

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



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General Duties Branch

R. G. Forbes is granted a short service commn. as a Pilot Officer, on probation, with effect from and with seny. of April 6. The following Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer:—E. G. Horder; Jan. 30. T. K. Merrett, J. N. Young; Feb. 18. H. A. Howes, T. O'N. East; March 12. E. J. George; March 18.

The following are transferred to the Reserve, Class C (April 20):—*Flight-Lieutenant* H. J. T. Russell. *Flying Officers* B. H. Cook, K. V. Weeks.

Flying Officer H. W. Foote resigns his permanent commn.; April 9. Pilot Officer W. I. N. Strong is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health; April 20.

Stores Branch

Pilot Officer P. J. Mote is promoted to the rank of Flying Officer; March 10.

Medical Branch

The following Flight-Lieutenants are promoted to the rank of Squadron-Leader:—T. R. S. Thompson, M.B.; April 17. R. S. Topham, M.B., D.P.H., D.M.R.E.; April 23.

Reserve of Air Force Officers

C. S. Dawson is granted a commn. in Class A.A. General Duties Branch, as Pilot Officer, on probation; March 28. The following Pilot Officers, on probation, are confirmed in rank:—J. McA. Allan; Oct. 27, 1926. M. J. Berlyn; April 19. *Flying Officer* W. J. E. Rodwell is transferred from Class A to Class C; April 14. *Flying Officer* L. D. Hamblin relinquishes his commn. on completion of service; March 18.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

General Duties Branch

The following to be Pilot Officer:—No. 605 County of Warwick (Bombing) Squadron.—K. D. Foster; April 19.

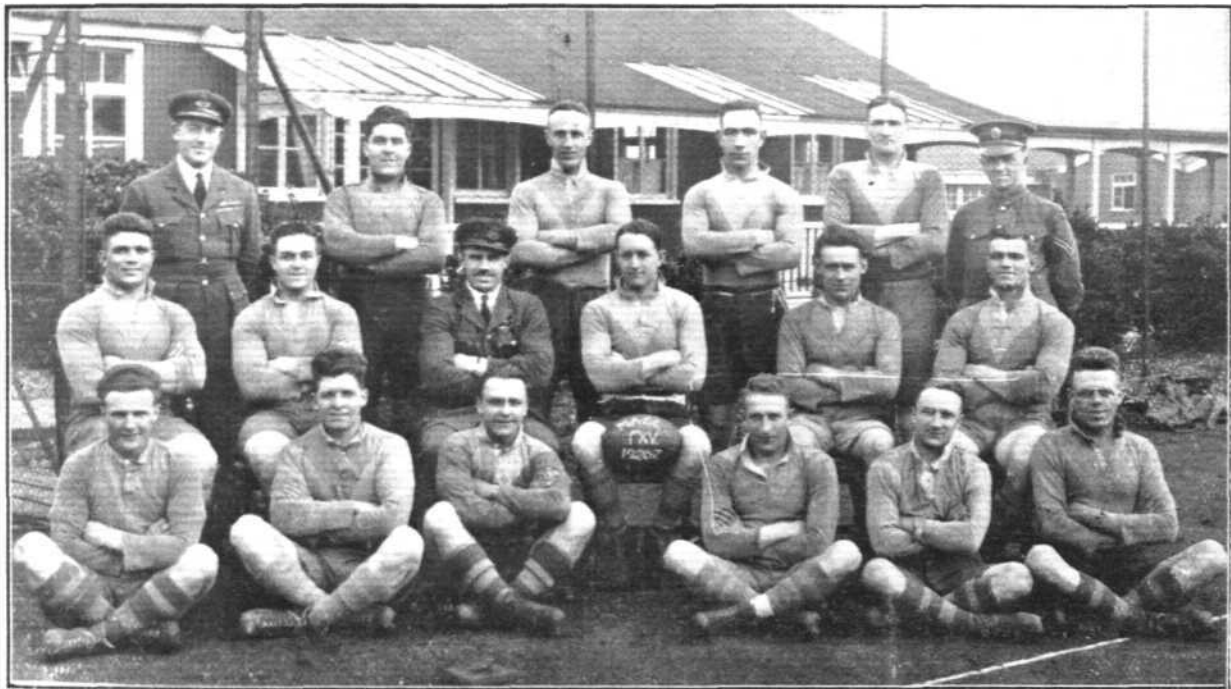
Princess Mary's R.A.F. Nursing Service

Senior Sister Miss C. E. Jenkins is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health; April 20.

