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Rev. P. Nourse, B.A.
 Rev. H. P. Hoskin, M.A.
 to be Temp. Chaplains.
 1st Nov. 1939.

Air Ministry,
 3rd November, 1939.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services rendered in connection with the war:—

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

1. Flying Officer (acting Flight Lieutenant) Thurston Meiggs Wetherall SMITH (39621).
2. Flying Officer (acting Flight Lieutenant) John BARRETT (37341).

Acting Flight Lieutenant SMITH and acting Flight Lieutenant BARRETT were, respectively, in command of the first and second of three flying boats which, having intercepted messages from a torpedoed merchant ship in September, 1939, proceeded to the scene of the sinking ship (some 70 miles from the mainland) to undertake rescue work. A lifeboat was seen in the vicinity containing about 34 men and, as no submarine could be sighted, the first aircraft alighted and took on board 20 of the survivors. A thorough search for enemy submarines was made by the second aircraft which afterwards alighted and, in spite of the heavy swell, took on board the remaining survivors from the lifeboat.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

527769 Sergeant William Edward WILLITS.

Sergeant WILLITS was the second pilot and navigator of an aircraft engaged in combat with an enemy flying boat in September, 1939. When, during an attack, the pilot had been shot through the head and had collapsed over the control column, this airman, in spite of the pilot's inertness and the extremely low altitude, succeeded in obtaining control of the aircraft. After the dead pilot had been moved entirely clear of the controls Sergeant WILLITS piloted and navigated the aircraft back to the base, a distance of about 140 miles. The airman's skill and presence of mind undoubtedly saved the aircraft and the lives of the other members of the crew.

Air Ministry,
 3rd November, 1939.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

Company Assistant Anne Muriel Hudson GLOSSOP resigns her appointment. 22nd Sept. 1939.

India Office,
 3rd November, 1939.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, resignations, etc.:—

INDIAN ARMY.

Col. A. E. Stewart, M.C., I.A. (retd.), is apptd. Col. of the 3rd Bn. (Q.M.O.) 10th Bal. R., 3rd Nov. 1939.

Capt. A. J. Elliot to be Maj., 31st Aug. 1939.
 Lt. R. M. Lloyd is transfd. to the Semi-Effective List, 22nd July 1939.

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

To be Lt. (Mech. Offr.).

Condr. Sidney William Seymour, 1st Sept. 1939.

To be Lt. (Asst. Commy.).

Condr. Karl Langner, 20th Sept. 1939.

ARMY IN INDIA RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt. H. C. Sowden to be Capt., 19th Sept. 1939.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

To be Capt.

Mohan Lal Gujral, 19th May 1939, with seny. 15th Apr. 1932.

Mohan Singh, 21st May 1939, with seny. 21st May 1935.

Des Raj Sharma, 23rd May 1939, with seny. 23rd May 1935.

Ghulamahmad Niazmohammad Ahmadi, 25th May 1939, with seny. 25th May 1935.

Wahajuddin Ahmad Mirza, 21st June 1939, with seny. 21st June 1935.

To be Lts.

Eleazer George Mainwaring, 31st Aug. 1939, with seny. 30th Nov. 1936.

Ian Murray Colquhoun, 14th Sept. 1939, with seny. 26th May 1939.

To be 2nd Lts.

Ronald Charles Field Payne, 14th Sept. 1939, with seny. 5th May 1939.

Edgar Osric Martyn Skinner, 4th Aug. 1939, with seny. 26th Mar. 1939.

Arthur David Curtis Millar, 15th Sept. 1939.

The undermentioned officers resign their commns.:—

Capt. V. K. Mehendale, with permission to retain the rank of Capt., 2nd Aug. 1939.

Capt. W. D. Cargill-Thompson, 23rd Aug. 1939.

Capt. W. S. E. Mannes-Abbott, 4th Sept. 1939.

Capt. T. P. Gately, 14th Sept. 1939.

Lt. H. R. Rolfe, 25th Aug. 1939.

INDIAN LAND FORCES.

Hony. Lt. Ladu resigns his commn. with permission to retain his hony. rank and wear the prescribed uniform, 21st Sept. 1939.