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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
20th September 1966.

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

V4004870 Sergeant Frank MENZIES, Royal Air Force Regiment.

On 7th October 1965, action by saboteurs caused a major fire at the Shell Company Oil Storage installation at Larnaca, Cyprus. The Cyprus Fire Service invoked a mutual aid agreement and RAF units were ordered to provide fire fighting assistance. On arrival at the fire the RAF Pergamos and RAF Nicosia firemen came under the command of the RAF Pergamos Fire Officer to support the Chief Fire Officer, Cyprus. Sergeant Menzies led the RAF firemen on the fireground. At this early stage the heat, smoke and flame were daunting in intensity. Fires were raging within containing walls, seriously threatening neighbouring tanks. There was a grave risk that the fire would become uncontrollable, enveloping the remaining Shell tanks and those of adjacent oil companies. It also threatened nearby dwellings and even the Larnaca waterfront. As an additional hazard there was the known possibility that the saboteurs had left anti-personnel weapons to hinder fire-fighting. Sergeant Menzies led the RAF firemen during this most crucial phase with great dash and determination. By his example he ensured that the RAF firemen remained in their allotted positions whilst other less inspired men were driven back by the fierce heat. At one stage he led a crew to the top of a threatened tank in order to obtain a better "throw" of foam, although he knew that the tank on which he stood contained a highly inflammable product, and was liable to explode. While disregarding his own safety, he was solicitous of the safety of the volunteer airmen from RAF Pergamos who were not firemen. He ensured that they did not place themselves in a dangerous situation through their lack of experience. On one occasion having appreciated danger he was seen to push two airmen from their position seconds before a searing "flashback" on the surface of unburnt fuel, swept over the vacated point, melting the aluminium branch-pipe, and burning the hose with which they had been working. The fire burned for eleven days and during that time Sergeant Menzies was on the fireground at every available opportunity. On occasions it was necessary to order him to take a rest, but his presence on the fireground was a great asset because he faithfully ensured continuity of action by the many different firemen and volunteers. The

policy of the Chief Fire Officer, Cyprus, was, at one stage, to conserve foam compound for use only in a real emergency. Allied to this was a policy of controlled burning of the leaking fuel products. Some of the RAF firemen found this intelligent policy difficult to understand, as they were impatient to extinguish the fire, but by his presence Sergeant Menzies was able to curb their enthusiasm with marked success. He would certainly have contributed, by his restraint—often a difficult aspect of leadership—to the reduction in airlift effort which was required for foam compound. By his personal courage, energy and commonsense, his consideration for the safety of his inexperienced assistants, and his successful co-operation with the Cyprus Fire Service, Sergeant Menzies acted in the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

20th September 1966.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) Ground Branch:

Thomas Arnold DAVISON (4232742). 5th Sept. 1966 (seniority 20th Aug. 1965).

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

25th July 1966

T. EELES (608251).

N. P. KIDSON (5200010).

A. SHAW (4230679).

J. M. SHEATH (3522645).

J. H. SPENCER (4230267).

R. T. SYMONS (4230910).

E. J. TICHBAND (4230786).

G. WOOD (4230373).

G. A. JONES (3508057). 15th Sept. 1966.

P. J. GRAY (4230608). 19th Sept. 1966.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

M. G. ILES (4232228). 22nd May 1966.

14th Sept. 1966

M. J. PERRETT (2619389).

C. I. ROBINSON (2619085).

P. R. WEBB (4335348). 19th Sept. 1966.

Adjustment of Period of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Flight Lieutenant P. HANNEMAN (4230557) is adjusted to eight years from 10th Apr. 1959.

Extension of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Pilot Officer J. M. DUCAT (2797268) W.R.A.F. is extended to six years from 26th Nov. 1964.

Regrading**Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :**

A. McGRATH (4335631). 30th July 1966.
I. K. A. G. WILSON (4232668). 19th Sept. 1966.
P. HERN (688410). 20th Sept. 1966.

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

30th July 1966
J. T. HAIG (2797389).
S. F. SEARBY (2797390).

