

almost helpless third survivor. His refusal to be deterred in the face of such odds and his subsequent handling of the rescue attempt was an act of the greatest fortitude.

*Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air*

DO684179 Sergeant Leon George SMITH, Royal Air Force.

For his action as pilot of the helicopter which was called to the assistance of the survivors of the capsized oil drilling rig, "Sea Gem," in the North Sea, on 27th December 1965. Although he had completed only the minimum of training since his recent return to flying duties and despite extremely adverse conditions, Sergeant Smith maintained an accurate hover for prolonged periods whilst his crewmen effected the rescues. During the latter part of the operation he received diminishing assistance from his crew as they in turn became exhausted and this called for added resourcefulness on his part.

3rd May 1966.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH**

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

27th Apr. 1966

L. T. CHAMBERLAIN (3507288).

D. B. KINGHORN (4037881).

A. F. BAMPTON (2756440). 28th Apr. 1966.

29th Apr. 1966

P. CARR (4230382).

R. M. COOPER (4230913).

J. M. P. HOUGH (4230914).

J. LAMB (3136523).

J. K. WALDING (4230909).

R. O. H. HONEY (4249185). 3rd May 1966.

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :*

P. W. STANNARD, B.Sc. (2618900). 15th Apr. 1966 (seniority 15th Jan. 1965).

30th Apr. 1966

J. A. S. LAIRD (608470).

P. G. MAGILL (4232095).

J. M. SHACKLETON (4232065).

M. J. GILLET (4232259). 3rd May 1966.

*Regrading*

*Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :*

K. A. SCHUSSLER, B.Eng. (4232864). 27th Apr. 1966.

28th Apr. 1966.

D. R. ALDEN (4332626).

R. G. BARNES (4232630).

P. J. BYRNE-BURNS (4232439).

J. CABLE (4232643).

T. J. COCKARILL (4232628).

D. J. C. CROMBIE (4232631).

J. S. DICKENS (687880).

M. J. DUNNE (4232673).

A. K. FLETCHER (687798).

L. HATCHER (4232629).

D. C. HIDE (4232639).

P. B. HUGHES (4232638).

G. C. JONES (4232473).

T. O. LEWIS (4232591).

K. W. MAER (4232621).

I. MALLIN (4232644).

R. R. MCGREGOR (2619806).

G. W. MCKAY (4232514).

K. R. QUINNEY (4232622).

R. S. RYOTT (4232633).

B. J. TITCHEN (4232625).

A. J. THORPE (4232636).

D. G. M. TRUSLER (4232599).

J. VINALES (4232624).

J. WARREN (4232642).

D. A. WILLIAMS (4232127).

P. R. WOOD (4232645).

A. A. DALE (687728). 29th Apr. 1966.

A. C. GUTTERIDGE (687886). 1st May 1966.

*Retirement*

Group Captain F. J. ROBINSON, C.B.E., D.F.C. 30th Apr. 1966.

Wing Commander R. F. T. DOE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (41908) (at own request). 1st Apr. 1966.

Squadron Leader R. H. MORLEY (198968). 11th Apr. 1966.

Flight Lieutenant R. P. NELMS, D.F.C. (39750) (at own request), retaining the rank of Wing Commander. 2nd Apr. 1966.

*Commission Terminated*

Pilot Officer C. T. HAYMAN (4232450). 18th Apr. 1966.

*Dismissal by sentence of Court Martial*

Flying Officer D. M. T. EVANS (5030605). 22nd Feb. 1966.

**TECHNICAL BRANCH**

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

27th Apr. 1966

P. E. CARN (570735).

D. A. SMITH (571740).

L. WATSON (641954).

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :*

T. A. RAMSBOTTOM (507784). 28th Apr. 1966.

*Commission Resigned*

Pilot Officer A. E. J. BOND (508115). 26th Mar. 1966.

**EQUIPMENT BRANCH**

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

B. W. U. ROBINSON (4335025). 28th Apr. 1966.

**SECRETARIAL BRANCH**

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

*As Flying Officer (General List) (since promoted Flight Lieutenant) :*

Arthur George HANNAFORD (506545). 1st Oct. 1965.

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

K. T. McDERMOTT, B.A. (506328). 14th Feb. 1966.

B. H. ROBERTS, B.E.M. (591262). 27th Apr. 1966.

28th Apr. 1966

R. C. BLAKEMORE (4335035).

M. T. B. DODD (4335032).

*Regrading*

*Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer W.R.A.F. :*

19th Mar. 1966

S. CUMNER-PRICE (2797352).

G. C. HARVEY (2797354).

M. S. MACKEY (2797373).

*Retirement*

Group Captain E. D. LEVIEN, D.S.O., D.F.C. 29th Apr. 1966.

Wing Commander R. R. PRESLAND, D.F.C. (45118) (at own request). 5th Apr. 1966.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT**

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

*As Flying Officers (General List) :*

1st Oct. 1965

Peter Edward BRICE (4335148).

Michael John FAREY (4335137).

**AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION BRANCH**

*Transfer between Branches*

Flying Officer K. F. IRVINE (4014777) is transferred to the Technical Branch (Supplementary List), retaining his existing rank and seniority. 18th Apr. 1966.

*Retirement*

Squadron Leader J. F. C. ASPREY (4093458) (at own request). 2nd Apr. 1966.

*Commission Relinquished*

Wing Commander R. E. B. PINCHARD, O.B.E. (59990), retaining his rank. 29th Apr. 1966.

**MEDICAL BRANCH**

*Appointment to Commission (Short Service)*

*Notification amended*

3rd Sept. 1963 (p. 7365, col. 1) concerning Derek Lionel PRICE, M.B., Ch.B. (502995) for (seniority 10th July 1962) read (seniority 8th July 1959).