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Privy Council Office,

8th February, 1949.

UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ACT, 1923.

A Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 25th January, 1949, has been submitted for the approval of His Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923."

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

8th February, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

572301 Pilot II Basil George ASHTON, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Benson.

Whilst a pupil on Survival and Rescue Course, Thorney Island, Pilot II Ashton was captain of an airborne lifeboat which capsized in heavy breaking seas on Chichester Harbour bar on the 8th January, 1948. All the occupants were thrown out, one being drowned. Pilot II Ashton was the first to climb aboard the upturned boat, but he left it again to rescue three other members of the crew who were struggling to reach it. The waves were so large that two of his comrades were washed back again into the sea, Ashton helping in their final rescue. All were exhausted. The incident called for resource and personal courage of a high degree under the extremely dangerous conditions prevailing. Had Pilot II Ashton failed in these respects, all the occupants of the lifeboat might have been drowned. He risked his life to save others. Pilot II Ashton's conduct and leadership as a trainee captain, without which this accident might well have had more serious results, were exemplary.

Foreign Office, 1st February, 1949.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing by the undermentioned persons of the decorations respectively indicated, conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Norway in recognition of services rendered during the war:—

Order of St. Olav.

Commander.

Sir Frank Newsam, K.B.E., C.V.O., M.C.

Chevalier (First Class).

Norman Arthur Guttery, Esquire, C.B.

Foreign Office, 31st January, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint (with effect from the dates respectively indicated):—
 Harold Lister Farquhar, Esquire, C.M.G., M.C., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Stockholm (3rd May, 1948);
 Philip Mainwaring Broadmead, Esquire, C.M.G., M.C., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Damascus (5th December, 1947); and
 Stanley Herbert Gudgeon, Esquire, C.B.E., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Ciudad Trujillo (21st October, 1948).

Foreign Office, 31st January, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—
 Douglas Laird Busk, Esquire, C.M.G., to be an Inspector of His Majesty's Foreign Service Establishments abroad (with effect from 9th August, 1948).

Foreign Office, 31st January, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint (with effect from the dates respectively indicated):—
 Alfred Hazell King, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Delta of the Nile, the Provinces of Galioussieh, Dakahlieh, Menoufieh and Charkieh, and the whole of Upper Egypt to the 22nd parallel of the North Latitude, excluding the maritime portion of the Mudiria of Keneh, to reside at Cairo (4th October, 1948);
 Archibald Wallace Robertson, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Provinces of Noord Holland, Groningen, Friesland, Overijssel, Drenthe, Gelderland and Utrecht, to reside at Amsterdam (16th October, 1948);
 Albert Edward Watkins, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul at Turin (1st November, 1948);
 Horace James Dorey, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Paris (17th December, 1947);
 John Lumsden, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Casablanca (2nd October, 1948);
 John Walter Barrett, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Geneva (8th October, 1948);
 Lawrence Alfred Percival Barker, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Montevideo (18th October, 1948); and
 Alexander Scott Lindsay, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Vigo (22nd October, 1948).

Foreign Office, 31st January, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Officers of His Majesty's Foreign Service in the Grades respectively indicated, with effect from the dates specified after their names:—

Fifth Grade.

Douglas Laird Busk, Esquire, C.M.G. (9th August, 1948).