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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

21st December 1965.

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

18093360 Senior Aircraftman LEE, Nai-liang, Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force.

Senior Aircraftman Lee was the crewman on board the helicopter which went to help a stricken cargo ship, s.s. Nam An, off the east coast of Hong Kong on 5th April 1965. Senior Aircraftman Lee was lowered on to the deck of the ship to assist the ship's crew to fit the rescue strop. In rough seas, which were breaking over the deck, and amid strong gusting were breaking over the deck, and amid strong gusting winds and driving rain he ensured that all 43 members of the crew and the ship's dog were lifted safely from the vessel. During the operation Senior Aircraftman Lee was left on board the wrecked ship whilst the helicopter returned to base for fuel and to have a winch fault rectified. Throughout the entire rescue which lasted six and three quarter hours, he displayed eventional courses and devotion to duty. His conexceptional courage and devotion to duty. His con-duct on board the stricken vessel in most hazardous conditions and in the knowledge that the ship could break up at any time was a shining example, particu-larly as he is not employed as a winchman by the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force and has not received any official training in this role.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

21st December 1965. The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:

Air Force Cross

Flight Lieutenant Danny CLEUNG Kwong (18095805), Hong Kong Auxiliary An Force.

At 0636 hours on 5th April 1965 the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force at Kai 7 ak was alerted to send helicopter assistance to the crew of a 5,500 ton Panamanian Freighter, S.S. Nam An, which had run aground on the eastern coast of the Colony. Flight Lieutenant Cheung immediately elected to fly his helicopter in an attempt to rescue the 43 people on board the freighter which was in danger of sinking. The wind at the time was easterly 21 knots gusting to 30 knots, visibility about 1 mile, cloud base 500 feet, with light rain and drizzle. After take off the weather

deteriorated quickly, cloud base lowering to 300 feet and the rain becoming heavier. Despite severe tur-bulence, poor visibility and low cloud Flight Lieutenant Cheung reached the stricken vessel which had been driven against the rocks at the base of a cliff in a most exposed location. The ship was only 20-30 feet from the cliff face which towered above it and the turbulence above the deck was severe. No rescue was possible from land or sea and the vessel was in danger of breaking up. Despite these hazards Flight Lieutenant Cheung hovered over the vessel and first lowered a crewman to assist the sur-vivors to fit a strop, and then in 3 trips lifted 6 of the seamen to safety. During the next attempt the winch developed a fault and, since he was also short deteriorated quickly, cloud base lowering to 300 feet which developed a fault and, since he was also short of fuel, he returned to base. The helicopter was refuelled and the winch fault rectified in 15 minutes. refuelled and the winch fault rectified in 15 minutes. Flight Lieutenant Cheung then returned to the ship to rescue a further 19 survivors before the winch again developed a fault. The weather had further deterio-rated and with a jammed winch, he was forced to lower the 26th survivor back on board and return to base. Apart from a 15 minutes stop Flight Lieutenant Cheung had been airborne for 3 hours in the most appalling weather. Whilst the actual winch-ing of the survivors was taking place, he operated in hazardous conditions. Severe turbulence, poor visibility and low cloud, together with a towering cliff face less than 30 feet away, did not deter him, and he was instrumental in rescuing 25 seamen from what had developed into a perilous situation. from what had developed into a perilous situation. Throughout the operation he displayed skill, courage and determination of the very highest order.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Leader Ronald Percy SMITH, M.B.E. Squadron

(18093056), Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force. L0568567 Flight Sergeant Thomas Douglas Lewis, Royal Air Force.

18097251 Senior Aircraftman Argo CHOW Chong-Yan, Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force.

Squadron Leader Smith, Flight Sergeant Lewis and Senior Aircraftman Chow were pilot and winchmen respectively who assisted in the operation which re-sulted in the rescue of all 43 persons and the ship's dog from the stricken freighter S.S. Nam An off the coast of Hong Kong on 5th April 1965.

