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Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
3rd October, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Michael Anson, Esquire, to be a Page of Honour to His Majesty, in the room of George Paynter, Esquire, resigned.

The appointment to date from the 1st October, 1950.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

3rd October, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the GEORGE CROSS to:—

3500148 Aircraftman 1st Class Ivor John GILLETT, Royal Air Force, Far East Flying Boat Wing, Seletar.

Aircraftman Gillett, a Fitter Armourer, was a member of the ground crew on board a Sunderland Flying Boat which blew up at its moorings at R.A.F. Flying Boat Base, Seletar, on 26th March, 1950. Rescue surface craft were quickly on the scene but the aircraft and a bomb-scow alongside sank rapidly and survivors from the explosion were hurled into the water. A life-belt was thrown to Aircraftman Gillett from a rescue launch. He was seen, however, to throw the life-belt to a seriously injured corporal who was in danger of drowning near him. In the confusion the rescuers had not been able to reach the corporal. Gillett was a great friend of his and knew he was not a strong swimmer. The life-belt kept the corporal afloat until he was rescued unconscious from the water several minutes later. In the meantime Aircraftman Gillett disappeared; his body was washed ashore two days later. It was discovered that his body had suffered superficial injuries and that death was due to the combined effects of blast and drowning. By his action in deliberately saving the life of his injured friend, whilst injured and in great danger himself, Aircraftman Gillett displayed magnificent courage. His extreme unselfishness in his last living moments, which resulted in the sacrifice of his life to save another, was seen in this act of great heroism which was in accordance with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

3rd October, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to:—

Flying Officer Harold HARVEY (500998), Royal Air Force, No. 201 Advanced Flying School, Royal Air Force Station, Swindon.

In the early hours of the 14th June, 1950, a Wellington aircraft crashed in a ploughed field near Norton Disney village and caught fire. Flying Officer Harvey, a pupil aircrew, who was the Navigator, suffered multiple injuries, including a cut head, burns on the leg, and a crushed fracture of the spine. The signaller of the aircraft was rendered unconscious. Flying Officer Harvey, despite his injuries, rescued the signaller from the burning wreckage, put out the flames which enveloped him, and carried or dragged him to a place of safety about 40 yards from the crash. Although suffering great pain, he then rendered first aid to the unconscious man until the arrival of station personnel. It is difficult to conceive how Flying Officer Harvey, who is a comparatively small man, effected this rescue, as the signaller weighed 15 to 16 stones. Flying Officer Harvey displayed conspicuous gallantry and a complete disregard of his own safety and personal suffering. He showed great presence of mind in adversity and set an example of courage and self sacrifice which is an inspiration to all ranks in the Royal Air Force.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

2nd October, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 2nd day of October, 1950, to appoint Sir William Lennox McNair, Knight, K.C., to be one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

2nd October, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 30th day of September, 1950, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir William Norman Birkett, Knight, one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice, to be one of the Lords Justices of Appeal.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

2nd October, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 28th day of September, 1950, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Frederick James Tucker, Knight, one of the Lords Justices of Appeal, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary under the provisions of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, as amended by subsequent enactments, and to grant to him the dignity of a Baron for life by the style and title of Baron Tucker of Great Bookham in the County of Surrey.