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AIR MINISTRY

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

5th March 1963.

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

3517105 Sergeant Eric Charles SMITH, Royal Air Force, No. 22 Squadron, Royal Air Force, St. Mawgan.

On 3rd November 1962, Sergeant Smith was a member of the duty helicopter crew of No. 22 Squadron Detachment, Royal Air Force, Chivenor. At 0710 hours the aircraft was scrambled to the scene of an incident at Lands End, where the French fishing trawler "Jeanne Gougy" with a crew of eighteen men, had run aground and was lying on her side with heavy seas breaking completely over her. The helicopter began immediate search for possible survivors and a body was seen floating face downwards, supported by a life jacket. Sergeant Smith was lowered into the sea, and succeeded in securing the body and bringing it into the aircraft, although he was repeatedly submerged in breaking waves, twelve to fifteen feet high and swallowed a considerable amount of sea water and oil. As the tide receded, signs of life were seen in the wheelhouse and the helicopter, which had gone to refuel, was recalled. By the time it returned four men had been rescued by means of Cliff Rescue Gear, but a fifth man remained in the wheelhouse, too weak and exhausted to reach the rescue gear. It was decided that the only way to rescue this seaman was for the winchman to be lowered through the door of the wheelhouse. In appalling weather conditions, with waves breaking continually over the wheelhouse and the whole ship rocking under the impact, Sergeant Smith was lowered into the vessel. He succeeded in reaching the seaman and dragged him into a position from which he was winched to safety. It was ascertained from this man that there was another survivor in the bridge superstructure. Sergeant Smith was again lowered into the wheelhouse and extricated the exhausted seaman who was also rescued. Despite his exhaustion and the constant nausea he was suffering through swallowing sea water and oil, Sergeant Smith insisted on making two further descents to see if there were any more survivors on board. During the whole time Sergeant Smith was on the vessel, he was in the greatest personal danger from the heavy seas which pounded him. There was the added risk that the winch cable might become fouled on the rigging of the superstructure of the vessel, which would have left the aircraft captain no alternative

but to cut and jettison the cable, thus leaving Sergeant Smith in the same position as those he had saved. Sergeant Smith showed courage, devotion to duty and utter disregard for his own personal safety throughout this hazardous operation.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenants (General List):

1st Oct. 1962

Alan Robert CUSHMAN (3128958).
Clive Ernest EVANS (4163201).
Norman John Grosvenor HODNETT (3521942).
Alistair Sellar MITCHELL (2763388).
Peter John ODLING (3515407).
Barrie Anthony RILEY (2545076).
Keith Ernest Walter SHIPMAN (2591334).
Sidney Carl STERLING (586427).
Terrence THORNTON (4093954).
John VERNON (4174360).

As Flying Officers (General List):

1st Oct. 1962

Ronald Gustav ALENIUS (2774499) (since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).
Douglas Maxwell BARR (4230014) (since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).
Alan Alexander BRUYN (4159109) (since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).
Malcolm Askew HUGHES (2742290).
Bernard John Michael LIMB (506099).

As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List):

Ian Tait JOLLY (4054423). 19th Nov. 1962.
James Norman BROWN (3149755). 3rd Feb. 1963.

Douglas George CATT (4151282). 4th Feb. 1963.

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):

Terrence Edward WIGGINS (4187312). 22nd Aug. 1962.

Peter Philip DALE (4106723). 22nd Nov. 1962.

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

J. A. RICHARDSON (1805730). 28th Feb. 1963.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

D. T. MAY (507068). 16th Dec. 1962.
D. KING (586176). 24th Feb. 1963.
R. A. RAYMOND (4163205). 1st Mar. 1963.

2nd Mar. 1963

A. G. W. VICKERS (1811943).
J. J. WALTERS (1588963).
A. TAYLOR, B.Sc. (507255). 3rd Mar. 1963
(seniority 3rd June 1961).

Adjustment of period of service

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

- G. J. EDWARDS (607607). 26th May 1955.
D. S. MCCRACKEN (4174693). 19th Oct. 1955.

Regrading

Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer:

- P. G. AUSTIN (4231174). 8th Dec. 1962.

Transfer between branches

Notification cancelled

- 25th Sept. 1962 (p. 7519, col. 2) concerning
B. H. HIGGINS (4231308).

Transfer to reserve

Flight Lieutenants:

- G. W. ENGLISH (3145325). 24th Jan. 1963.
C. TAYLOR (2614716). 9th Feb. 1963.

28th Feb. 1963

- T. OLDHAM (4164425).
P. T. STATON (4060870).
G. TURNER (4060885).

- J. R. C. BROUWER (199620). 5th Mar. 1963.

Flying Officer D. J. PINE (2275942). 25th Feb. 1963.

Retirement

Air Vice-Marshal H. J. KIRKPATRICK, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., M.A. (at own request). 5th Feb. 1963.

Wing Commander V. C. WOODWARD, D.F.C. (41092) (at own request). 31st Jan. 1963.

Squadron Leader T. F. C. CHURCHER (40801). 12th Feb. 1963.

