

44. PROMOTION OF PILOT OFFICERS: GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

(1) A pilot officer may be recommended by his commanding officer for promotion to the rank of flying officer after eighteen months' commissioned service, provided that he has passed the promotion examination or has been exempted therefrom, and his service has been in all respects satisfactory. If he has passed the promotion examination within eighteen months, or has been exempted from the examination, promotion to the rank of flying officer will be gazetted with effect from a date eighteen months from the date of first appointment, otherwise it will be normally gazetted with effect from the date of passing the promotion examination.

(2) To ensure that the question of promotion is considered without undue delay, the commanding officer of the unit in which an officer is serving at the date upon which he can be recommended for promotion under the above clause of this regulation will forward a report on or before that date, stating whether the officer is recommended for promotion or not. If the officer is recommended, a statement that his service has been in all respects satisfactory will be included in the report. If any officer is not considered fit for promotion, the commanding officer shall give reasons for not recommending him.

45. PROMOTION OF OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH TO THE RANK OF FLIGHT LIEUTENANT AND ABOVE.

(1) Subject to clause (2) of this regulation, promotion of officers to the rank of flight lieutenant or any higher rank shall be by selection within the approved establishment of the required numbers of each rank.

(2) The promotion and retention of officers who are permanently below the medical standard appropriate to their branch will be dependent upon the existence of vacancies suitable for them.

(3) Before a flying officer can be promoted to flight lieutenant, he must—

- (a) Have attained three years' seniority as a flying officer.
- (b) Have served for two years in the rank of flying officer in a flying unit.
- (c) Have passed, where required, the appropriate promotion examination.
- (d) Have been recommended by his commanding officer as fit for promotion.

(4) Before a flight lieutenant can be promoted to squadron leader, he must—

- (a) Have attained five years' seniority as a flight lieutenant.
- (b) Have passed, where required, the appropriate promotion examination.

(5) Before a squadron leader can be promoted to wing commander, he must have not less than three or more than seven years' seniority as a squadron leader.

(6) In exceptional circumstances and where the exigencies of the Service make such a course desirable, the Air Board may recommend the promotion of an officer with less service.

(7) Flying officers and flight lieutenants not qualified for promotion under clauses (3) and (4) above after a reasonable period of service in their rank will be the subject of periodical review by the Air Board and will be warned that failure to qualify within a stated period will involve the consideration of their retention in the Service.

46. PROMOTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICERS (EQUIPMENT BRANCH).

(1) A pilot officer will normally be promoted to the rank of flying officer on the date of confirmation of his appointment.

(2) The promotion of officers to the rank of flight lieutenant and above will be by selection within the approved establishment.

(3) Before a flying officer can be promoted to flight lieutenant, he must—

- (a) Have attained three years' seniority as a flying officer.
- (b) Have passed, where required, the appropriate promotion examination.

(c) Be recommended by his commanding officer.

(4) Before a flight lieutenant can be promoted to squadron leader he must—

- (a) Have attained five years' seniority as a flight lieutenant.
- (b) Have passed the appropriate promotion examination.