

55. RETIRING AGES.

(1) The ages for compulsory retirement of officers of the General Duties Branch and Equipment Branch of the Regular Air Force shall be as follows :—

| Substantive Rank. | General Duties Branch. | Equipment Branch. | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | Section I. | Section II. |
| Air commodore | 57 | .. | .. |
| Group captain | 53 | .. | .. |
| Wing commander | 48 | 57 | 57 |
| Squadron leader | 45 | 53 | 55 |
| Flight lieutenant | 45 | 48 | 53 |
| Flying officer | 45 | 45 | 50 |

(2) In special cases where it is in the interests of the Service to do so, the Governor-General may extend the age for retirement of officers by a period not exceeding two years.

(3) In time of war the ages for retirement may be extended for an additional period not exceeding the duration of the war and a period of three months thereafter.

56. TRANSFER OF OFFICERS ON RETIRED LIST.

(1) In time of war officers on the Retired List may be transferred to the Active List notwithstanding that their ages exceed those prescribed for retirement in the last preceding regulation.

(2) An officer on the Retired List who is transferred to the Active List shall receive such rank and seniority as the Air Board considers desirable, provided that it does not exceed that which he held at the time of his retirement.

57. PRECEDENCE OF OFFICERS IN AIR FORCE.

An officer of any of His Majesty's Air Forces when attached to or serving with the Air Force shall be entitled to command and precedence in the Air Force as if his appointment to his rank had been an appointment of the same date to the corresponding rank and branch in the Air Force.

CHAPTER III.—AIRMEN: ENTRY, ADVANCE, REDUCTION, TRANSFER, DISCHARGE, AND RETIREMENT.

65. PERIOD OF SERVICE.

(1) Persons enlisting in the Regular Air Force, other than boys accepted for training as aircraft apprentices, shall be required to engage to serve for the following periods :—

(a) For entry into Groups I to IV, as hereinafter constituted, the original period of engagement shall be eight years on the Active List followed by four years on the reserve.

(b) For entry into Group V, as hereinafter constituted, the original period of engagement shall be five years on the Active List followed by four years on the reserve.

(2) Persons enlisting in the Air Force Reserve or the Territorial Air Force shall be required to engage for a period of five years.

66. AGE FOR ENLISTMENT.

In the Regular Air Force, any person between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, and in the Air Force Reserve or Territorial Air Force, any person between the ages of eighteen and thirty-eight years, may be enlisted, provided that in the case of candidates with special qualifications or previous service in His Majesty's Air Forces, or for any other special reasons, the Air Board may approve of the enlistment of persons over these ages.

67. OTHER CONDITIONS OF ENLISTMENT.

Candidates must in addition fulfil the following conditions :—

(a) Be British subjects.

(b) Have passed the sixth standard of education or attained an equivalent standard.

(c) Be physically fit for general service in accordance with the prescribed medical standards.