21st December 1965.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Commodore H. B. MARTIN, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., A.D.C., is appointed Senior Air Staff Officer, Near East Air Force, with the Acting Rank of Air Vice-Marshal, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal W. V. CRAWFORD-COMPTON, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., 18th Dec. 1965.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent) As Flight Lieutenant (General List) Ground Branch : Edward Stuart GILBERT (3513325). 30th July 30th July 1965. Appointment to commission (permanent) (D.E.C. (A)) As Acting Pilot Officers (Supplementary List) : Cadet Pilots 5th Nov. 1965 George Boyd BROWN (0608646). Andrew John CAROLAN (4232709). Denis John COWARD, B.A. (4232781). Nicholas DAW (4232784). Malcolm GLEAVE (4232774). Terence George HANLON (4232782). William Ceri HARRIS, B.A. (4232766). Phillip HUGHES (4232762). Richard Edward PASSMAN (4232775). Adrian David RICHARDSON (4232754). Adrian David Richardson (4232754). James Robb (4232777). Graham Maynard Rutson (4232773). Cadet Navigators 5th Nov. 1965 Trevor John MARKS (687556) (seniority 16th July 1964). Michael John Cunningham (4232701). James Mowat (4232712). Robert Smith Walker (4232772). Appointment to commission (permanent) (D.E.C.(B)) As Acting Pilot Officers (Supplementary List): Cadet Pilots 5th Nov. 1965 Alan DAVENFORT (4232760). Colwyn James LEE (4232778). Edward Johnston LYON (4232795). Cadet Navigator John Patrick Mullan (4232790). 5th Nov. 1965. Air Electronics Cadet Thomas Joseph O'Dwyer (4232793). 5th Nov. 1965. Promotion Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: A. M. MITCHELL (3147418). 14th Nov. 1965. Pilot Officer to Flying Officer. 29th Nov. 1965 M. B. R. MARIOTT (4231980). A. V. PORTER (4232016). D. S. WILSON (4231993). D. O. WILSON (125775).
17th Dec. 1965 (seniority 17th Dec. 1964)
D. B. AINGE (608392).
M. R. ATKINSON (4230947).
R. B. BLAGBROUGH (608376).
J. R. CABORN (608374).
M. A. CLEGG (685147).
E. C. R. DICKS (608401).
B. J. DOYLE (608399).
A. B. HUGHES-LEWIS (608405) B. J. DOYLE (608399).
A. B. HUGHES-LEWIS (608405).
D. A. Z. JAMES (608375).
J. E. JEFFREY (608397).
M. P. KAYE (608377).
M. B. LANGHAM (608378).
J. MAWHINNEY (608391).
R. J. MILSOM (608378).
C. T. MOORE (608387).
C. F. S. REDMOND (608380).
B. T. STABLEFORD (608379).
B. E. TOLLADAY (608379).
M. DUBY (4231500). 2145 Doc. M. DUNN (4231599). 21st Dec. 1965. Regrading Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer : 2nd Oct. 1965 2nd Oct. 1965 H. M. C. Couchman (4335451). D. M. Forbes (4335488). A. D. W. Grove (4335494). I. A. Herdman (4335495). B. Jacques (4335491). P. J. MCKINNON (4231057). J. D. COKER (608453). 20th Dec. 1965. Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer, W.R.A.F. : 2nd Oct. 1965 H. F. R. Giles (2797326). J. HASLAM (2797308). Grant of Acting Rank Air Commodore H. B. MARTIN, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., A.D.C., is granted the Acting Rank of Air Vice-Marshal. 18th Dec. 1965.