Squadron Leader W. M. SIZER, D.F.C. (40758), resuming the rank of Wing Commander. 23rd Feb. 1963.

Flight Lieutenants:

- B. B. LYDON (169120). 1st Feb. 1963.
C. D. GROGAN (1801002). 23rd Feb. 1963.
R. F. LAWRENSON, D.F.M. (182983). 2nd Mar. 1963.

D. H. WALES, A.F.C. (102292). 4th Mar. 1963.

Flight Lieutenant D. A. HELSBY (40701), retaining the rank of Squadron Leader. 23rd Feb. 1963.

Direct Entry commission relinquished

Acting Pilot Officer B. H. HIGGINS (4231308) (on appointment to a permanent commission in the Secretarial Branch). 5th Sept. 1962.

Commission terminated

Pilot Officer R. L. FREEMAN (4230863). 2nd Feb. 1963.

TECHNICAL BRANCH**Appointment to commission (short service)**

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) (six years on the active list and four years on the reserve):
Ian Frank FAIRHEAD (507436). 1st Jan. 1963.

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:
27th Feb. 1963

- A. HUNTER (47232).
R. B. LOADER, M.B.E. (576816).
D. J. PHILLIPS (3152839) (seniority 27th Nov. 1961).
H. S. TOOMER (574083).
D. WREN (569982).

28th Feb. 1963

- C. H. COLEGATE (552541).
A. GREENHALGH, M.B.E. (572834).
W. H. HUBBARD, B.E.M. (517624).
J. A. RIXOM, B.Sc. (502997). 1st Mar. 1963.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:
2nd Mar. 1963

- W. K. DAWSON (545945).
G. J. STRATTON (579727).

Grant of Acting Rank

Air Commodore D. N. KINGTON-BLAIR-OLIPHANT, O.B.E., B.A. is granted the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. 4th Mar. 1963.

Retirement

Squadron Leader G. G. BEVAN (51434). 15th Feb. 1963.

Flight Lieutenants:

- W. BANFIELD (562671) (at own request). 2nd Feb. 1963.
F. C. JAMES (57869). 28th Feb. 1963.

Commission terminated

Pilot Officers:

- 26th Jan. 1963
G. A. MILLS (507279).
B. M. TAYLOR, B.Sc. (2618705).

EQUIPMENT BRANCH**Appointment to commission (permanent)**

As Flying Officer (General List):

- Dennis Clive COLLINS (3150678). 1st Oct. 1962.

Promotion

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

- D. F. CAIRNS (592617). 2nd Mar. 1963.

Transfer to reserve

Flying Officer H. M. KIMBER (2821976) W.R.A.F. 28th Feb. 1963.

Retirement

Group Captain E. J. SMITH (at own request), retaining the rank of Air Commodore. 1st Feb. 1963.

Wing Commander J. C. ARCHIBALD, M.B.E. (85438). 6th Mar. 1963.

Commission terminated

Pilot Officer J. H. BAILEY (2765715). 2nd Feb. 1963.

SECRETARIAL BRANCH**Appointment to commission (permanent)**

As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

- Bernard Hugh HIGGINS (4231308). 5th Sept. 1962.

Promotion

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

- B. F. KITCHINGMAN (591956). 2nd Mar. 1963.

Retirement

Squadron Officer M. A. ALLEN-JONES (2427) W.R.A.F. 2nd Mar. 1963.

Flight Lieutenants:

- R. E. ROBERTS (190311). 28th Feb. 1963.
A. ELLIS (182960). 1st Mar. 1963.

ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT**Appointment to commission (permanent)**

As Flight Lieutenant (General List):

- Christopher Michael BURTON (506983). 1st Oct. 1962 (for subsequent transfer to the Provost Branch).

Transfer between branches

The undermentioned Flight Lieutenants are transferred to the Catering Branch, retaining their existing rank and seniority:

- 27th Feb. 1963
N. STEVENSON (1793109).
T. W. WILLIAMS (195315).

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION BRANCH**Transfer to reserve**

Flight Lieutenant M. M. CURSHAM (506724). 23rd Feb. 1963.

MEDICAL BRANCH**Promotion**

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader:

- J. COTTAM, M.B., B.S., L.M.S.S.A. (503921). 1st Apr. 1962.

Extension of service

The period of service on the active list of Flight Lieutenant R. D. JACKSON, M.B., Ch.B. (506775) is extended until 5th Apr. 1963.

Transfer to reserve

Flight Lieutenants:

- 6th Mar. 1963
G. R. DANIEL, M.B., B.S. (506772).
P. H. T. GREIG, B.A., M.B., B.Chir. (506773).
R. F. NORRIS, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (506769).

DENTAL BRANCH

Appointment to commission (short service)

Notification amended

22nd Jan. 1963 (p. 706, col. 2) concerning Harold Michael FITZGERALD, B.D.S. (1904025) *delete* (seniority 15th Mar. 1961).

Transfer to reserve

Flight Lieutenants :

28th Feb. 1963

W. GARNETT, B.D.S., L.D.S. (506746).
B. N. GOODE, B.D.S., L.D.S. (506766).
H. R. JONES, L.D.S., R.C.S. (506693).

EDUCATION BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List) :

15th Jan. 1963

Sidney Arthur Edward FORREST, A.M.I.E.E. (1602194).

