23rd Jan. 1940. Kevin Thomas Harvest Stoney (41880).

The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are graded as Pilot Officers on probation on the dates stated:-

5th Nov. 1939. Bruce Campbell Paton (42021).

13th Nov. 1939. Kenneth Montague Bastin (75168).

15th Jan. 1940. Peter Max THURTLE (76317). William Marcus Colby (76318).

Ireton Custerton (76319). Rowland Keith KEATING (76320).

27th Jan. 1940. John Vernon Baker (76162). John Colpoys Cunningham (76163). Neil Ged Dryburgh (76164). Stanley Harold PALMER (76165).

Captain John Joseph O.B.E., is promoted to the temporary rank of Air Commodore. 20th Feb. 1940.

Leader Stanley Squadron Rupert DARBYSHIRE (24249) is placed on the halfpay list, scale B, from 22nd to 31st Mar. 1939, inclusive.

Flying Officer (now Flight Lieutenant) Peter Wooldridge TOWNSEND (33178) is placed on the half-pay list, scale B, from 23rd Feb. 1938 to 4th Mar. 1938, inclusive.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are graded as Pilot Officers on probation on the dates stated:-

6th Jan. 1940.

Ernest James Wolfgang Stetson FOOTE

Cornelius William James Andrew HOMAN (75947).

15th Jan. 1940. Eric Claude Pointer (75963). John Forbes Keith (76099).

20th Jan. 1940. Alastair Grant Jones (75778).

22nd Jan. 1940. Ivan Cedric Swain (75815).

25th Jan. 1940. Colin HEARD-WHITE (19160). Cecil William REA (75807).

7th Feb. 1940. Charles Frank Burgess (75928). Henry Walter Aldridge CLIFFORD (75931). Harold Montague Heywood (75944). Douglas Henry Papps (75959). Jack Dixon Watford (75975).

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

5th Jan. 1940. Frederick Leo MILLS (72311). Alec Harold Kenneth STEVENS (72316).

12th Jan., 1940. Charles William Harman (72321). Cecil Reginald Craddock Marlow (72323).

26th Jan. 1940. James Francis Henry Adams (72421).

2nd Feb. 1940. William Percy Beddow (72352). Ivor Robert Mascall (72362).

9th Feb. 1940. Arthur Edward Antill (72385). John Louis King (72388).

16th Feb. 1940. Colin William Storer Collins (72402). Reginald Bertram PAVEY (72399).

23rd Feb. 1940. Owen Henry Downing (72405). Stanley Richard FAIRHEAD (72403). Edgar Howett (72413). William Robert Barnard Phipps (72409). Roberts William Tyler (72411).

29th Feb. 1940. Henry Arthur John Bolwell (72417). Allan George Dettmer (72418).

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

undermentioned are appointed Assistant Section Officers on the dates stated:-

26th Feb. 1940. Miss Leslie Angus Wilson (491). Miss Cynthia Mary Wood (492).

3rd Mar. 1940. Mrs. Natalie Bertha Kennedy Cochran-PATRICK (493).

GEORGE R.I.

ROYAL WARRANT.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient further to amend the Warrant of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh of 25th June, 1907, under which the Indian Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to Viceroy's commissioned. officers, Indian non-commissioned officers and, men of Our Indian Regular Military Forces, who have distinguished themselves in peace or on active service;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that Indian warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Air Force shall be included among the classes eligible for the aforesaid Medal and for the addition of a Bar to such Medal previously conferred, in the same manner and under the same rules and ordinances as We have already established, made and ordained for the government of this Medal.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this 16th day of February, in the Third Year of Our reign and in the year of Our Lord

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND, (Signed) ZETLAND.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, retirements, etc.:-

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

Engr. Comdr. C. R. L. Bergner retires 5th. Mar. 1940.

INDIAN ARMY.

Capt. G. Naylor, S.U.L., to be Major, 3rd. Sept. 1939.