beloved Major Sir Charles Edwin Bourne Hanson, Baronet, Vincent Cartwright Vickers, Esquire, Captain Benjamin Hansford, Companion of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Samuel Osborn, Esquire, Major Sir Murland de Grasse Evans. Baronet. Lieutenant-Colonel George Philip Botterill, Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Trew Burnett. Officer of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Major Frank Henry Bowater, Colonel John Stollery, Companion of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles John Owens, Knight, Companion of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Sir Francis Henry Dent, Knight, Com-mander of the Royal Victorian Order, Sir Herbert Ashcombe Walker, Knight Com-mander of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Colonel George Talbot Burrows Cobbett, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Colonel Evelyn Fitzgerald Michell Wood, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Colonel Jacynth D'Ewes FitzEarcald Coke, Companion of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Major William Henry Champness, Joseph Grose Colmer, Esquire, Companion of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant Joseph Arthur Rank, Colonel Sir Sidney Wishart, Knight, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Sir Osborne George Holmden, Knight Commander of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; Our right trusty and well-beloved John Henry, Lord Bethell, our trusty and well-beloved Charles Irving De Rougemont, Esquire, Sir Curtis George Ashdown, Sir Stanley Machin, Knights, Edward Robert Peacock, Esquire, Colonel Francis William Pixley, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Major Walter Henry Wellsman, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Major Henry Edmund Mathews, Officer of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Sir William Plender, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Harold Mead Moore, Esquire, Member of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, on whom We have conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Captain Cyprian Charles Oswald Whiteley, Officer of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Vice-Admiral Henry Blackett, Commander of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Colonel Philip Carlebach, Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Leopold Albert Harward, Esquire; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin, Captain Walter Horace Viscount Bearsted, on whom we have conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross; Our trusty and wellbeloved Hamer Forest Stanley Pryke, Esquire, Colonel Frank Dormay Watney,

Commander of our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Sir Henry Herbert Hambling, Baronet, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ronald Dockray Waterhouse, Knight Commander of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, and Colonel Arthur Maxwell, Companion of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration, Greeting.

Air Ministry, 31st January, 1928.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted short service commissions as Pilot Officers on probation, with effect from the dates indicated:—

Ernest Norman Victor EVERETT. 13th Jan. 1928.

Esmond John Hugh Fulford Moreton. 18th Jan. 1928.

Alan Francis Britton. 21st Jan. 1928.

Flying Officer Irwin Napier Colin CLARKE, D.S.C., is transferred to the Reserve, Class C. 17th Jan. 1928.

Pilot Officer Edward Greville Searson relinquishes his short service commission on account of ill-health. 1st Feb. 1928.

STORES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Reserve, Class B. 26th Jan. 1928:—

Squadron Leader Arthur Burtenshaw, O.B.E., M.C.

Flight Lt. Austin Edward Makinson Dredge, M.B.E.

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in rank and promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. 4th Dec. 1927:—

Harold Denny Connor. Bernard Chadwell.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flying Officer Neil Innes SMITH, M.D., is promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. 25th Jan. 1928.

The undermentioned Flight Lieutenants are transferred to the Reserve, Class Dii. 28th Jan. 1928:—

John Joseph Clarke. Bernard Pollard.

MEMORANDUM.

2nd Lt. Alan McLoughlin Blain is deprived of permission to retain rank on conviction by the Civil Power. 22nd Dec. 1927.