Forfeiture of Seniority

Flying Officer J. F. CALLAGHAN (5031304) takes rank and precedence in the rank of Flying Officer as if his appointment to that rank bore date 17th Dec. 1962 from 17th June 1966.

Transfer to Reserve

Flight Lieutenant E. P. JOHNSTON (5007501).
14th Sept. 1966.

Retirement

Wing Commander D. H. CHOPPING, D.F.C.,
A.F.C. (124862). 15th Sept. 1966.

Flight Lieutenants :

D. W. WOOD (3045975). 23rd Aug. 1966.
S. A. FOUNTAIN (3508096). 18th Sept. 1966.
C. R. H. WOOD (55432). 21st Sept. 1966.

Commission Relinquished

Acting Pilot Officer T. A. DAVISON (4232742)
(on appointment to a Permanent Commission in the General Duties (Ground) Branch). 5th Sept. 1966.

TECHNICAL BRANCH**Promotion****Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :**

25th July 1966
M. B. H. RIPLEY (507605).
B. J. WEAVER (586716).

15th Sept. 1966
H. E. LEWIS (577829).
E. E. POWELL (1317975).
J. C. A. WARREN (579553).

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

B. W. CROCKFORD (507974). 1st Apr. 1966
(seniority 30th Sept. 1965).

Antedate of Seniority

Flying Officer A. J. C. MACLACHLAN (4335092)
is awarded an antedate of seniority of 2nd Sept. 1963 from 1st Apr. 1966.

Retirement

Squadron Leader H. A. STEELE, A.F.C.,
A.M.I.E.R.E. (45042). 10th Sept. 1966.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH**Promotion****Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :**

J. C. BURTON (608436). 1st Apr. 1966 (seniority
24th Dec. 1965).

16th Sept. 1966
C. J. CUMMINGS (4335328).
G. R. JAMES (4231632).
J. P. S. LARBEY (608303).
A. MARTIN (4335330).
J. E. MOULTON (5200216).
C. F. QUaid (4335329).
J. M. WALKER (4335316).
V. K. NAYAR (4335458). 17th Sept. 1966.

SECRETARIAL BRANCH**Promotion****Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :**

G. B. FROST (4142588). 25th July 1966.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer W.R.A.F. :

17th Sept. 1966
J. B. PRITCHARD (2797233).
M. A. SLATER (2797236).

Antedate of Seniority

Flying Officer R. L. LILLEY (608320) is awarded
an antedate of seniority of 17th June 1964 from
1st Apr. 1966.

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

E. ROBERTS (2797403).

Transfer to Reserve

Flight Lieutenant G. WILSON, A.C.A. (506440).
4th Sept. 1966.

Retirement**Flight Lieutenants :**

W. A. VENABLES, M.B.E. (591027). 31st July
1966.
D. C. D'ARCY, B.E.M. (55753). 12th Aug. 1966.

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION BRANCH**Commission Relinquished**

Wing Commander R. HUMPHREY, M.B.E.,
B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.Mun.E., A.M.I.H.E.
(503310), retaining his rank. 18th Sept. 1966.

MEDICAL BRANCH**Promotion****Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :**

D. A. WALTON, M.B., B.S. (2573063). 17th
Sept. 1966.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

B. T. MORGANS, M.B., B.Ch. (507615). 4th
Aug. 1966.
J. K. STOTHERS, M.B., Ch.B. (507383). 8th
Aug. 1966.
J. M. V. NICOLL, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P. (2617921). 11th Aug. 1966.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

P. A. ROCKLEY, M.B., B.Chir. (507635). 1st
July 1966.

Retirement

Group Captain J. D. TONKINSON, M.A.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (at own request). 20th
Aug. 1966.

Commission Terminated

Flight Lieutenant R. R. DAVIES, M.B., B.S.
(507920). 19th Aug. 1966.

CHAPLAINS BRANCH**Promotion**

*The undermentioned are granted the relative rank
of Squadron Leader :*

15th Sept. 1966
Rev. M. J. CUNNINGHAM, B.E. (508040).
Rev. K. W. MEEDS (508031).
Rev. K. R. MORRIS (2709973).

