

# MUSSELBURGH 297 SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

## SQUADRON ORDERS

Squadron Commander - - A. J. CORRIE  
A.T.C. HEADQUARTERS  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, MUSSELBURGH

14th April 1941.

### 1. APPOINTMENTS.

Hon. Medical Officer—Dr J. A. AITCHISON.

The undernoted Gentlemen have been appointed acting officers on probation:—

G. MACKAY, T. W. SCLATER, R. NEISH, W. A. J. MUSSON, J. T. KNIGHT, M.M.;  
G. A. RENWICK.

### 2. ATTACHED TO 297 SQUADRON A.T.C.

Acting Pilot Officer W. A. J. MUSSON, R.A.F.V.R.

### 3. POSTINGS.

Acting Pilot Officer W. A. J. MUSSON, R.A.F.V.R., to Loretto (515) Flight.

### 4. POSTING OF ACTING OFFICERS ON PROBATION TO DUTIES.

G. MACKAY—Adjutant.

G. A. RENWICK—~~Equipment Officer~~

J. T. KNIGHT—Officer in Charge Education and Technical Subjects.

### 5. POSTING OF ACTING OFFICERS ON PROBATION TO FLIGHTS.

T. W. SCLATER—"A" Flight. R. NEISH—"B" Flight. Acting officers on probation will carry on in civilian attire until appointments are confirmed.

### 6. PARADES.

Parades will be held at the Grammar School on each Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m. (19.30) until further notice.

### 7. OUT OF BOUNDS.

All grass-covered land within the Grammar School grounds.

### 8. BUGLER.

A Corps Bugler is wanted. Offers of services to the Adjutant.

### 9. POSTING OF CADETS TO FLIGHTS.

#### FLIGHT "A."

Section 1.				Section 2.			
ANNAN, D. J.	.....	.....	297/001	BLACKLEY, R. H.	.....	.....	297/026
DRYBURGH, W. W.	.....	.....	002	BURNS, J. R.	.....	.....	027
DRYBROUGH, A. C. St. C.	.....	.....	003	COMBE, T. S.	.....	.....	028
FAIRNIE, A.	.....	.....	004	COMBE, P.	.....	.....	029
FRASER, J.	.....	.....	005	CUNNINGHAM, D.	.....	.....	030
GRANDISON, A.	.....	.....	006	DAVIS, D. A.	.....	.....	031
HUTCHESON, A.	.....	.....	007	FAIRNIE, A.	.....	.....	032
INNES, D.	.....	.....	008	FLOCKHART, D.A.	.....	.....	033
LOVE, W.	.....	.....	009	GRANDISON, P.	.....	.....	034
LOVE, J.	.....	.....	010	HERKES, J.	.....	.....	035
MENZIES, J. S.	.....	.....	011	HOPE, W.	.....	.....	036
PARK, R.	.....	.....	012	RUSSELL, W. L.	.....	.....	037
RATTRAY, R.	.....	.....	013	SMITH, J. T.	.....	.....	038
RENOUF, T. J.	.....	.....	014	STEWART, J.	.....	.....	039
SIMPSON, W. M'D.	.....	.....	015	STUART, J. C.	.....	.....	040
STOCKS, J. F.	.....	.....	016	TAYLOR, L. A.	.....	.....	041
WILSON, W.	.....	.....	017				

#### **11. BAND.**

The undernoted Cadets will parade at the Grammar School on Friday, 25th April, at 7.30 p.m., with mouth organs, if in possession of same:—Stewart J., Archibald R., Blackley R. H., M'Laughlan J. F., Carrigan A. M'L., Dryburgh A. C. St C., Hope J., Dinwoodie J., Regan M., Thomson A. M'D.; and the undernoted, with side drums, if in possession of, or can get the use of:—Findlayson T. M., Grandison A. R., Cunningham D., Bain W., Langlands R.

#### **12. EQUIPMENT.**

Gas masks will be carried when on duty, at all parades, lectures, etc.

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#### **NOTICES.**

Squadron Orders should be retained for reference.

