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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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

*8th October, 1957.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned airman:—

2452756 Acting Corporal Brian MURPHY, Royal Air Force.

On 5th April, 1957, a Canberra aircraft caught fire in a servicing hangar at the Royal Air Force Station, Coningsby. Corporal Murphy was in charge of the Duty Fire Crew which was called upon to deal with the fire. One of the aircraft's fuel tanks was alight and apart from the risk of this tank exploding in the presence of 800 gallons of volatile fuel in the adjoining tanks made the situation extremely dangerous. Corporal Murphy, however, unhesitatingly led his crew into the confined space of the aircraft's bomb bay, from which, had there been an explosion, escape would have been virtually impossible. While operating in this dangerous situation, Corporal Murphy and his crew were subjected to further hazard by the explosion of powerful starter cartridges stored a few feet away, which blasted a hole in the fuselage and so caused the fire to spread rapidly in all directions. Despite this, and the increased risk of the fuel tanks exploding, Corporal Murphy remained at his post, though his overalls and uniform were charred by the intense heat. Corporal Murphy displayed courage and extreme devotion to duty, and by sustained effort in the face of great danger he and his crew succeeded in localising and controlling the fire while adjacent aircraft and equipment were removed from the vicinity.

*Air Ministry, 8th October, 1957.*

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

Air Marshal The Earl of BANDON, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., is appointed Commander-in-Chief, Far East Air Force, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Francis J. FRESSANGES, K.B.E., C.B., on the latter's retirement from the R.A.F. 13th July 1957.

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

*Appointment to commission (permanent).*

*As Pilot Officer (Branch List):—*

645671 Flight Sergeant John Eric GARDNER (50463). 5th Sept. 1957.

*Transfer to a permanent direct commission (scheme A).*

*As Flight Lieutenant:—*

Anthony Ernest PAGE (4070457). 29th Apr. 1957 (substituted for notification of 30th July 1957 (p. 4503, col. 1)).

*As Flying Officers:—*

David John SPINK (4063819). 10th Jan. 1957 (substituted for notification of 23rd Apr. 1957 (p. 2471, col. 1)).

Eric DRINKWATER (4071813). 6th May 1957.

Eric James Alfred HUGHES (4067588). 8th Aug. 1957.

*As Squadron Leader (Branch List):—*

Jack WHITTLE, D.F.C. (121460). 10th Feb. 1957 (and reverts to the rank of Flight Lieutenant, 10th Feb. 1957 (seniority 4th Feb. 1946)) (substituted for notification of 2nd July 1957 (p. 3598, col. 1)).

*Appointment to a direct commission (scheme B).*

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

Donald Christopher READ (2765825). 27th Apr. 1957 (seniority 2nd Dec. 1956) (period of service to count from 26th Aug. 1955).

Fergus James Wallace HUNTER (2777421). 15th June 1957 (seniority 28th May 1957 (period of service to count from 30th Nov. 1955)).

*Transfer to a direct commission (scheme B).*

*As Flying Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Gordon Cyril DYER (4118072). 2nd July 1957 (period of service to count from 7th Jan. 1953).

Ronald Clive ETHERIDGE (2454968). 19th July 1957 (period of service to count from 9th Apr. 1952).

*Appointment to commission (national service).*

*As Acting Pilot Officer:—*

5011465 Aircraftman 2nd class Peter Desmond Morris LARMAN (5011465). 5th Sept. 1957.

*Regrading.*

*The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers are regraded as Pilot Officers:*

S. V. B. DOWNER (2728654). 30th Apr. 1957.

A. J. MARSHALL (4189830). 21st June 1957.

D. A. KIDD (4193449). 25th Aug. 1957.

25th Sept. 1957.

R. BEE (3523096).

M. W. CARPENTER (3523125).

B. F. COLES (4183891).

J. C. FOLLOWS (2620460).

T. S. FRANK (2608988).