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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

9th July, 1957.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

*To be an Additional Officer in the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.*

The Reverend Stanley William HARRISON, G.M., Royal Air Force.

*To be an Additional Member in the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.*

Flying Officer Charles Anthony Sidney EVANS, M.B., B.S. (504887), Royal Air Force.

On 5th March, 1957, a Royal Air Force Beverley transport aircraft carrying R.A.F. personnel and police dogs crashed on the village of Sutton Wick, Drayton, Berkshire. The aircraft, which had a large quantity of petrol on board, immediately caught fire and a major conflagration ensued. Wing Commander Harrison, Station Chaplain, and Flying Officer Evans, a Medical Officer from Royal Air Force Station, Abingdon, were soon on the scene of the crash and for three hours they worked together to rescue the occupants of the aircraft. They extricated fourteen bodies from the wreckage and displayed courage and resourcefulness of a high order, refusing to give up while there was hope of finding survivors among the wreckage. Some 1½ hours after the crash, Wing Commander Harrison rescued a police dog alive. At one stage a calor gas cylinder bottle exploded near these officers and the fire thereupon began to gain ground. Undeterred by this, they continued their search of the wreckage until it was clear that there could be no survivors. Whilst Wing Commander Harrison was undoubtedly the leader in the rescue operations, Flying Officer Evans was conspicuous in always being with him in the most dangerous places.

Air Ministry, 9th July, 1957.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

*Appointment to a permanent direct commission (scheme A).*

*As Acting Pilot Officers:—*

584422 Air Electronics Cadet Brian Stewart ANDERSON (584422). 14th May 1957.

#### Cadet Pilots.

14th May 1957.

4230045 John David BLAKE (4230045).  
4220062 William Lawrence MCFARLANE (4220062).

*As Flight Lieutenant (Branch List):—*

Frank SHARP (505409). 29th Apr. 1957 (seniority 29th Apr. 1957).

*Transfer to a permanent direct commission (scheme A).*

*As Flight Lieutenants:—*

David Julian GERMAIN (4054400). 2nd Apr. 1957.

Arthur George SADLER (4065539). 10th Apr. 1957.

*As Flying Officers:—*

James Ronald TODD (4099051). 27th Mar. 1957.

Michael Sidney ROLLINS (4083500). 11th Apr. 1957.

David Dennis MITCHELL (2452858). 29th Apr. 1957.

*As Flight Lieutenants (Branch List):—*

David Francis DENISON (3504734). 1st Mar. 1957.

William Gordon GERRARD (133423). 14th Mar. 1957.

*As Flying Officers (Branch List):—*

Henry William ELLERBECK (4044379). 2nd Apr. 1957.

Robert Henry BRIGHTON (1869034). 5th Apr. 1957.

*Appointment to a direct commission (scheme B).*

*As Pilot Officer (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Noel Hugh EVANS (2591780). 12th Dec. 1956 (seniority 15th Apr. 1956) (period of service to count from 8th Dec. 1954).

*As Acting Pilot Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

David Richard LOWE (3133436). 16th Apr. 1957.

14th May 1957.

Richard WILSON (2591758).

4230047 Air Electronics Cadet Leslie Henry MYATT (4230047) (period of service to count from 20th Feb. 1957).

2779921 Cadet Navigator Michael Norman WHITEMAN (2779921) (period of service to count from 20th Feb. 1957).