

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

J. D. Dean. 25th Aug. 1940.  
H. F. Biles. 5th Sept. 1940.  
G. C. P. Boulton. 7th Sept. 1940.

Sub-Lieut. J. Culverwell to be Lieut. 13th Sept. 1940.

Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Lieuts. (Sp.):—  
R. L. Bristow.  
F. Wheeler.

1st Sept. 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (Sp.) K. E. Sims to be Tempy. Lieut. (Sp.). 13th Sept. 1940.

To be Tempy. Lieut.:—

H. C. Smith. 22nd Nov. 1939.

To be Tempy. Surgn. Lieut.:—

G. N. Martin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 23rd Sept. 1940.

Proby. Lieuts. to be Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

J. S. Horrex. 6th June 1939.

G. A. Hodges. 23rd Aug. 1939.

Proby. Lieut. (Sp.) W. R. H. Masters to be Lieut. (Sp.). 8th May 1939.

Sub-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

J. H. Macalister. 6th Aug. 1940.

A. Nicol. 15th Aug. 1940.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

E. A. Crosse. 29th Nov. 1939.

G. G. Shute.

D. R. Taylor.

25th Aug. 1940.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lieut.:—

J. F. Barrs. 12th Apr. 1940.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lieut.:—

N. F. Edwards. 16th Sept. 1940.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

R. L. Edwards. 22nd Aug. 1940.

R. G. Middleton. 25th Aug. 1940.

To be Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

W. S. Wright. 1st May, 1940.

L. W. Keast.

C. R. Cruickshanks.

F. E. Stanford.

24th May 1940.

Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

J. T. Huddart. 6th July 1940.

R. B. Pink. 12th Aug. 1940.

R. W. Smith. 18th Aug. 1940.

To be Tempy. Lieut. (Special Branch):—

Sir Thomas Blomefield, Bart. 30th Nov. 1939. (In substitution for notice appearing in London Gazette of 22nd Dec. 1939.)

To be Tempy. Lieuts.:—

S. J. Jarratt.

J. E. Herbert.

E. M. Lockwood.

16th Sept. 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

J. S. Kelsall.

M. A. Bucknall.

A. L. Newell.

20th Aug. 1940.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.):—

G. G. Scott.

R. V. Rumble.

10th Mar. 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

C. I. Dibben.

D. N. Letts.

D. D'A. H. Kerr.

3rd Aug. 1940.

G. H. Jackson. 31st Aug. 1940.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

J. T. Parkin. 18th July 1940.

S. L. Clarke.

E. H. Nash.

G. H. Hovey.

J. E. M. Wallis.

R. P. Toms.

25th Aug. 1940.

N. E. Brown. 30th Aug. 1940.

*Air Ministry,*

*1st October, 1940.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned airman, in recognition of most conspicuous bravery:—

652918 Sergeant John HANNAH.

On the night of 15th September, 1940, Sergeant Hannah was the wireless operator/air gunner in an aircraft engaged in a successful attack on enemy barge concentrations at Antwerp. It was then subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire and received a direct hit from a projectile of an explosive and incendiary nature, which apparently burst inside the bomb compartment. A fire started which quickly enveloped the wireless operator's and rear gunner's cockpits, and as both the port and starboard petrol tanks had been pierced, there was grave risk of the fire spreading. Sergeant Hannah forced his way through the fire to obtain two extinguishers and discovered that the rear gunner had had to leave the aircraft. He could have acted likewise, through the bottom escape hatch or forward through the navigator's hatch, but remained and fought the fire for ten minutes with the extinguishers, beating the flames with his log book when these were empty. During this time thousands of rounds of ammunition exploded in all directions and he was almost blinded by the intense heat and fumes, but had the presence of mind to obtain relief by turning on his oxygen supply. Air admitted through the large holes caused by the projectile made the bomb compartment an inferno and all the aluminium sheet metal on the floor of this airman's cockpit was melted away, leaving only the cross bearers. Working under these conditions, which caused burns to his face and eyes, Sergeant Hannah succeeded in extinguishing the fire. He then crawled forward, ascertained that the navigator had left the aircraft, and passed the latter's log and maps to the pilot.

This airman displayed courage, coolness and devotion to duty of the highest order and,