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*Air Ministry,*

26th December, 1939.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

##### *Squadron Leader.*

7th Nov. 1939.

Sidney George BIRCH (34120).

##### *Flight Lieutenants.*

14th Aug. 1939.

Alan Francis BANDIDT (34209).

1st Sept. 1939.

Leslie Percy GIBSON (34082).

22nd Sept. 1939.

Bruce ROBINSON (34111).

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

3rd Sept. 1939.

Jack Llewellyn ELLIS (39510).

John Geoffrey HICK (39440).

20th Sept. 1939.

Leonard John Webb FELGATE (70213).

24th Dec. 1939.

William Alexander SMITH (40026).

Roy Dudley DAVIS (39969).

Douglas Anthony FORDHAM (39976).

Christopher Francis GIBSON (39981).

James Henry Leslie ALLEN (39957).

Harry BURTON (39965).

Donald John Geoffrey JACKSON (39989).

Kenneth Alexander MACKAY (40000).

Thomas Henry Bryan TAYLER (40029).

Sydney Bruce BINTLEY (39961).

Alexander James Alan LAING (39993).

Cyril George MILES (40005).

Ernest Reginald BERRY (39959).

John Hamilton LAUGHLIN (39995).

William Storey MOORE (40007).

William Campbell WILKINSON (40038).

Philip John FROST (39978).

John Dudley EDMONDS (39971).

Squadron Leader Ernest Lionel ARDLEY (03121) (R.A.F., Ret.) is granted the honorary rank of Wing Commander from 21st Aug. 1939 to 14th Sept. 1939, inclusive.

The short service commissions of the undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are terminated on cessation of duty on the dates stated:—

20th Dec. 1939.

Leslie Denis RYAN (42363).

22nd Dec. 1939.

Llewellyn Alfred AVISS (42384).

#### EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. 28th Nov. 1939:—

Eric BANISTER (41098).

Richard Bernard Bond COCKSHUTT (41111).

Tobias Richard Fraser HANDCOCK (41119).

Archie MACRURY (41125).

Acting Pilot Officer on probation Patrick Kevin MCCRETON (31451) resigns his short service commission. 31st Oct. 1939.

#### PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss Christina Mackenzie Stobie SMITH resigns her appointment. 20th Dec. 1939.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE.

##### *Reserve of Air Force Officers.*

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wing Commander Geoffrey Hilton BOWMAN, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. (R.A.F., Ret.), is granted a commission in class CC as Wing Commander from 3rd Aug. 1939 to 31st Aug. 1939, inclusive.

Squadron Leader John Symonds HARRISON (R.A.F., Ret.) is granted a commission in class CC as Flight Lieutenant (Honorary Squadron Leader). 31st Oct. 1938.

George Frederick Louis COATES is granted a commission in class CC as Flying Officer. 14th Aug. 1939.

Flying Officer Harold Victor SMITH, D.C.M., is granted the rank of Flight Lieutenant. 30th Oct. 1939.

The undermentioned relinquish their commissions in class CC on appointment to commissions in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 1st Sept. 1939:—

##### *Squadron Leaders.*

Henry Adelbert ANSON (Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., Ret.).

David George FLEMING (Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., Ret.).

Robert Frederick Charles METCALFE (Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., Ret.).

##### *Flight Lieutenant (Honorary Squadron Leader).*

Walter Hodsoll Gordon HEATH.

##### *Flight Lieutenants.*

Ian Patrick MAGRATH.

Leslie William Charles PEARCE-GERVIS.

Ronald Frederick Anderson Whittaker WILLIAMS.

Keith Chatfield Barrington WOODMAN.

Malcolm Kenneth MCGREGOR.

##### *Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant).*

Walter Henry Edward TEW.

##### *Flying Officer (Honorary Flight Lieutenant).*

George BAKER (Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., Ret.).