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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Air Marshal Sir Bryan V. REYNOLDS, K.C.B., C.B.E., is appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Coastal Command, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John N. BOOTHMAN, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., on the latter's retirement. 5th Apr. 1956.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission (permanent).

As Flight Lieutenants : 1st Oct. 1955. William George Hester (3084292). James Eric Walton (579020).

Keith Ernest WILLS (3000791). 6th Jan. 1956 (for subsequent transfer to the Technical Branch). Kenneth John Ryan (1890373). 16th Jan. 1956. As Flying Officers :-

1st Oct. 1955. Thomas Edward Benson (2455931)

Thomas Edward Banks CHAMBERS (583836). Robert Woodhouse (4081862). Peter John WRIGHT (4046196).

ppointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.215/55. Appointment

As Flight Lieutenant (Branch List) :--Francis William BENNETT (155767), 22nd Dec. 1955 (and transferred to the Secretarial Branch. 31st Jan. 1956 (seniority 6th May 1949)).

Appointment to a permanent direct commission (scheme A). As Pilot Officers:-

Sergeants.

2nd Feb. 1956. 3039195 Ronald Alan Mercer (3039195). 4033515 Richard Bryan OLIVE (4033515).

Transfer to a direct commission.

- As Flying Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):---Dennis Robert OATEN-WAREHAM (4025697). 3rd Mar. 1955 (period of service to count from 7th May 1952). David John POWNALL (4053218). 8th Mar. 1955 (period of service to count from 6th Dec. 1950)
 - 1950).

- Transfer to a direct commission (scheme B). As Flight Lieutenant (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve). Peter Hamilton RICHARDSON (164869). 11th Nov. 1955 (period of service to count from 10th Oct. 1940) Oct. 1949).
- As Flying Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):— Derek Cecil RANSOM (2532374). 20th Apr. 1955 (period of service to count from 7th Nov. 1951).
 - Dennis John READ (4123924). 31st Oct. 1955 (period of service to count from 11th Mar. 1953). Alexander Charles WEDDERBURN (4087073). 21st Dec. 1955 (period of service to count from 19th Dec. 1951).
 - Gerald FOSTER (584261). 14th Feb. 1956 (period of service to count from 27th Feb. 1952). John Vernon COATES (4096421). 21st Feb. 1956 (period of service to count from 9th Apr. 1952).

As Pilot Officer (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):— Tom Leslie LECKY-THOMPSON (3515345). 20th May 1955 (period of service to count from 25th Feb. 1953) (since promoted to the rank of Flying Officer). (Substituted for notification of 13th Dec. 1955 (p. 7010, col. 1)).

Appointment to commission (national service). As Pilot Officers :

Aircraftmen 2nd class.

23rd Oct. 1955.

- 2591231 Christopher Hugh BRIGGS (2591231). 2591624 James Keith Ferguson DUNN (2591624). 2591663 Michael David JOYCE (2591663). 2738850 John William Edward THATCHER
- (2738850).
 - 27th Nov. 1955. 2750868 Clifford James DAY (2750868). 2591975 John Anthony DUCKWORTH (2591975). 2749136 Roger Anthony OWEN (2749136). 2608311 Ian Roderick TURVEY (2608311). 3145967 John Derek WATKINS (3145967). 2751611 Robert David WROUGHTON (2751611).

 - 3144652 Peter Scorr (3144652). 7th Dec. 1955. 11th Dec. 1955. 2738783 Anthony John Collins (2738783). 2747641 John Lewin Fowler (2747641). 3144305 Peter Joseph Roe (3144305).

 - - 8th Jan. 1956.
 - 2754938 James Drake Birrell (2754938). 3146436 John Cottrill Holland (3146436). 2742146 Gordon William RICE (2742146).

2755312 Geoffrey Ernest Thurston GRANTER (2755312). 5th Feb. 1956.