ROYAL AIR FORCE (FELIXSTOWE) RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB FIRST FIFTEEN

THE Felixstowe airmen have had a very successful Rucker season. Out of 25 games played, 17 have been won, with a total of 376 points for and 156 points against, including games played in the Royal Air Force Inter-Unit Cup Competition. In this competition they reached the final round, and met Worthydown at Uxbridge on March 19. Worthydown proved to have much better three-quarters, and won by four goals and a try (23 points) to nil. However, Felixstowe put up a good game, and deserve credit for being the first of the Coastal Area units to reach the final and, as the Coastal Area unit to get farthest in the competition, hold the Coastal Area Rugby Cup. L. A. C. Toach has been the most prolific scorer, obtaining over 160 of the points scored, but, owing to injury, he was, unfortunately, unable to play in

toft, won, 16-3; R.A.F., Martlesham, won, 25-0; Shotley, won, 33-3; Colchester, won, 18-11; Guy's Extra "A," lost, 6-21; Lowestoft, won, 17-3; 2nd Leicesters, lost, 0-18; R.A.F., Duxford, won, 13-3; 11th Brigade, R.A., won, 9-0; 2nd Leicesters, won, 55-0; R.A.F., Bircham Newton, won, 27-0; Shotley, lost, 5-6; R.A.F., Northolt, won, 15-8; Colchester, won, 16-0; 2nd Leicesters, won, 34-0; Lowestoft, won, 20-0; Shotley, lost, 9-11; R.A.F., Halton, won, 9-0; Ipswich, lost, 0-9; R.A.F., Sealand, won, 9-0; Shotley, lost, 0-16; Ipswich, draw, 0-0; R.A.F., Worthydown, lost, 0-23.
Fixtures, First Fifteen, 1927-28.—17.9.27, Old Whitgiftians, at Croydon; 24.9.27, Ipswich, at Ipswich; 1.10.27, Norwich, at Felixstowe; 12.10.27,



The Royal Air Force (Felixstowe) Rugby Football Club. First Fifteen Team.

the Cup final. The team has also been strengthened by the inclusion of Flight-Lieut. J. S. Chick, of Harlequins and Hampshire. L. A. C. Rollings was "capped" against the Army, and also played for the R.A.F. against Oxford University, Gloucester, and Civil Service.
Old Whitgiftians were the opponents at the season's opening, and were defeated by 16 points to 13.
A good fixture list has been arranged for next season, although as yet incomplete, and it is hoped that every Saturday will see one of the two R.A.F. teams at home. The season's results and chief fixtures for next season, are given below:—
1926-27.—Old Whitgiftians, won, 16-13; Ipswich, won, 20-3; Lowes-

H.M.S. Ganges, at Shotley; 15.10.27, Old Rutlishians, at Felixstowe; 22.10.27, Colchester, at Colchester; 26.10.27, Guy's Extra "A," at Felixstowe; 5.11.27, R.A.F., Duxford, at Felixstowe; 12.11.27, Old Rutlishians, at Merton; 19.11.27, Ipswich, at Felixstowe; 3.12.27, H.M.S. Ganges, at Felixstowe; 14.1.28, Colchester, at Felixstowe; 18.1.28, Guy's Extra "A," at Honor Oak Park; 21.1.28, R.A.F., Duxford, at Duxford; 25.1.28, H.M.S. Ganges, at Shotley; 11.2.28, Ipswich, at Felixstowe; 18.2.28, H.M.S. Ganges, at Felixstowe; 25.2.28, Norwich, at Norwich; 10.3.28, Ipswich, at Ipswich.
In addition, it is hoped that "the luck of the draw" will again be on Felixstowe's side, as in the 1926-27 season, all the rounds being played at Felixstowe up to the semi-final and final, which are played at Uxbridge.

R.A.F. Golf

In the R.A.F. Golf Championship, Flying Officer G. R. Beamish beat Sqd.-Ldr. A. Lees in the final at Wentworth, on April 7, by 9 and 8 over 36 holes.

Royal Air Force Flying Accident

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce that as the result of an accident at Eastchurch, Kent, to a Vickers Virginia machine of No. 9 Squadron, Manston, on April 19, Flying Officer William James Kelly, the pilot of the aircraft, Pilot

Officer John Frederick Dowdeswell, No. 134932 Flight Sergeant Albert George Alderton, and No. 157294 A.C.2, Everett Daniels were killed.

Saved by Parachute

WHEN carrying out experimental flying in a "Gamecock," Flight-Lieut. D'Arcy A. Greig, D.F.C., of the R.A.F., descended safely in a parachute from a height of 8,000 ft. when his machine got out of control whilst spinning over Kenley Aerodrome on April 22, and crashed.