Transfer to Reserve Flying Officer C. MURPHY (2797125) W.R.A.F. at own request. 20th Nov. 1965. Retirement Flight Lieutenant A. C. BROWN (170861), 11th Dec. 1965. **TECHNICAL BRANCH** Appointment to commission (permanent) As Flying Officer (General List): John Michael SMITH (5023233). 14th Sept. 1965 (seniority 14th Aug. 1961). Promotion Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant : H. J. R. CHEESEMAN (576574). 15th Dec. 1965. E. J. SMITH (643827). 19th Dec. 1965. E. A. CLOSE, B.E.M. (566699). 20th Dec. 1965. Regrading Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer : 17th Dec. 1965 S. J. FORBES (4335415).
B. FORSYTH (4335416).
C. J. ORME (4335409). Retirement Flight Lieutenant G. MASON (561274). 7th Dec. 1965. Removal from Retired List Squadron Leader H. C. BAYLIS (130153). 7th May 1965 substituted for notification of 16th Nov. 1965 (p. 10660, col. 1). EQUIPMENT BRANCH Appointment to commission (permanent) As Flight Lieutenant (General List): Peter John Jobson (507179). 24th Sept. 1965. Promotion Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant : 15th Dec. 1965 (seniority 15th Dec. 1964) D. Packman (607856). C. S. Parkin (607958). Pilot Officer to Flying Officer : 17th Dec. 1965 G. J. D. MAYNARD (608241). M. R. YULE (608301). SECRETARIAL BRANCH Promotion Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant : 15th Dec. 1965 (seniority 15th Dec. 1964) D. LAWRENCE, A.C.I.S. (607921). M. J. PORTER (607890). P. J. SYMES (607915). Pilot Officer to Flying Officer : R. L. LILLEY (608320). 17th Dec. 1965. J. I. GILSON (608226). 19th Dec. 1965. Commission relinquished Flying Officer F. M. KRAUSZ (2837691) W.R.A.F. (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service). 16th Dec. 1965. MEDICAL BRANCH Appointment to commission (permanent) As Flight Lieutenant (General List): John Gray PATERSON, M.B., Ch.B. (507472). 21st Sept. 1965. Promotion Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: D. A. ROXBURGH, M.B., Ch.B. (507651). D. A. I Oct. 1965. 25th Pilot Officer to Flying Officer : I. H. McKEE, M.B., Ch.B. (507452). 26th July 1965. A. CAMPBELL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (507349). С. 12th Nov. 1965. A. C. Southall, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (507686). 18th Nov. 1965. MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BRANCH (Medical Section) Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: D. Dowdeswell (3055896). 21st Dec. 1965.

DENTAL BRANCH

Promotion

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader : J. A. HOWARD, B.D.S., L.D.S.R.C.S. (507430). 16th Dec. 1965.

EDUCATION BRANCH

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant : W. C. NUTTALL, B.A. (507865). 13th Oct. 1965. 17th Dec. 1965 J. L. Dalkin (4152297). G. A. Tulett (587052).

Flying Officer to Flight Officer W.R.A.F.: J. M. OTTLEY, B.Sc. (8878). 24th Mar. 1965.

Adjustment of period of service The period of service on the Active List of Squadron Leader G. E. WILSON, B.A. (507256) is adjusted to four years from 25th Sept. 1962.

PROVOST BRANCH

Transfer between branches Squadron Officer D. M. WILLIAMS (465123) W.R.A.F. is transferred to the Secretarial Branch and ceases to be Assistant to Provost Marshal. 17th Aug. 1964.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Officer : J. DIXON, S.R.N., R.S.C.N. (407876). 1st Dec. 1965

2nd Dec. 1965 S. L. JAMES, S.R.N., S.C.M. (408064). E. MCCAUSLAND, S.R.N., S.C.M. (408065). Y. M. WARD, S.R.N. (407961).

ROYAL AIR FORCE **RESERVE OF OFFICERS**

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Commission relinquished

J. D. BARTON (4141613), retaining his rank. 16th Dec. 1965.

T. A. SHARPE (153419). 21st Dec. 1965.

Flying Officer J. DIBLE (4141153), retaining his rank. 16th Dec. 1965.

SECRETARIAL BRANCH

Commission relinquished Flight Lieutenant A. R. V. MCARTHUR (504250), retaining his rank. 21st Dec. 1965.

MEDICAL BRANCH

Promotion

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :

1st Apr. 1965

- J. F. R. ADAMS, M.B., B.S., L.M.S.S.A., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (506692). D. ATKINSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (506782). T. W. BENSON, M.B., B.S., D.C.H. (506655). R. D. Boyp, M.B., B.S. (506371). A. H. DAVIES, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (506821).

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DENTAL BRANCH

Promotion

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader: 1st Apr. 1965 P. R. H. BROWN, B.D.S. (506571). J. M. EVANS, L.D.S. (506704). A. H. GIRDWOOD, B.D.S. (506572). P. GRADWELL, B.D.S., L.D.S. (506602).

CATERING BRANCH

- Commission relinquished
- Flight Lieutenant G. F. CROSBEE (504302), retaining his rank. 20th Dec. 1965.

ROYAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE RESERVE OF OFFICERS

SECRETARIAL BRANCH

Commission relinquished.

Flight Lieutenant G. MITCHELL (45483). 18th Dec. 1965.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(Reconstituted Section)

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission

As Acting Pilot Officer (one year): Alan John MacDonald, B.Sc. (2618318). 6th July 1965. Allan Charles Dayler Brown (2618313). 26th

July 1965.

