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*Privy Council Office, Whitehall.*

19th February, 1952.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the Urban District Council of Ellesmere Port, in the Administrative County of Chester, praying for the grant of a MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION; and notice is hereby further given that the said Petition will be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on or after the 31st day of March, 1952.

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

19th February, 1952.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the under-mentioned:—

Flight Lieutenant Lawrence Cyril NEWTON (54969), Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Benson.

2489229 Leading Aircraftman Richard William RISEBOROUGH, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Benson.

On 21st November, 1951, at 1520 hours, a Buckmaster aircraft from R.A.F. Station, White Waltham, crashed just outside the boundary of Benson aerodrome. The impact caused the aircraft to break up and immediately to burst into flames. A group of officers and airmen, who had been playing football about 1,000 yards from the scene of the crash, set off before the impact to render assistance, under the leadership of Flight Lieutenant Newton who had observed the aircraft in difficulties. By the time they arrived, the cockpit section of the Buckmaster was a blazing mass, and shortly afterwards the first of the wing tanks exploded. Flight Lieutenant Newton directed a Warrant Officer to remove a casualty, who had already been extricated, to a safe distance from the burning wreckage, and then, with Leading Aircraftman Riseborough, went straight to the forward end of the fiercely burning cockpit in an endeavour to remove the two remaining members of the crew who were seen in the midst of the flames. In the face of intense heat and with great difficulty the nearest casualty, whose clothes were on fire, was extricated. Directing others to beat out the flames, Flight Lieutenant Newton and Leading Aircraftman Riseborough returned to the wreckage, having seen movement by the member of the crew remaining in the flames. This time much greater difficulty was experienced and the Flight Lieutenant was obliged to call for further help. A second violent explosion then occurred forcing the newcomers to withdraw, but Flight Lieutenant Newton and Leading Aircraftman Riseborough gallantly persevered in the face of

this new hazard and finally extricated the third member of the crew. Unfortunately, on the arrival of the ambulance, the Medical Officer found that the last two casualties extricated were dead. Throughout this rescue attempt, Flight Lieutenant Newton displayed great leadership and set a fine example. Despite the apparent hopelessness of the situation on account of the intense heat to which the members of the crew had been subjected, Flight Lieutenant Newton and Leading Aircraftman Riseborough persisted in their efforts, notwithstanding that but a slender hope of saving life remained. They displayed great courage and tenacity in the face of personal danger, not only from the original fire which was burning fiercely, but also from the bursting fuel tank which spread the flames over a far wider area. Both officer and airman suffered from severe burns to the hands as a result of their gallant rescue efforts.

*Air Ministry, 19th February, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the following warrant officer who has been commended in connection with the above-mentioned incident:—

### QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

513900 Warrant Officer Sidney Alfred MOTTE, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Benson.

*Air Ministry, 19th February, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the following non-commissioned officer who has been commended in connection with an aircraft crash at Royal Air Force Station, Waterbeach, on 1st November, 1951.

### QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

562448 Flight Sergeant Albert John BRECH, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Waterbeach.

*Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.*

H.F. 313/97/01.  
H.F. 654/01.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under section 10 of the Finance Act, 1926, entitled the Safeguarding of Industries (Exemption) (No. 2) Order, 1952, which continues until 18th August, 1952, with certain additions and deletions, the exemption from Key Industry duty of articles exempted from that duty by previous Orders which expire on the 19th February, 1952.

A further Order entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1952, has been made under