Robert George KEVAN, B.A. (507445).

Appointment to commission (medium service)

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List) (ten years on the active list and four years on the reserve) :

15th Jan. 1963

Malcolm Lawrence CRIEBB, B.Sc. (507457).
David John NOYCE, B.A. (507446).

Promotion

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :

W. K. BAGLEY, B.A. (503785). 17th Feb. 1963.

Flight Officer to Squadron Officer W.R.A.F. :

M. R. C. CUNNINGHAM, M.A. (2659217). 2nd Mar. 1963.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

J. W. TEBBS, B.A. (507161). 2nd Mar. 1963.

PROVOST BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officer (General List) :

Brian George ANSTEY (4183089). 1st Oct. 1962.

CATERING BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officer (General List) :

Norman Thomas BOULGER (506856). 1st Oct. 1962.

PHYSICAL FITNESS BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officer (General List) :

Harold John Catleugh BROWN (506887). 1st Oct. 1962.

Retirement

Flight Lieutenant R. G. HOLLOWAY (134189) (at own request). 1st Feb. 1963.

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

A. E. CHALLINOR, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., (2319751). 1st Mar. 1963.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE
NURSING SERVICE

Appointment to commission (short service)

Notification amended

5th Feb. 1963 (p. 1099, col. 2) concerning Primula Leonie BOWYER-JOHNSON (407943) for (seniority 23rd May 1962) *read* (seniority 2nd July 1962).

Promotion

Notification amended

26th Feb. 1963 (p. 1813, col. 2) concerning E. MALTMAN (405108) for 21st Aug. 1963 *read* 21st Feb. 1963.

Adjustment of seniority

The seniority of Flight Officer R. M. ROWLEY (407667) is adjusted to 1st Apr. 1962.

Extension of service

The period of service on the active list of Flight Officer R. UNWIN (407623) is extended to eight years from 25th Nov. 1957.

Short service commission relinquished

Flight Officers :

M. J. DICKIE (407751). 19th Jan. 1963.
C. J. MORRIS (407641). 17th Feb. 1963.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE OF
OFFICERS

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Commission relinquished

Flight Lieutenants :

J. N. BROWN (3149755) (on appointment to a permanent commission in the R.A.F.). 3rd Feb. 1963.

D. G. CATT (4151282) (on appointment to a permanent commission in the R.A.F.). 4th Feb. 1963.

ROYAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE
RESERVE OF OFFICERS

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Commission relinquished

Flight Lieutenant L. BRETT (184322). 9th Feb. 1963.

Flying Officer Sir Mark A. NORMAN, Bt. (91382), retaining his rank. 14th Feb. 1963.

SECRETARIAL BRANCH

Commission relinquished

Flight Lieutenant F. B. CLARK (135098). 3rd Feb. 1963.

ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT

Commission relinquished

Flight Lieutenant J. WILKIE, B.E.M. (123704), retaining his rank. 2nd Feb. 1963.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER
RESERVE

(Reconstituted section)

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Commission relinquished

Acting Pilot Officer S. P. SIME (2617976). 4th Feb. 1963.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER
RESERVE

TRAINING BRANCH

Promotion

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

E. J. GAUNT (207013). 21st Oct. 1962.

2nd Feb. 1963

D. BROWN (1433476).

G. H. BROWN (5004008).

3rd Feb. 1963

J. FOWLER (3152670).

J. O. R. HENDERSON (206859).

R. McLEOD, M.A. (1052243).

J. M. LIND, M.A. (1559807). 27th Feb. 1963.

Commission relinquished

Flying Officers :

K. H. WHITE (1399738). 1st Feb. 1963.

S. LYONS (201053). 28th Feb. 1963.

Flying Officer H. C. GEE, B.Sc. (184098), retaining his rank. 22nd Feb. 1963.

Commission resigned

Flying Officers :

R. T. A. JEWELL (206112). 20th Nov. 1962.

B. ISHERWOOD (3057542). 1st Dec. 1962.

3rd Dec. 1962

I. G. ELLIOT (1569945).

E. WILLIAMS, D.F.C. (170876).

E. W. A. AMBROSE (206210). 16th Dec. 1962.

18th Dec. 1962

W. H. FLOWERS (206550).

J. W. HERD (206041).

J. E. WEBBER (3120543). 31st Dec. 1962.

Flying Officer G. W. EDWARDS, B.A. (103436),
retaining the rank of Squadron Leader. 1st Nov.
1962.

Flying Officers retaining their rank :

P. J. LEAHY (206682). 25th Nov. 1962.

J. A. WAY (206626). 1st Dec. 1962.

Pilot Officers :

V. R. RAWLINGS (1626096). 11th Oct. 1962.

J. R. F. DUFFEY (206613). 12th Nov. 1962.

T. L. CROLL (4103190). 1st Dec. 1962.

E. J. SAUNDERS (2743583). 31st Dec. 1962.

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