As Acting Pilot Officer (until 2nd Jan. 1967): Graham WINWOOD (2603190). 30th July 1965.

As Acting Pilot Officer (until 14th Jan. 1967): Alan John MAWBY (2602148). 29th June 1965.

Extension of service

The period of service of the undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers is extended by one year from the dates stated :

- 22nd Nov. 1965
- G. Y. Dodds (2615418). D. E. Searle (2619421).

F. HONNOR, B.Sc. (2619492). 12th Dec. 1965.

Commission relinquished

Acting Pilot Officers : R. A. J. SPURRELL, B.Sc. (2619301). 15th Dec. 1965.

- G. COPLEY (2619674). 16th Dec. 1965. W. D. WITHEROW (2619088). 19th Dec. 1965. J. R. S. HODGSON, B.Sc. (2619412). 21st Dec.
- 1965.

TECHNICAL BRANCH

Appointment to commission

As Acting Pilot Officer (until 14th Jan. 1967) : David Martin Brown (2602163). 30th June 1965.

METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH

Extension of service

Notification amended

23rd Nov. 1965 (p. 10978, col. 1) concerning W. COPLESTONE (201711) for COPLESTONE read COPLESTON.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE

TRAINING BRANCH

Extension of service The period of service of the undermentioned Flying Officers is extended by four years from the dates stated :

- ed : 16th Dec. 1965 K. W. DAVIES (207007). R. DAVIES (2373485). D. S. FORSYTH (3118869). B. T. HIGGINS (207002). R. H. JEFFERSON (1304456). A. LOCKE, M.A. (207012). J. F. RIDGEON (4025873). N. A. S. VINCENT, B.Sc. (207010). R. E. M. WHEATLEY (1808041). L. D. DEWENG, M.A. (2010) (151). J. D. POWELL, M.A. (180164). 17th Dec. 1965. 18th Dec. 1965 R. F. COTTELL (553562). J. WARD (3013471). J. WARD (3013471).
 19th Dec. 19(
 J. L. ARMSTRONG (1091243).
 E. S. BROWN (3121381).
 N. H. DAVIES (2484655).
 R. G. GALE (204290).
 S. H. J. GREGORY (1503821).
 K. E. GUEST (1801504).
 W. J. T. HARRIES (1836140).
 S. J. KNAGGS (207003).
 A. W. D. RIVERS (1871036).
 W. J. SAWNEY (129044).
 G. J. TAYLOR (3126045). 1965

20th Dec. 1965

R. F. CLARKE, M.B.E. (173106). S. G. SMITH, D.F.C. (173772). C. SYKES (2590461). R. J. P. VOKES (2531437). A. C. HOUSTON (2744063). 21st Dec. 1965. W. HORTON (1358109). 22nd Dec. 1965.

Commission relinquished

- Flying Officers :

 - E. J. GAUNT (207013). 1st Nov. 1965. C. A. HARROP (206976). 7th Nov. 1965. A. M. SHELDON (55249). 14th Dec. 1965.

Flying Officers retaining the rank of Flight Lieutenant:

J. W. TAYLOR (205787). 17th Dec. 1965. H. J. TAYLOR (1698890). 18th Dec. 1965.

Pilot Officer B. W. CRAYFOURD (3089401). 18th Dec. 1965.

Commission resigned Flying Officers: G. A. PAGE, B.E.M. (57665). 23rd Mar. 1965. T. D. GILL (206905). 30th Sept. 1965. M. KING (2305533). 18th Oct. 1965. J. CLARK (4132495). 28th Oct. 1965. 29th Oct. 1965 B. Toy (3510255). S. G. WALDRON, M.A. (630976). I. J. SCREEN (3088771). 30th Oct. 1965. Ist Nov. 1965 G. M. BUXTON, O.B.E., M.A., F.R.Ae.S. (22237). J. A. CORRIGAN (207173). S. E. NEWBERY (1413987). Flying Officers retaining the rank of Flight Lieutenant: C. A. R. PERRY (2567727). 8th Oct. 1965. T. S. COLLIVER (1800330). 31st Oct. 1965.

Pilot Officer B. D. JACKSON (3046046), retaining his rank. 29th July 1965.

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