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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

13th November, 1951.

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

Flight Lieutenant Francis John ENSELL, M.B., Ch.B. (501470), Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Biggin Hill.

On August 23rd, 1951, a Harvard aircraft crashed into some dispersal pens on the edge of the aerodrome at Biggin Hill, and immediately burst into flames. The pilot, who was seriously injured, was trapped in the cockpit. Flight Lieutenant Ensell, Station Medical Officer, arrived with the ambulance and, despite the extreme danger to himself, went to the rescue of the trapped pilot. It was obvious that in his excited, half-conscious state the pilot would be difficult to extricate. Acting calmly and without hesitation, Flight Lieutenant Ensell administered morphia to the pilot and as soon as this had quietened him, dragged him out of the cockpit thereby saving his life. The whole of the interior of the aircraft was blazing furiously, the cockpit was full of smoke and flames and there was an immediate danger of the petrol tank exploding. Flight Lieutenant Ensell stood beside the cockpit with the flames all round him and worked with completely calm efficiency at his rescue task. His shoes were badly scorched and his uniform ruined. Flight Lieutenant Ensell acted with great bravery and with no thought for his personal safety and set an example of courage and devotion to duty of the highest order in risking his life to save that of a comrade.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.

9th November, 1951.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be a Member of the First Class, or Knight Grand Cross, of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

The Right Honourable William John McKell, K.C., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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

12th November, 1951.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 12th day of November, 1951, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Lionel Leonard Cohen, 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 Cohen of Walmer in the County of Kent.

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

12th November, 1951.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 5th day of November, 1951, to appoint:

- The Right Honourable James Purdon Lewes Thomas,
 - Admiral of the Fleet Bruce Austin Baron Fraser of North Cape, G.C.B., K.B.E.,
 - Vice-Admiral Alexander Cumming Gordon Madden, C.B., C.B.E.,
 - Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Maynard Denny, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
 - Vice-Admiral The Right Honourable Louis Francis Albert Victor Nicholas Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., D.S.O.,
 - Vice-Admiral Edmund Walter Anstice, C.B.,
 - Vice-Admiral Guy Grantham, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
 - Rear-Admiral Edward Malcolm Evans-Lombe, C.B.,
 - Commander Allan Herbert Percy Noble, D.S.O., D.S.C.,
 - Kenelm Simon Digby Wingfield Digby, Esquire,
 - Sir John Gerald Lang, K.C.B.,
- to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

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

12th November, 1951.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 1st day of November, 1951, to appoint:

- Sir Eric St. John Bamford, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G.,
 - Sir Edward Herbert Ritson, K.B.E., C.B.,
 - Edgar William Verity, Esquire, C.B.,
 - John Harold Evans, Esquire, C.B.,
 - Arnold Sydney Whitehead, Esquire, C.B.E.,
 - Joseph Robert McKenzie Willis, Esquire, C.M.G., and
 - Francis Arthur Cockfield, Esquire,
- to be His Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

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

12th November, 1951.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 6th day of November, 1951, to appoint the Right Honourable Herbrand Edward Dundonald Brassey Earl De la Warr to the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster General.