

DENTAL BRANCH

Wing Commander to Group Captain :
W. A. H. SMITH, B.D.S., L.D.S. (23184). 1st Jan. 1959.

EDUCATION BRANCH

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander :
1st Jan. 1959
F. A. COLEMAN, B.A. (73131).
E. H. B. MARTIN, M.Sc. (81179).
A. R. M. WATTS, B.A. (58906).

PROVOST BRANCH

Wing Commander to Group Captain :
C. S. HARLEY (39785). 1st Jan. 1959.

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander :
L. W. C. LEWIS (173388). 1st Jan. 1959.

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :
F. W. KENDRICK (182413). 1st Jan. 1959.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List) :

1st Jan. 1959
J. C. ELLENDER (503366).
R. W. GUNN (504050).

CATERING BRANCH

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander :
K. C. C. HICKS (135834). 1st Jan. 1959.

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :
E. A. VAUTIER (56392). 1st Jan. 1959.

PHYSICAL FITNESS BRANCH

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :
B. F. STANNARD, A.F.C. (51630). 1st Jan. 1959.

Air Ministry, 30th December, 1958

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal W. M. L. MACDONALD, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., is appointed Commander-in-Chief, Headquarters, Middle East Air Force, with the acting rank of Air Marshal, in succession to Sir Hubert PATCH, K.C.B., C.B.E. 26th Nov. 1958.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Transfer to a permanent direct commission (scheme A)

As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List) :
Donald Arthur PARR (4082595). 26th June 1958.
Drummond Spence CAIRNS (3500286). 4th Sept. 1958.

William Charles Bennett ROBINSON (193515). 3rd Oct. 1958.

As Flying Officer (Supplementary List) :
Gordon Randal LEWIS (4115147). 23rd July 1958 (since deceased).

Appointment to a direct commission (scheme B)

As Pilot Officers (Supplementary List) (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve) :
17th Nov. 1958

Malcolm Anthony Verder HARRIS (2773511) (seniority 14th Feb. 1958).

Michael John PILKINGTON (5019943) (seniority 26th May 1958).

Transfer to a direct commission (scheme B)

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List) (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve) :
Reginald John CARELESS (579653). 4th Sept. 1958 (period of service to count from 12th Mar. 1952).

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve) :
Harold Anderson HICKLING (5011446). 13th Oct. 1958 (period of service to count from 6th Feb. 1957).

Extension of service

The period of service on the active list of Flying Officer W. R. PIGGIN (3515404) is extended to eight years with effect from 21st Feb. 1954.

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :
A. J. RICHARDSON (4036284). 12th Dec. 1958.
C. D. WEEKES (582011). 16th Dec. 1958.
P. E. HOLBOURN (2442879). 19th Dec. 1958.
A. R. TRON (2536844). 23rd Dec. 1958.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

D. R. LOWE (3133436). 17th July 1958.
C. J. PARKER (505444). 12th Dec. 1958.

17th Dec. 1958 (seniority 17th Dec. 1957)

J. W. BLOCKEY (607695).
A. J. CHAPLIN (607687).
J. J. R. COHU (607699).
A. S. COTTINGHAM (587154).
C. P. J. COULCHER (607691).
T. H. F. DELAP (607700).
M. V. P. H. HARRINGTON (607704).
J. D. HERON (607694).
A. C. R. INGOLDBY (607701).
R. G. KERR (586994).
R. H. B. Le BROCC (607683).
P. S. MARTIN (607682).
E. J. NANCE (2725206).
R. B. NELSON (607703).
H. R. FLOSZEK (4160525).
M. A. F. RYAN (607697).
D. H. SCOTT (607693).
J. H. SCULLARD (607677).
N. G. STEEL (4154430).
W. I. C. STOKER (607678).
G. C. WILLIAMS (607676).
N. B. YOUNG (607681).

D. A. STEVENS (926078). 20th Dec. 1958.
L. BARTON (2473536). 21st Dec. 1958.

26th Dec. 1958

N. M. ALLEN (3523470).
P. BURNS (4186992).
R. M. CLAYTON (3523510).
G. St. Q. DREW (4186812).
J. W. HILL (3523511).
P. J. E. HOLMES (2430627).
B. HYGATE (4186993).
C. P. ROBERTS (4185818).
D. J. ROGERS (2620734).
A. D. TURNER (592870).
B. L. WARSAP (4186711).
E. WOODRUFF (2407610).

Transfer between branches

Squadron Leader H. F. ORCHARD (145207) to the Equipment Branch, retaining his existing rank and seniority. 30th Dec. 1958.

Flight Lieutenant W. TOOTELL (4062884) to the Equipment Branch, retaining his rank. 30th Dec. 1958 (seniority 19th June 1958).

Transfer to reserve

Flight Lieutenant D. R. BETTERIDGE (579825). 6th Dec. 1958.

Flying Officer A. J. FIELD (4133203). 2nd Dec. 1958.

Retirement

Wing Commander C. F. CURRANT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (43367). 14th Dec. 1958.

Squadron Leaders :

J. A. STEPHEN (55561). 9th Dec. 1958.
D. A. HAMMATT, A.F.C., D.F.M. (48465). 12th Dec. 1958.

R. EDWARDS, D.S.O. (115211). 15th Dec. 1958.

A. K. GRAYSON (113988). 16th Dec. 1958.

Squadron Leader J. WELCH, D.F.C. (46092), retaining the rank of Wing Commander. 26th Dec. 1958.

Flight Lieutenants :

W. A. SUTTON (179787) (at own request). 28th Nov. 1958.

R. J. BANCE (640295). 20th Dec. 1958.

J. B. F. KEDDIE (172567) (on account of medical unfitness for air force service). 26th Dec. 1958.

Direct commission relinquished

P. MACDONALD (174284). 18th Nov. 1958, and resumes short service commission in the General Duties Branch as notified in *London Gazette Supplement* of 3rd Oct. 1952 (p. 5189, col. 1).

Short service commission relinquished

Flying Officer J. C. BARNETT (4062843). 31st Oct. 1958.

National service commission relinquished.

Pilot Officer P. G. MOORHEAD (5028882) (on appointment to the R.A.F.V.R.). 15th Sept. 1958.

Commission resigned

Pilot Officer D. REID (2765261). 20th Dec. 1958.