

## 29. BRANCHES.

For the purpose of determining the duties, pay, and retiring age of officers, the Air Force shall be divided into the following branches:—

- (a) General Duties Branch;
- (b) Equipment Branch;
- (c) Medical Branch.

## 30. GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH: REGULAR AIR FORCE.

(1) A commission in the general duties branch of the Regular Air Force may, on the recommendation of, and subject to the conditions approved by the Air Board, be granted to—

- (a) An applicant direct from civil life;
- (b) A qualified pilot who has served in His Majesty's Air Forces;
- (c) An airman.

(2) The type of commission to be granted under this regulation shall be either short service, permanent service, or temporary service, as determined by the Air Board.

(3) Candidates selected for commissions in the Royal Air Force who receive their initial training in the Dominion, and candidates selected for the Air Force Reserve shall be granted temporary commissions in the Regular Air Force while undergoing training at air-force stations.

(4) The rank of a person on first appointment to a commission under this regulation shall be that of an acting pilot officer:

Provided that a qualified pilot who has served in His Majesty's Air Forces may be appointed with such rank and seniority as may be determined by the Air Board.

## 31. QUALIFICATIONS FOR FIRST APPOINTMENT: GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH, REGULAR AIR FORCE.

Applicants for commissions in the General Duties Branch of the Regular Air Force who have not previously held commissions in His Majesty's Air Forces must be—

- (a) British subjects;
- (b) Between the ages of seventeen and a half and twenty-five years at the time of entry;
- (c) Unmarried;
- (d) Medically fit for full flying duties; and
- (e) They must have passed the University Entrance Examination or have been educated up to a standard which, in the opinion of the Air Board, will ensure their ability to carry out the course of training.

## 32. EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

(1) The Equipment Branch shall be subdivided as follows:—

- (a) Section I: Equipment officers for equipment and accounting duties;
- (b) Section II: Technical officers for specialist duties.

(2) A permanent commission in the Equipment Branch with the rank on appointment of pilot officer or flying officer, according to qualifications, may be granted on the recommendation of and subject to conditions approved by the Air Board to—

- (a) An applicant from civil life;
- (b) An airman of Group IV, as hereinafter constituted.

## 33. COMMISSIONS TO SPECIALIST WARRANT OFFICERS: REGULAR AIR FORCE.

A permanent commission in the Regular Air Force may be granted to a warrant officer who is a specialist in engineering, signals, armament, or other technical subjects, in the rank of flying officer on the recommendation of and subject to conditions approved by the Air Board.

## 34. TEMPORARY AND HONORARY COMMISSIONS.

Temporary and honorary commissions in the Air Force may be granted in such ranks and under such conditions as the Air Board may determine.

## 35. MEDICAL BRANCH.

A commission in the Medical Branch of the Air Force may be granted to a person registered under the Medical or Dental Acts in force in the Dominion on the recommendation of and subject to conditions approved by the Air Board.