28th Dec. 1939. Samuel Thomas BEAL (41654). Colin James Ray Walker (41759).

30th Jan. 1940. James Olliff GRIFFITS (41692).

The undermentioned Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:

1st Feb. 1940. James Brian Tait (33291).

21st Feb. 1940.

(Seniority 21st May 1939.) Kenneth Vernon GARSIDE (36107).

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

12th Jan. 1940.

Archibald William Herbert READER (40139).

12th Feb. 1940. John Ambrose Pritchard (40136). Edward Creighton Fyson (40103).

Walter Harry Shaw (40146).

15th Feb., 1940. Maurice Coupland (40209).

16th Feb. 1940.

Dundas Kenneth Bednall (40169). Frank Macdonald Hunter (40178).

Anthony Ives Hostage Lynch, D.F.C. (40180).

Henry John Starrett (40188).

18th Feb. 1940.

George Victor Proudman (39947). Kenneth Rhodes Ball (39925).

Walter Thomas Brooks (39932). Peter Walker (39953).

Harold Frederick Roy Bradbury (39929). Peter Gerald Desmond FARR (39936).

20th Feb. 1940

Donald Charles Skene (39831).

Harry John Holt (39879).

Air Commodore David Grahame DONALD, D.F.C., A.F.C., is granted the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. 4th Jan. 1940.

Pilot Officer Alan Clement Godfrey (39820) takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Pilot Officer bore date 6th Nov. 1938. Reduction to take effect from 19th Jan. 1940.

Capt. Christopher Grant Hill (R.I.F.) is re-seconded for duty with the Royal Air Force in the rank of Flight Lieutenant with effect from 8th Feb. 1940 and with seniority

of 3rd Sept. 1937.
Group Captain John Leacroft, M.C. (R.A.F., Ret.), relinquishes at his own request the rank of Group Captain whilst reemployed with the Royal Air Force and is granted the rank of Wing Commander. Šept. 1939.

#### EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments on the dates stated:-

2nd Jan. 1940. Hugh Bernard Scully (31245).

23rd Jan. 1940. John Patrick BEALE (31257). Anthony Marcus Howard Cole (31263).

John Chamberlin CRACROFT-RICE (31265). Kingston James HATTRICK (31272). Eric Donald HILLS (31275). Geoffrey Price Howell (31278). Peter John Hilton Perkin (31289). Dennis Henry Wood (31301). Stanley Ronald Winget Amor (31256). Benjamin Britton Johnson (31280). Max Carne Mainprice (31282). Derek Herbert Pollard (31290). Arthur William Rhodes (31294). Edward Marsden Sopwith (31304). Jeffrey Stephen Wilkinson (31299).

Group Captain Rudall Woodliffe THOMAS, O.B.E., is promoted to the rank of Air Commodore. 15th Aug. 1939. (Substituted for the notification in Gazette of 2nd Jan. 1940.)

Frank Squadron Leader ANDERSON (R.A.F., Ret.) (10021) relinquishes at his own request the rank of Squadron Leader whilst re-employed with the Royal Air Force and is granted the rank of Flight Lieutenant. 1st Nov. 1939.

Acting Pilot Officer Thomas Leigh-MALLORY relinquishes his short service commission on account of ill-health. 24th Feb.

### ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

The undermentioned Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments. 21st Dec. 1939:-

William Gardner (21279). Ronald Carter (21278).

#### COMMISSIONED ENGINEER OFFICER.

Flying Officer Charles Allen Pope (35145) is seconded for special duty. 29th Sept.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE.

Reserve of Air Force Officers.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Maj. William Edward Brabazon Dowling (R.A.R.O.) is granted a commission in class CC as Flight Lieutenant. 15th Dec. 1939.

The undermentioned Flight Lieutenants are granted the rank of Squadron Leader on the dates stated:

13th Oct. 1939.

Gerald Douglas SANDFORD.

30th Oct. 1939.

Maurice Bennetts, M.C.

26th Nov. 1939 Walter Leslie Hailes, M.C.

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

# Squadron Leader.

Richard William Gordon West (Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., Ret.).

Flight Lieutenant (Honorary Squadron Leader). Franklin Herbert Worlledge.

Flight Lieutenant.

Claude Jocelyn Lewin.

Flying Officer.

Harry Leslie Rudd.

Flight Lieutenant George Walter PHILLIPS (28054) relinquishes his commission account of ill-health. 6th Feb. 1940.