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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

13th July 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

E4267222 Acting Corporal Robert McAll, Royal Air Fòrce.

At 0230 hours on 20th November 1964, Corporal McAll was returning to the guardroom at El Adem on completion of a patrol with Air Dog Prince when he saw three Arabs levering off the back of the NAAFI shop with a long heavy crowbar. On chal-lenging them one of them fired at him with an Italian automatic rifle as they ran off towards the perimeter fence. He released his dog which seized one of the men by the arm but lost its grip when the Arab swung it against an upright post. The man ran but was pursued by the dog and caught. Corporal McAll then took the prisoner, who was struggling violently, and sent his dog after the other two men. He tried to raise the alarm by shouting whereupon the dog broke off the attack and returned to him. trying to take the man to the guardroom Corporal McAll fell into an open trench losing his hold on the prisoner. The other two Arabs returned to help their accomplice and the one with the rifle again fired at the patrol. The airman and his dog once more seized the prisoner but in the struggle that ensued the airman was struck on the head with a rock and the dog clubbed on the head with the butt of the rifle. Corporal McAll'was momentarily stunned and came round to find his dog standing guard over him but the Arabs had escaped. He raised the alarm but by this time the Arabs had disappeared into the desert. Corporal McAll had a bruised and lacerated forehead and the dog a bullet or piece of shrapnel in its shoulder. The dog died from its injuries the following day. Regardless of the imminent danger to his own life from rifle fire Corporal McAll showed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in attempting to apprehend three violent criminals and although injured and momentarily stunned displayed great presence of mind in raising the alarm and continuing the pursuit. His prompt action undoubtedly prevented a crime being committed.

## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

13th July 1965.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (General List):
Keith Neville John Hawes (4230092). 1st Oct. 1964.

As Flying Officer (General List): John Smillie Gray (4230569): 1st Oct. 1964.

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List): Brian Lucas (2557399). 8th June 1965.

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

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List): Christopher John Preston (3516335). 3rd Mar. 1965.

#### Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:
D. J. Flaxman (4158658). 11th Mar. 1965.
T. C. Ward, B.Sc. (4232238). 25th June 1965.

12th July 1965 G. W. E. Fostek, A.F.M. (3051193). F. D. B. Guin (591841). P. E. Hongson (4138129).

C. C. WARE (608063).

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:
T. H. Taylön (4257734). 6th July 1964.
B. Hudson (4274396). 7th July 1965.
A. B. Law (2619787). 9th July 1965.

11th July 1965 (seniority 11th Apr. 1964) W. D. Purvis, M.A. (507915). M. R. WATKINS, B.Sc. (5066085).

12th July 1965

D. C. ANDREWS (4231790).
M. J. R. BARNETT (4231892).
D. C. BEVAN (4231783).
R. BROWN (4231894).
R. K. BUNGAY (4231745).
R. N. BUTTLE (4231896).

G. H. Chapman (4231895). P. Edwards (4231858).

F. EDWARDS (423183).

I. FITZPATRICK (5200405).

M. J. GRAY (4231826).

F. M. HAGGERTY (4231899).

M. D. JENKINS (4231910).

P. G. JOHNSON (4231900).