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AIR MINISTRY

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award.

Air Force Medal

1606164 Flight Sergeant Dennis Neil GIBSON, Royal Air Force.

Flight Sergeant Gibson joined No. 22 Squadron Detachment at Royal Air Force, Chivenor, in June, 1962, as an Air Signaller. On the 16th July, 1963, he was the winchman of a duty helicopter crew sent to rescue a woman who had been cut off by the tide. She was suspended on a rope about six feet below a projecting rock in a narrow channel between two rock faces about eight feet apart. It was impossible to pull her over the projecting rock or reach her from the sea, some fifty feet below. Because of the turbulent conditions Flight Sergeant Gibson was unable to pass the strop round the woman with one hand. Although he was fully aware of the danger involved he released himself from the winch cable and, whilst maintaining a precarious foothold, secured the strop and reconnected himself to the cable. He then cut the connecting rope and he and the woman were winched into the helicopter. Flight Sergeant Gibson displayed outstanding courage, skill and determination under difficult conditions showing a complete disregard for his personal safety.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officer (General List) :

David Nicholas RANSON, B.A. (5011297). 7th Oct. 1963 (*seniority 10th Apr. 1961*).

As Pilot Officers (General List) :

7th Oct. 1963

John Sidney BELL (2619692) (*seniority 27th Oct. 1962*).

Peter DANSON, B.Sc. (2618066) (*seniority 7th July 1962*).

Michael Preston HANN, B.A. (507650) (*seniority 7th July 1962*).

Andrew Dallas JAMIESON, B.Sc. (2617993) (*seniority 7th Jan. 1962*).

As Acting Pilot Officers (General List) :

22nd Sept. 1963

Michael William Paul CHAPPLE (2615415).

Alexander Bruce DUTHIE (507675).

Timothy GARDEN (2618974).

David Christopher HENCKEN (2618296).

Alan Lamont Donald MUNRO (2617937).

David Cairns MURRAY (2620443).

David PIKE (2619294).

George Beaufort ROBERTSON (2618029).

Andrew William SHEARN (507676).

Simon STANDLEY (2618989).

Peter William STANNARD (2618900).

Michael William STRETEN (2619296).

As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List) :

Dale Rodger NEWTON (507669). 8th Oct. 1963.

Robert James Nairn MCKNIGHT, B.A. (507646). 14th Oct. 1963.

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

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List) :

David John DUNSTONE (3514688). 6th June 1963.

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) :

Stephen Holgate ALBROW (2617737). 7th Oct. 1963.

Notification amended

11th Dec. 1962 (p. 9639, col. 1) concerning Kenneth Albert PILBEAM (4143061) for Flying Officer read Pilot Officer.

Transfer to Supplementary List conditions of service

Flight Lieutenant S. A. FITZGERALD (621796) is transferred to the Supplementary List retaining his existing rank and seniority. 7th Oct. 1963.

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

D. N. RANSON, B.A. (5011297). 10th Oct. 1963.

R. A. WARDROBE (551000). 6th Nov. 1963.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

A. T. WHITE (4231103). 15th Sept. 1963.

T. H. DAY (4335100). 4th Nov. 1963.

10th Nov. 1963

A. V. ADES (4231136).

A. F. BAMPTON (2756440).

J. D. CHAPPELL (4231162).

J. CRAIG (4231188).

D. J. DAWSON (4231117).

J. P. FISHER (589075).

J. T. GALYER (4231165).

J. A. GATHERER (4231166).

E. W. GENT (4203386).

B. L. S. HARPER (4231130).

M. S. HOPGOOD (4231129).

R. S. JOHNSON (4231163).

J. W. KEEPE (4231171).

C. MEAD (684138).

A. A. K. MILLS (4230743).

B. S. NAIDOO (4231170).

R. H. PAICE (680859).

J. S. TATE (4231145).

Adjustment of service

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

J. B. FAHY (4181208). 25th Apr. 1956.

M. N. WHITEMAN (2779921). 20th Feb. 1957.