

370776 Leading Aircraftman Alfred Gorrington,
Royal Air Force.

In October, 1939, a Whitley aircraft which was taking off from a Royal Air Force Station with a crew of nine, stores and ammunition, crashed, exploded and burst into flames. Sergeant Traynor and Leading Aircraftman Gorrington ran to the scene and despite the fire and continually exploding ammunition, succeeded in extricating an airman who had been badly injured. During this operation the oxygen tank blew up, but the men were not deterred from their gallant action, which resulted in the saving of the airman's life. One other airman was able to crawl from the rear turret of the aircraft but the remaining members of the crew were killed.

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Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.1.
15th January, 1940.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 15th day of January, 1940, to grant unto Sir George Arthur Harwin Branson, Knight, late one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice, an annuity of £3,500 for life, commencing on the 10th day of January, 1940.

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Foreign Office,
August 8, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Lancelot Frank Lee Pyman, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul at Cernaufi.

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Foreign Office,
September 1, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Commander Thomas Charles Alexander Heathcote Ouchterlony, R.N. (retired), to be His Majesty's Consul at Esbjerg.

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Foreign Office,
August 21, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

The Honourable Robert Maurice Alers Hankey, to be a First Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

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Foreign Office,
September 11, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Paul Mason, Esquire, to be a First Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office,
September 18, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

William Hilary Young, Esquire, to be an Assistant Oriental Secretary in His Majesty's Legation at Tehran.

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Foreign Office,
September 27, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

James Alexander Milne Marjoribanks, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Marseilles.

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Foreign Office,
October 1, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Charles Brinsley Pemberton-Peake, Esquire, M.C., to be an Acting Counsellor of Embassy in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

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Foreign Office,
October 13, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Clifford John Norton, Esquire, C.M.G., C.V.O., to be a Counsellor of Embassy in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

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Foreign Office,
October 13, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

George Gordon Medlicott Vereker, Esquire, M.C., to be a Counsellor of Embassy in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

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Foreign Office,
October 13, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Ralph Cornwallis Stevenson, Esquire, C.B.E., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the States of Rio de Janeiro, including the Federal District, Espirito Santo, and Minas Gerães east of the line following the 47th meridian W. from the point at which it intersects the Rio Grande to the point at which it intersects the River Paranahyba, to reside at Rio de Janeiro.

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Foreign Office,
October 17, 1939.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Sir Noel Hughes Havelock Charles, Bart., C.M.G., M.C., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at His Majesty's Embassy in Rome.