Somerset

Ronald Dawson (505672) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation),

13th Jan. 1978.

Terence Charles Victor MASTERS (505675) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 13th Jan. 1978.

Staffordshire & West Midland N. Sector
Lt. J. McCabe-Dallas (493371) resigns his commn.,

31st Dec. 1977.

Lt. H. SKERMER (404898) resigns his commn., 31st Dec. 1977 and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

Wiltshire

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts. (on probation) 13th

Jan. 1978:

Leonard Henry Ford (505673). Robert Harold Smith (505670).

Raymond Edward Stevenson (505671).

## AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

28th February 1978.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal J. Gingell, C.B.E., is appointed Air Member for Personnel with the acting rank of Air Marshal in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, K.C.B., 25th Feb. 1978.

Air Commodore W. K. MacTaggart, C.B.E., B.Sc. (Eng.), C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., F.R.Ae.S., M.B.I.M., is appointed Senior Royal Air Force Member of the Ordnance Board with the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal in succession to Air Vice-Marshal P. M. S. Hedgeland, O.B.E., B.Sc.(Eng.), C.Eng., F.I.E.E., A.C.G.I., 24th Feb. 1978.

Air Vice-Marshal C. J. W. SOUTAR, M.B.E., Q.H.S., M.B., B.S., L.M.S.S.A., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., D.I.H., is appointed Director General of Medical Services with the acting rank of Air Marshal in succession to Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, K.B.E., A.F.C., G.M., M.A., M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.Ae.S., 28th Feb. 1078 Ch.B., M Feb. 1978.

### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

24th Feb. 1978

R. T. AITKEN (8026098). I. J. CRAIG (2616104). M. J. CRYMBLE (8026031). A. J. HUSKIE (8026034).

H. PRISSICK (8018854), 28th Feb. 1978.

Regrading

Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer: D. F. REEDIE (8026866), 27th Jan. 1978.

Transfer to the Reserve

Flight Lieutenant D. G. V. Burges, A.F.C. (4233013), 24th Jan. 1978.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville STACK, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., A.F.C., A.D.C. (at own request), 11th Feb. 1978.

Squadron Leaders:

A. E. Edwards (1568991), 23rd Feb. 1978.
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A. J. Ross (608017), 24th Feb. 1978.
P. M. Riley (608052) (at own request), 31st Dec. 1977.

Flight Lieutenants:

A. P. Baines (2553995), 23rd Jan. 1978. T. J. Bradley, B.Eng. (2608878), 12th Feb. 1978. W. S. Lenton, B.Sc. (2617068), 18th Feb. 1978.

Commission Terminated

Acting Pilot Officer R. S. F. Leishman (5202740), 24th Jan. 1978.

Dismissed by sentence of Court Martial

Squadron Leader G. R. WALKER (4231239), 11th Aug.

# GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: G. W. DINMORE (3151689), 30th Jan. 1978.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer: C. A. Foster (8026660), 17th Jan. 1978.

Flight Lieutenant A. G. von BAUMANN (706577) (at own request), 31st Dec. 1977 (Substitute for London Gazette dated 31st Jan. 1978 under 'General Duties Branch' heading).

Commission Terminated

Acting Pilot Officer E. A. Bulman (8032043), 29th Jan.

#### ENGINEER BRANCH

Retirement

Squadron Leader L. R. de Thier, C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S. (49422), 22nd Feb. 1978.
Flight Lieutenant E. F. J. Purkis, C.Eng., M.R.Ae.S., A.M.B.I.M. (682604), 26th Feb. 1978.

Commission Resigned

Pilot Officer P. S. Golhar (5203561), 23rd Jan. 1978.

## SUPPLY BRANCH

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: J. DAVIES (5201096), 22nd Feb. 1978.

27th Feb. 1978

P. FOLLETT (587467). C. G. Town (4027329).

Transfer to the Reserve

Squadron Leader J. A. Foley, M.Inst. P.S. (167385), 20th Feb. 1978.

Retirement

Flight Lieutenant E. E. Evans (4024948), 27th Feb. 1978.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Acting Pilot Officer:

Notification amended:

London Gazette dated 5th Jul. 1977 concerning Aircraftman Alan Frederick MILES (8023411) amend rank on appointment to read Pilot Officer with effect from 15th Feb. 1977.

Change of Specialisation and Promotion:

Acting Pilot Officer D. G. LAYFIELD (8023454) from Secretarial to Physical Education and promoted to Flying Officer, 12th Dec. 1977, with seniority of 1st Dec. 1977.

Retirement

Flight Lieutenant C. Mullett, M.B.E. (1306499) (at own request), 28th Jan. 1978.

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

Commission Relinquished

Pilot Officer E. Moyles (8031965), 21st Jan. 1978.

Dismissed by sentence of Court Martial

Pilot Officer A. G. MacLennan (8023312), 9th Dec.