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*Air Ministry, 13th October, 1953.*

The QUEEN has approved the award of "THE STANDARD" to the following squadrons in recognition of their completion, on 1st April 1953, of 25 or more years of existence in the Royal Air Force, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service.

*Royal Air Force:—*

Nos. 54, 204, 209 and 210 Squadrons.

*Royal Auxiliary Air Force:—*

No. 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron.

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

*13th October, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Warrant Officer Oliver Eugene CURRIER (355175), Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak.

On 2nd February, 1953, when a United States Air Force aircraft crashed and burst into flames, Warrant Officer Currier was one of the first to reach the scene of the accident. Regardless of his own safety, he seized the first available hose and, despite the intense heat, approached and remained close enough to the furiously burning aircraft to direct a constant jet on to and through the main door to help to keep the flames back from the only exit for the passengers. By his prompt and deliberate actions, Warrant Officer Currier showed considerable personal bravery and inspired others to assist him in fighting the fire. He was later admitted to hospital for minor burns. Warrant Officer Currier set a fine example and it was largely due to his courage and promptitude that all twenty-two passengers escaped from the burning aircraft with their lives.

*Air Ministry, 13th October, 1953.*

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

*Appointment to commission (permanent).*

*As Pilot Officer:—*

Terence Patrick David KEILTHY (503314). 8th Sept. 1953 (seniority 8th Dec. 1951).

*Appointment to commission (short service).*

*As Acting Pilot Officers (eight years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Vyvyan Rodney Steele HITCHINS (503218). 3rd July 1953.

John Alec HARDHAM (503323). 8th Sept. 1953.

*As Pilot Officer (for the balance of four years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

John Hugh Marchetti BEVER (2531287). 26th June 1953 (seniority 15th Oct. 1952) (period of service to count from 14th Nov. 1951).

*As Acting Pilot Officer on probation (for the balance of four years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Vernon William SMALL (2547853). 10th Aug. 1953 (period of service to count from 2nd Sept. 1952).

*Appointment to commission (national service).*

*As Acting Pilot Officer on probation:—*

2572646 Cadet Navigator Ronald SAWBRIDGE (2572646). 15th July 1953.

*Confirming and regrading.*

*The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in appointment and regraded as Pilot Officers:—*

*1st May 1953.*

W. W. KENT (1864195).

E. MATTHEWS (4078011).

R. J. SMITH (3511040).

J. JACK (2526579).

J. D. OXENFORD (578900).

F. J. SMITH (4078925).

J. R. SMITH (4078852).

P. J. PERROTT (4078083).

J. COOK (2371822).

J. E. PIGDON (4078920).

A. J. BILTCLIFFE (579310).

H. I. CAPEWELL (3044304).

*26th Aug. 1953.*

M. R. CRAWFORD (2560532).

M. BUTCHER (2559335).

A. S. BENNETT (2560653).

T. P. GASSON (2558397).

*Confirming, regarding and transfer between branches.*

Acting Pilot Officer on probation J. E. STUCHLIK (1893357) is confirmed in appointment, regraded as Pilot Officer and transferred to the Equipment Branch. 17th July 1953.

Acting Pilot Officer on probation G. A. LUCAS (2557836) is confirmed in appointment, regraded as Pilot Officer and transferred to the Secretarial Branch. 14th Sept. 1953.