"The Air Training Corps' Gazette," price 6d, is published monthly. Cadets will find it contains interesting news of A.T.C. activities.

# Message from the Commandant to all Ranks.

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The Musselburgh (297) Squadron Air Training Corps has now reached the stage when a start can be made with the training. With the appearance of Squadron orders No. 1 our activities will have begun. Perfection will never be reached, but by keenness, enthusiasm and hard work it is hoped to make 297 Squadron known in the "Service." Each Cadet has the reputation of the Corps in his keeping, both on Parade and off Parade. Such points as cleanliness in person, tidiness of attire and an upright carriage play a very important part in our development. Slouching, hands in the pockets and mode of address each in turn distinguish the untrained man from the trained man. To those unfamiliar with the services, discipline, saluting and precision of movements at times may appear irksome and unnecessary. A Cadet, after a short time on the parade ground, soon recognises the necessity for discipline in all things. Once the fundamental stages of the parade ground have been reached, the training will become even more interesting and extensive. Mathematics, Morse, Aircraft Recognition, A.R.P. Administration, Organisation, Physical Training, Hygiene and First Aid being subjects common to all Cadets. From this stage we advance to the more specialised stages, according to which branch of the R.A.F. the Cadet wishes to enter for.

On the sporting side inter-section and inter-flight competition should be keen. We have many soccer, rugby and swimming enthusiasts. Boxing and running also have their representatives. Gymnastic facilities have been granted, and in time classes will be formed.

Sufficient players on the mouth organ and drummers have enlisted as to make the Corps Band almost a certainty.

The strength of a Squadron consists of not less than 2 flights (i.e., 100 Cadets) and not more than 4 flights (i.e., 200 Cadets). In time I hope that our Squadron will reach the 200 mark. If each Cadet were to introduce one friend we would be fully up to strength. A flight consists of 50 Cadets and is under the command of a Flight Commander, with one Cadet as Flight Sergeant. A flight is sub-divided into two sections of 25 Cadets, with one Cadet as a Section Sergeant and one Cadet as a Section Corporal. Flight Sergeants, Sergeants and Corporals will be selected from the Cadets of the Unit. In time it may be possible to form sections of Cadets from particular schools or works. A Non-Commissioned Officers' class will be formed, all keen Cadets will be given every encouragement to qualify for admission. N.C.O.s accept responsibilities; ambition and a desire to progress are the essentials. To qualify for good Conduct Badges, a Cadet must have a good record for conduct, attendance and efficiency.

No. 515 Flight (Loretto School), under the command of Acting Pilot Officer W. A. J. Musson, is attached to our Squadron. Considerable progress has been made in their training, which has been in operation over a period of time, operating as the A.T.S., now incorporated in the A.T.C. Several Cadets have been accepted for Commissions in the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm from that flight. Soon we may be hearing more about your fellow Cadets.

The Squadron has been particularly fortunate in the gentlemen who have offered their services as officers and civilian instructors. Four of your officers have previously served with the R.F.C. and R.A.F.

Membership cards will be issued to all Cadets in the near future, and also button-hole badges (worn on the left lapel), when available.

In time we may acquire a library with a supply of books of interest to members of the Corps. At the present time no satisfactory place or method has been found for the display of Corps orders. Cadets will be notified in due course as to the method to be employed.

No date has yet been fixed for the issue of uniforms. As already explained to you, you are responsible for keeping your uniform in a smart condition. Do not forget when in uniform to polish your footwear. Black footwear is the correct service dress—laced across—dark-coloured socks. Hair must be kept trim.

When enrolling, each Cadet was informed that on terminating his service with the A.T.C. he would receive a certificate from the C.O. giving particulars of his service and qualifications. By your own actions I must judge you, so aim high. Such a certificate may be of service to you in the course of your various civilian occupations. Needless to say, punctuality is essential at all drills, parades and lectures.

