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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
6th August 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to:

(To be dated 27th July 1963)

236706 Leading Aircraftman Robert George COLE,  
Royal Canadian Air Force.

On the night of 27th April 1962, a fire occurred in a third floor apartment of the R.C.A.F. Married Quarters at St. Avold, France, in which a boy of twelve and three infants, aged two years and below, were sleeping. The youngest infant perished in the fire. Leading Aircraftman Cole, who lived in a neighbouring building, saw the fire and proceeded to the apartment with an extinguisher to render assistance. On his arrival, the fire, which was seated in the main bedroom, was well established, and the apartment was in complete darkness, smoke-filled and very hot. Leading Aircraftman Cole was the first person to enter the apartment, which he did without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety. In spite of being untrained and unequipped for such activity, he searched the apartment, crawling on his hands and knees to avoid suffocation, and succeeded in finding three children whom he passed for removal to two other airmen who had followed him into the apartment. He then tried to extinguish the fire in the main bedroom where, unknown to him, the youngest child was present, but found this impossible with the limited means at his disposal. Leading Aircraftman Cole then assisted another airman to evacuate eight people who thought themselves trapped on the fourth floor. Throughout this emergency, Leading Aircraftman Cole conducted himself courageously, showing outstanding initiative, judgment and coolness. There is no doubt that his prompt action saved three children from death by asphyxiation.

**AIR MINISTRY**

6th August 1963.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH**

*Appointment to commission (permanent)*

*As Pilot Officer (General List):*

Thomas James SNEDDON (4231194). 8th Dec. 1962.

*As Acting Pilot Officer (General List):*

Flight Cadet George Arthur AYRE (608255). 23rd June 1963.

*As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List):*

Roger BRADING (2608074). 27th Feb. 1963.

John Henry PEACOCK (507587). 27th June 1963.

*As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):*

Roger James Mullen TAYLOR (4231571). 1st July 1963.

*Appointment to commission (permanent) (D.E.C.(A))*

*As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List):*

Anthony FUNNELL (2309147). 24th Apr. 1963.

*Notification amended*

9th July 1963 (p. 5819, col. 1) concerning Thomas Francis BURKE (507556) *add (seniority 28th Nov. 1961).*

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:*

J. H. W. KING (1605277). 15th May 1963.

J. K. PARRY, B.Sc. (2617070). 21st June 1963.

P. F. HOUGHTON (1865899). 28th July 1963.

R. D. G. POPE (1600782). 31st July 1963.

G. H. MICKLEBURGH (2476458). 2nd Aug. 1963.

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:*

21st July 1963

R. A. HENSON (4231054).

R. F. KER (3155512).

31st July 1963 (*seniority 31st July 1962*)

C. B. ADCOCK (608182).

R. M. ANNETT, B.A. (608171).

N. B. BALDWIN (608144).

N. J. BING (608183).

R. D. COLE (608147).

P. COULSON (608174).

W. M. N. CROSS (608149).

J. H. CURRIE (608155).

H. FAZAKERLEY (608180).

J. C. FITTUS (608146).

D. FRADLEY (608173).

M. A. GAYNOR (608166).

C. GRANVILLE-WHITE (608157).

J. R. HAMBLETON (4230431).

J. V. HARDING (608163).

M. S. HERRING (608150).

F. J. HOARE (608142).

A. J. F. HUNT (608151).

T. S. KEATS (608176).

D. S. LANIGAN (608153).

J. G. LUMSDEN (608160).

M. S. J. MCKINLEY (608162).

F. MILLIGAN (682463).

B. P. NICOLLE (608145).