

(d) In the case of candidates for the Regular Air Force, be unmarried, provided, however, that the Air Board may dispense with this condition in special cases.

68. ENLISTMENT OF AIRCRAFT APPRENTICES : REGULAR AIR FORCE.

Boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years shall, if accepted, be entered for training as aircraft apprentices in the Regular Air Force in accordance with such conditions of service and training as may be approved from time to time by the Air Board.

69. ATTESTATION.

Enlistments shall be carried out as follows :—

- (a) Every person before enlistment shall be advised of the general requirements of attestation and the conditions of engagement.
- (b) On assenting to enlistment the recruit shall be cautioned by the attesting officer that if he wilfully makes any false answer to the questions read to him he shall be liable to the penalties provided by the Air Force Act. The attesting officer shall read or cause to be read to the recruit the questions set forth on the attestation paper. The attesting officer shall satisfy himself that the recruit understands each question and, after ensuring that the answer to each question has been duly recorded on the attestation paper shall require the recruit to produce a certificate of birth and sign the declaration as to the truth of his answers.
- (c) The oath of allegiance as set forth in the schedule to the Air Force Act, shall then be administered.
- (d) When the requirements of (a), (b), and (c) have been complied with the recruit shall be deemed to have been enlisted as an airman of the Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve, or Territorial Air Force, as the case may be.
- (e) The officer carrying out the attestation shall attest by signing the said paper in the manner thereon directed.
- (f) If there is considered to be any error in any attestation paper the matter shall be referred to the Air Board.

70. RANK AND TRADE ON ENLISTMENT.

(1) A recruit of or above the age of eighteen shall be enlisted as an aircraftman, 2nd class. Enlistment as an aircraftman, 2nd class, in Groups I to IV shall be confined to men who are able to pass a test in the trade for which they enlist ; if a recruit fails in the test for the trade for which he applies he may be offered enlistment in Group V, if a vacancy exists. All other recruits shall be enlisted in Group V.

(2) An unskilled or semi-skilled man may be enlisted for training in certain trades only ; enlistment shall be in Group V, and until he is remunerated, the airman's trade shall be described as "aircraft hand (for training as) :—"

(3) A recruit accepted under clause (2) shall be required to accept service in the group and trade for which he qualifies, if—

- (a) He fails on the completion of his period of training to pass the standard test for the higher group ; or
- (b) At any time during his training he proves unsuitable for employment in the higher group.

(4) Applicants for enlistment who have special qualifications or who have had previous service in His Majesty's Air Forces may be enlisted with such rank and in such group as the Air Board may approve.

71. PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Every airman enlisted in the Regular Air Force shall be on probation for a period of twelve months, during which period he may be discharged at any time.

72. RANKS AND CLASSES OF AIRMEN.

The ranks of warrant and non-commissioned officers and classes of aircraftmen shall be as follows :—

Warrant officers—

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Non-commissioned officers—

Flight sergeant.

Sergeant.

Corporal.

Aircraftmen (men in the ranks)—

Leading aircraftman.

Aircraftman, 1st class.

Aircraftman, 2nd class.

Aircraft apprentice.