LEGAL BRANCH**Retirement**

Squadron Leader E. GILLET (131197). 7th
Sept. 1966.

EDUCATION BRANCH**Promotion****Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :**

J. A. GLENN, B.Sc. (5042512). 20th Sept. 1966.

Flying Officer to Flight Officer W.R.A.F. :

14th Sept. 1966
A. H. BRADSHAW, B.A. (8908).
M. M. TULLY, M.A. (8907).

PHYSICAL FITNESS BRANCH**Promotion****Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :**

F. W. C. MARSHALL, D.Phys.Ed. (5012085). 14th
Sept. 1966.

15th Sept. 1966

T. C. KROUGH (4013457).
M. D. C. REID (4033008).

**ROYAL AIR FORCE
RESERVE OF OFFICERS****GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH****Commission Relinquished****Flight Lieutenants retaining their rank :**

15th Sept. 1966
G. J. ECKERSLEY (4157375).
P. A. WILLIAMS (3519299).
D. W. TAYLOR (4047106). 17th Sept. 1966.
R. B. FLITTON (4047155). 18th Sept. 1966.
G. J. BENNETT (582965). 20th Sept. 1966.

MEDICAL BRANCH**Promotion****Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader :**

G. A. RUSSELL, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H. (506941).
1st Apr. 1965.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER
RESERVE

(Reconstituted Section)

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Commission relinquished*Acting Pilot Officer P. J. ADAMS, B.Sc. (2619089).
7th July 1966.ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER
RESERVE

(TRAINING BRANCH)

*Appointment to Commission**As Flying Officers (four years) :*Rodney STONE (207865). 28th Apr. 1966.
Reginald BAXTER (3041691). 22nd May 1966.
Eric THOMAS (168623). 23rd June 1966.
Leslie Grosvenor JESSUP (207073). 14th July
1966.*As Pilot Officers (four years) :*Trevor George JOHNSON (207868). 18th June
1966.Michael James JORDAN (207863). 22nd June 1966.
Dennis TOWNSON (207866). 5th July 1966.
David Charles PARCELL (207867). 16th July 1966.
Martin Charles DACE (207872). 18th July 1966.
John WALKER (207864). 19th July 1966.

2nd Aug. 1966

Edward James GRAY (207873).
Denis Charles HARRIMAN (2308534).
David LAMBERT (207870).
Brian WOOD (207871).*Extension of Service**The period of service of the undermentioned
Flying Officers is extended by four years from the
dates stated :*H. W. BUTTERWORTH, M.A., LL.B. (3113929).
15th Sept. 1966.

16th Sept. 1966

W. T. MAWHOOD (1853769).
F. R. PADGHAM (205688).
S. R. C. SMITH (2352976).
K. G. H. WILLIAMS (205495).

17th Sept. 1966

J. H. BAILEY (1110527).
G. JAMESON (207138).
R. MELLORS (4203154).
M. H. WORSFOLD (3141968).

18th Sept. 1966

R. C. ELPHICK, B.A. (206566).
C. KNOWLES (639982).

21st Sept. 1966

I. W. BASSMAN (1419410).
H. J. PINCHING (202516).
N. D. PORTER (206556).*The period of service of the undermentioned Flying
Officers is extended by three years from the dates
stated :*E. J. GRAINGER (404046). 15th Sept. 1966.
J. Y. ORR, M.A. (161838). 21st Sept. 1966.*The period of service of Flying Officer W.
HARRISON (205267) is extended by two years from
17th Sept. 1966.**The period of service of Flying Officer D. J.
CROOK, B.Sc. (2608582), is extended by one year
from 27th Aug. 1966.**Commission relinquished**Flying Officers :*S. H. HAYWARD (1629875). 8th Aug. 1966.
J. H. SQUIRE (207135). 17th Sept. 1966.
D. I. M. SUTHERLAND, M.A. (207167). 20th Sept.
1966.*Commission resigned**Flying Officers :*I. J. RICHARDS (2604345). 29th July 1966.
A. RICHARDS (2732848). 7th Aug. 1966.*Removal*Pilot Officer J. P. COYLE, M.A. (204548). 6th
July 1966.

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