 1939.

*No. 943 (East Riding) Squadron.*

The undermentioned are granted commissions as Pilot Officers on the dates stated:—

21st Aug. 1939.

Liege Hulett KIRKBY (91120).

25th Aug. 1939.

Hugh Christian RADCLIFFE (91118).

*No. 944 (East Riding) Squadron.*

The undermentioned are granted commissions as Pilot Officers on the dates stated:—

21st Aug. 1939.

James Resesby LLOYD (91121).  
Sydney Harold HOLLAND (91122).

25th Aug. 1939.

John Henry HOLLAND (91117).

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

*No. 500 (County of Kent) Squadron.*

The undermentioned are granted commissions in the ranks and on the dates stated:—

*Flying Officer.*

22nd July 1939.

Eric Arthur SPENCER-EDWARDS (91113).

*Acting Pilot Officer on probation.*

1st Sept. 1939.

Lawrence Sandys LITCHFIELD (91114).

*No. 612 (County of Aberdeen) Squadron.*

Ralph Mortimer JOHNSON (91143) is granted a commission as Pilot Officer. 2nd Sept. 1939.

## EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenant Roger BURGESS relinquishes his commission on cessation of duty. 11th Sept. 1939.

*No. 924 (East Lancashire) Squadron.*

Harry BURGESS (91141) is granted a commission as Pilot Officer. 25th Aug. 1939.

*No. 931 (Hampshire) Squadron.*

Horace Ronald DIBBEN (91140) is granted a commission as Pilot Officer. 30th Aug. 1939.

## AUXILIARY AIR FORCE RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

*No. 601 (County of London) Squadron.*

The Honourable William Drogo Sturges MONTAGU (91111) is granted a commission in class A as Flying Officer. 1st Sept. 1939.

*India Office,*

26th September, 1939.

## GEORGE R.I.

Whereas an Order, known as the Indian Order of Merit, was instituted by a Resolution of the Governor-General of India in Council, dated the seventeenth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven:

And whereas it has seemed to Us desirable to make provision Ourselves for this Order.

We do by these Presents declare that the Rules and Regulations made in the past from time to time for the governance of the said Order shall be cancelled and We are pleased to make for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the following Ordinances in substitution of the same:—

*First.* It is ordained that the Order shall be named "The Indian Order of Merit" and shall be divided into a Civil Division and a Military Division.

*Secondly.* It is ordained that the Civil Division of the Order shall consist of one Class and that appointment to it may be made only by Our Viceroy. Any of Our subjects of Indian origin or any subject of a Ruler of an Indian State may be appointed to the Order for any act of conspicuous personal bravery in aid of public authority or the safety of others.

*Thirdly.* It is ordained that the Insignia of the Civil Division of the Order shall be a Badge consisting of an eight pointed star 1 inch in diameter composed of rays, with in the centre a circular ground of dark blue enamel surrounded by a laurel wreath. On the enamel ground there shall be the Royal Cypher surmounted by a Crown encircled with the words "For Bravery." The Badge shall be of silver and the laurel wreath and the design in