The Squadron has now been affiliated to a nearby Aerodrome. Wing-Commander Eeles has appointed Flight-Lieutenant C. F. d'Hamel to act as co-ordinating officer. During the course of our training periodical visits will be paid to the aerodrome, where you will have the opportunity of seeing things first-hand.

In conclusion, you will find your officers keen, enthusiastic, and at all times helpful to you with your difficulties, so let us develop that spirit of esprit-de-corps, and who knows but what the remark I made at the Recruiting Meeting that "we may have a future Air-Marshal in our midst" may become a reality.

One last word—you will, in a short time, become familiar with the names of your officers. Some time must elapse before your officers will be familiar with yours. They, of course, will always recognise you by your actions.

A. J. CORRIE,  
Officer Commanding,

9. POSTING OF CADETS TO FLIGHTS—Continued.

Section 3.		FLIGHT " B. "	Section 4.	
AITKEN, R. A.	297/051	DARLING, F. M'N.	297/076	
BALD, A.	052	DICKSON, J. K. M'K.	077	
BAIN, W.	053	FINDLAYSON, T. M.	078	
BROOKS, A. S.	054	LAMBERT, A. M'K.	079	
DUNCAN, T. S.	055	LANGLANDS, R.	080	
DUNCAN, R. A.	056	MARTIN, A.	081	
DUGDALE, J. G.	057	M'NEIL, W. B.	082	
ELLIS, W.	058	WALKER, W.	083	
HIGGINS, H. M'N.	059	WALINCK, J.	084	
INGLIS, C.	060	WATT, T.	085	
LITTLE, D. G.	061			
M'GARVIE, A.	062			
M'KENZIE, J. W.	063			
M'LEOD, W.	064			
M'LELLAN, J. A.	065			
NELSON, D.	066			
RAE, G. B.	067			
SHAW, W. C.	068			
SCOTT, P.	069			
WOODS, R. D.	070			
WOOD, T. B.	071			

Section 5.		FLIGHT " C. "	Section 6.	
BROWN, J. P.	297/101	ARCHIBALD, R.	297/126	
CARRIGAN, A. M'I.	102	CAIRNS, R. K.	127	
CARRIGAN, P.	103	DINWOODIE, J.	128	
GILLAN, A.	104	FERRIES, R. V.	129	
M'LAUGHLAN, J. F.	105	MAIR, R. J.	130	
RAMSAY, F. J.	106	HENDERSON, J. M.	131	
REGAN, M.	107	KELLY, A. H.	132	
TOAL, R. N.	108	LINDLEY, H. G.	133	
		M'ALPINE, L.	134	
		M'BRIDE, J.	135	
		M'KENZIE, G.	136	
		OLIVER, K. D. K.	137	
		ROBERTSON, A. C.	138	
		SINCLAIR, C.	139	
		THOMSON, A. M'D.	140	
		THOMSON, W. C.	141	
		THORBURN, R.	142	
		TURNBULL, G.	143	
		WILSON, J. H.	144	

Section 7. (Loretto 515).		FLIGHT " D. "	Section 8.	
AITCHISON, R. C.	297/151		297/176	
ANDREWS, A. L.	152			
BARGMAN, H. F. M.	153			
BOYD, F. J. G.	154			
BUCHANAN, A. S.	155			
COX, N. B.	156			
d'DALY, M.	157			
DOUGLAS REID, H. E. A.	158			
GILMOUR, J. C.	159			
HOPE ROBERTSON, A. A.	160			
KING, I.	161			
LAING, H.	162			
LAING, A. G.	163			
MACKAY, D. A. B.	164			
MACKENZIE, G. S.	165			
NEWTON, J.M.H.	166			
PATTISON, F. L. M.	167			
SCOTT NOBLE, G. S.	168			
SOMERVAIL, J. A.	169			
UDALE, J. C.	170			
WILKIE, J. M.	171			
<b>Attached.</b>				
SCOTT, J. H.				
ROBINSON, H. J.				

10. TRANSFERS.

Sections have been formed more or less on a School, Religious or Works basis. A Cadet desiring a change of section should make application to his Flight Commander.