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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
20th July 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:*

Flight Lieutenant Terence FRYIRS (507469), Royal Air Force.

On the evening of 20th December 1964, Flight Lieutenant Fryirs, captain of Range Safety Launch 1649, was alerted following a report that an Army officer and four other ranks were adrift in a small dhow some 40 miles from Bahrein Island. The launch had no radar or navigation aids and the route to the position of the distress call abounded with shoals and sandbanks. The night was dark and the weather so severe, with gale force winds, that the launch had to heave to en route to the dhow and wait for the heavy seas to abate. By skilful navigation and the aid of a low-powered searchlight the dhow was located. The sea was breaking over the decks, the bilge pump was choked and the boat was likely to founder at any moment. Despite the risk of the two boats being smashed together, Flight Lieutenant Fryirs' superb seamanship in the darkness enabled the soldiers, who were exhausted and seasick, to be transferred to the launch at the third attempt. On the night of 20th January 1965, Flight Lieutenant Fryirs again put to sea in response of a distress call from a ship operating in the Persian Gulf. One of the crew, whose leg had been almost severed in an accident, needed a blood transfusion within eight hours if his life was to be saved. The ship was outside the normal range of the launch, so Flight Lieutenant Fryirs had two drums of fuel lashed to the deck and asked the ship's captain to steam towards Bahrein. The weather conditions were similar to those in the previous incident but again this officer displayed superb seamanship and at considerable risk to his own vessel the injured seaman was safely transferred to the launch, although the rise and fall between the two vessels was over ten feet. Emergency medical aid was given by an Army doctor on board the launch while it was hove to in appalling weather. By expert navigation the Bahrein Light Vessel was picked up on course and time although the launch had been out of sight of a navigation mark for over eight hours. The launch was at sea for nearly thirteen hours and the fuel supply was running short when she berthed.

The injured seaman was transferred to hospital where his leg was saved. By skilful captaincy Flight Lieutenant Fryirs directed his crew and craft in two hazardous operations where both were stretched to the limit of their endurance and which resulted in the saving of six lives. He showed great courage, initiative and seamanship of the highest order.

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

20th July 1965.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH**

*Appointment to commission (permanent)*

*As Flight Lieutenant (General List):*  
Flying Officer Alan Norman WHITE, B.Sc.(Eng.) (3147547). 19th Mar. 1965 (seniority 20th June 1963).

*As Flying Officer (General List):*  
Thomas William PAWSON (4041825). 15th Feb. 1965 (seniority 5th Mar. 1958).

*As Flying Officer (General List) Ground Branch:*  
Graham Wood (4230373). 1st Oct. 1964.

*As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):*  
3rd June 1965 (seniority 3rd June 1962)  
Master Pilot Hugh Frank WEEDON (3046127).

Master Navigator Michael William John LUSCOMBE (3110126).

*Flight Sergeants*

3rd June 1965 (seniority 3rd June 1964)  
Anthony Warwick MORGANS (4107496).  
Thomas Kenneth TOPAZ (3515960).  
Sergeant David William BEEDEN (4173757). 3rd June 1965 (seniority 25th July 1961).

*As Flying Officer (Supplementary List) Ground Branch:*  
Sergeant Arthur John COOKE (2457959). 3rd June 1965.

*As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):*  
Sergeant Shaik Ahmad Bin Abdul HALEEM (4220319). 3rd June 1965 (seniority 19th July 1964).

*As Acting Pilot Officers (Supplementary List) Ground Branch:*

*Aircraftmen*

3rd June 1965

Arthur David William GROVE (4335494).  
Ian Arthur HERDMAN (4335495).