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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, OTTAWA

30th May 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve of the following award to a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force:

(To be dated 20th May 1961)

Air Force Cross

Acting Squadron Leader Joseph Armand Gerard Fernand VILLENEUVE, Royal Canadian Air Force.

On the night of November 7th 1960, Squadron Leader Villeneuve was flying a F86 Sabre aircraft on a local night training exercise when he experienced rapid deceleration, and possible engine failure became evident. At this time Squadron Leader Villeneuve, having just completed an overshoot, was between Chatham aerodrome and the town of Newcastle. He chose to turn away from the built-up area before ejecting rather than risk having the abandoned aircraft crash in the town. After completing his turn he noticed sparks coming out through the tail area together with a strong burning odour, and he had to flame out the engine. As Squadron Leader Villeneuve was now approaching another built-up area he again made the decision to remain with the aircraft rather than to eject. The controls then switched automatically to the alternate system, and the pilot selected the undercarriage down, dive brakes out, and flaps down. Just prior to landing at Chatham Aerodrome the controls seized, which resulted in the aircraft hitting hard and bouncing, and he levelled the wings with coarse use of rudder before the second impact. As the aircraft skidded along the runway on fire the pilot ejected the canopy and escaped, but he sustained a compression fracture of the spine. Squadron Leader Villeneuve's skill, courage, and determination in landing his aircraft rather than ejecting precluded the possibility of the aircraft crashing into a built-up area with tragic results. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

AIR MINISTRY

30th May 1961.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Commodore (Acting Air Vice-Marshal) T. C. MacDONALD, A.F.C., M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., is appointed Honorary Physician to The QUEEN in succession to Air Commodore G. W. McALEER,

C.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., D.T.M. & H., on the latter's retirement from the R.A.F. 31st May 1961.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (General List):

Ian Shearer HEADLEY (4083517). 1st Oct. 1960.

As Flying Officers (General List):

1st Oct. 1960

James Nicholas GILLMORE (5010498).

John IVELAW-CHAPMAN (2774741).

Ian Arthur REID, B.A. (2759362). 1st May 1961 (seniority 3rd Aug. 1959).

As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List):

George KAYE (4082629). 1st Oct. 1960.

Cecil John JOYCE (4106740). 16th Nov. 1960.

Alfred BOWDEN, D.F.M. (177713). 16th Dec. 1960.

John David EDWARDS (3517204). 17th Jan. 1961.

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):

Barry John GRAINGER (3520161). 1st Oct. 1960

(since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).

John George ADLAM (178838). 7th Oct. 1960

(since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).

Leslie BARTON (2473536). 1st Dec. 1960.

Aubrey Redvers BURDEN (206000). 30th Dec. 1960.

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

Allen TAYLOR, B.Sc. (4091384). 1st May 1961 (seniority 1st Jan. 1961).

As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

John Philip MUSSON, B.A. (5032745). 21st Oct. 1960 (since regraded as Pilot Officer).

Notification amended

7th Oct. 1952 (p. 5269, col. 1) concerning Jerzy NOWAKOWSKI (500063) for 1st Oct. 1952 read 1st Oct. 1951.

Regrading

Acting Pilot Officer B. RUTLEDGE (4196102) is regraded as Pilot Officer. 12th Mar. 1961.

Adjustment of period of service

The period of service of the undermentioned Flight Lieutenants is adjusted to eight years on the active list with effect from the dates stated:

J. HUNTER (3516951). 7th Oct. 1953.

J. CLEGG (3134738). 20th Oct. 1953.

Extension of service

The period of service on the active list of Flying Officer A. F. R. BLAKE (2822068), W.R.A.F., is extended to ten years with effect from 12th Sept. 1957.