

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

7th February 1978.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Group Captain J. P. DOWNES, B.Sc., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., M.B.I.M., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN in succession to Group Captain E. E. LAKE, M.V.O., C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S., A.M.B.I.M., on the latter's retirement from the Royal Air Force 3rd Feb. 1978.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)**As Acting Pilot Officer :**Notification amended :*

London Gazette dated 9th Aug. 1977 concerning James Gilbert WIGGLE amend personal number to read 8026942.

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

R. A. ROE (8088669), 22nd Jan. 1978.

7th Feb. 1978

T. J. BENSON, B.Sc. (2623543).

L. J. BETTS, B.Sc. (2622057).

M. BLACK, B.A. (2624897).

A. P. HAWES, B.Sc. (2621572).

K. HILDRED, B.Sc. (2624921).

M. D. PROCOPIDES, B.Sc. (2622063).

Specialist Aircrew

Flight Lieutenant G. A. CAPE (3514844) is designated Specialist Aircrew, 31st Jan. 1978.

Transfer to the Reserve

Flight Lieutenant P. N. HALEY (8025386), 2nd Feb. 1978.

Retirement

Air Commodore M. P. STANTON, C.B.E., 25th Jan. 1978.

Group Captain J. A. G. SLESSOR, M.B.I.M., 31st Jan. 1978.

Wing Commander R. L. WATSON, A.F.C., A.M.B.I.M. (3509837), 1st Feb. 1978.

Flight Lieutenant E. A. G. FORSTER (2718234), 8th Jan. 1978.

GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH

*Promotion**Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :**Notification amended :*

London Gazette dated 2nd Aug. 1977 concerning J. A. STOCK (8031933) W.R.A.F. amend effective date to read 26th Jul. 1977.

*Regrading**Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :**Notifications amended :*

London Gazette dated 5th Aug. 1975 concerning J. A. STOCK (8031933) W.R.A.F. amend effective date to read 26th Jul. 1975.

London Gazette dated 8th Feb. 1977 concerning C. HALLETT (8023340) amend effective date to read 28th Jan. 1977.

*Change of Type of Commission (Short Service to Permanent)**Flying Officers :*

A. C. EDKINS (8031899), 26th Oct. 1977.

H. A. WHITEWAY (8031881), 1st Dec. 1977.

Retirement

Squadron Leader B. STRINGER (583568), 31st Jan. 1978.
Flight Lieutenant E. A. SCATES (1332401), 19th Jan. 1978.

ENGINEER BRANCH

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

M. J. ANDERSON, B.Sc. (8021174), 2nd Feb. 1978.

*Pilot Officer to Flight Lieutenant :**Notification cancelled :*

London Gazette dated 17th Jan. 1978 concerning A. J. KEMPSALL, B.Sc. (8021318).

Retirement

Group Captain E. E. LAKE, M.V.O., A.D.C., C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S., A.M.B.I.M., 3rd Feb. 1978.

Wing Commander D. W. HILLS, C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E. (58116) (at own request), 1st Feb. 1978.

Squadron Leader P. B. HIRST (609141), 2nd Feb. 1978.

Flight Lieutenants :

R. WHITTLE, C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S. (507158), 2nd Jan. 1978.

D. G. W. EELLS, B.E.M. (574080), 22nd Jan. 1978.

Commission Terminated

Acting Pilot Officer P. S. GEORGE (5203171), 22nd Dec. 1977.

SUPPLY BRANCH

Change of Type of Commission (Short Service to Permanent)

Flying Officer M. SULLIVAN (8023191), 12th Dec. 1977.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

L. M. L. BARNWELL, B.A. (5203046), 3rd Feb. 1978.

*Regrading**Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :**Notification amended :*

London Gazette dated 6th Dec. 1977 concerning K. M. WALSH (8032044) W.R.A.F. amend effective date to read 5th Nov. 1977.

Change of Type of Commission (Medium Service to Permanent)

Squadron Leader C. F. FLECKNEY, B.Sc. (5201779), 24th Nov. 1977.

Change of Type of Commission (Short Service to Permanent)

Flight Lieutenant H. J. F. SNEDDON, B.A. (8998) W.R.A.F., 15th Dec. 1977 (*Seniority 11th Jul. 1974*).

Retirement

Squadron Leader F. C. WRIGHT, M.I.P.M. (152630), 22nd Jan. 1978.

Flight Lieutenant B. J. A. EXLEY (4245632), 30th Jan. 1978.

Flying Officer R. M. HEPBURN, B.Soc.Sc. (5202335) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service), 4th Feb. 1978.

SECURITY BRANCH

Retirement

Wing Commander A. J. FINNIE (2422822), 4th Feb. 1978.

Flight Lieutenant A. S. KERSE (4269816), 26th Jan. 1978.

MARINE BRANCH

Change of Type of Commission (Short Service to Permanent)

Flight Lieutenant J. P. HOUGH, M.Mar. (5203032), 1st Dec. 1977.