

rescue four people from the yacht "Blue Mist", on 12th September 1966. His skill was outstanding and his presence of mind and coolness were exceptional. Regardless of danger, he volunteered to be lowered to the yacht when it appeared, after the second rescue, that the winchman was becoming exhausted.

Master Pilot James DOUGAN, A.F.M. (Q0575765), Royal Air Force. For his action as captain and pilot of the helicopter which went to rescue four people from the yacht "Blue Mist", on 12th September 1966. Faced with a perilous situation in which not only the people on the yacht were in imminent danger but also the winchman's task would be extremely hazardous, Master Pilot Dougan showed outstanding presence of mind, leadership and determination, by making the courageous decision to commit his aircraft and crew, and then displaying piloting skill of the highest order.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

7th February 1967.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Pilot Officer (General List):

Anthony Edward Ian MCGREGOR (4232404) (since promoted Flying Officer). 8th Jan. 1966.

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List) Ground Branch:

Wilfrid John SMITHSON (4073352). 9th Jan. 1967.

Appointment to commission (short service)

As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) Ground Branch (six years on the active list and four years on the reserve):

John Valentine WHELLER (4232898). 16th Jan. 1967.

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) Ground Branch W.R.A.F. (three years on the active list and four years on the reserve):

Shirley Diana FOOT, B.Sc. (8928). 2nd Jan. 1967.

Transfer to General Duties (Ground) Branch

Flight Lieutenant R. FRENCH (58042) is transferred to the General Duties (Ground) Branch (Supplementary List) retaining his rank. 6th Feb. 1967. (seniority 28th Feb. 1950).

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

J. HUGHES (608325). 28th Jan. 1967.
W. K. FINLAY (3045763). 1st Feb. 1967.
R. K. JORDAN (4230867). 4th Feb. 1967.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

D. J. GRIFFITHS, B.Sc. (609231). 1st Jan. 1966 (seniority 8th Apr. 1964).
R. KINGSTON (608487). 17th June 1966 (seniority 17th Dec. 1965).

15th Jan. 1967

D. PIKE, B.Sc. (2619294) (seniority 15th Oct. 1965).

I. F. CLARK (608520) (seniority 15th July 1966).

5th Feb. 1967

J. B. ADDISON (4232451).
S. BECKLEY (4232484).
D. E. BISHOP (4232486).
P. V. BOOTHROYD (4232435).
A. J. BOWEN (4232487).
B. M. CASEY (4232429).
J. CLARKSON (4232493).
M. A. COOPER (4232441).
J. E. DIXON (4232494).
G. J. FOSTER (4232437).
R. W. GAULT (2602165).
P. C. GIBBON (4232446).
I. D. HILL (4232497).
K. W. IPOULD (4232498).
B. S. MEINKE (4232414).

Regrading

Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer:

D. A. MITCHELL (4335644). 17th Dec. 1966.

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

L. ROCHFORD (2797397). 28th Nov. 1966.
M. J. POLLOCK (2797423). 17th Dec. 1966.

24th Dec. 1966

P. JONES (2797428).

B. A. PRARSE (2797434).

Retirement

Flight Lieutenants:

J. S. DOPSON (2495379). 2nd Feb. 1967.

I. E. SMITH (168338). 7th Feb. 1967.

Notification cancelled

27th Dec. 1966 (p. 13956, col. 1) concerning C. H. T. SHORT (81361).

Commission relinquished

Acting Pilot Officer J. V. WHELLER (4232898) (on appointment to a Short Service commission in the General Duties (Ground) Branch (Supplementary List). 16th Jan. 1967.

Commission terminated

Acting Pilot Officer A. C. BURDEN (4233112). 6th Jan. 1967.

ENGINEER BRANCH

Adjustment of seniority

The seniority of Flying Officer D. J. GREEN (681948) is adjusted to 9th Nov. 1962 from 1st Apr. 1964.

Antedate of seniority

Flying Officer A. M. J. O'NEILL (4231335) is awarded an antedate of seniority of 12th May 1965 from 1st Apr. 1966.

Retirement

Wing Commander R. G. C. CASTELL, O.B.E. (47182). 12th Jan. 1967.

Squadron Leader H. C. STOCKS (48915). 3rd Feb. 1967.

Flight Lieutenants (at own request):

7th Jan. 1967

R. W. THORNTON, M.B.E. (56492).

L. YEOMANS, D.F.M. (45190).

EQUIPMENT BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (General List):

Gordon Newton WALKER (506254). 16th Sept. 1966.

Antedate of seniority

The undermentioned Flying Officers are awarded antedates of seniority from 1st Apr. 1966 as follows:

R. STEVENS (5001208). 7th Mar. 1964.

M. R. YULE (608301). 17th June 1964.

Retirement

Wing Commander J. W. ROTHERAM (74615) (at own request). 31st Dec. 1966.

Flight Lieutenant K. J. WILKINSON (582826), retaining the rank of Squadron Leader. 31st Jan. 1967.

Commission relinquished

Pilot Officer B. M. BISHOP, B.D.S. (5034635) (on appointment to a Permanent Commission (General List) in the Dental Branch). 22nd Dec. 1966.

SECRETARIAL BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (General List):

Michael Thomas Barlow DODD (4335032). 1st Oct. 1966.

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

John Richard SMITH (3151007). 2nd Jan. 1967 (seniority 23rd Dec. 1965).

Appointment to commission (short service)

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) (six years on the active list and four years on the reserve): Charles LONG (584050) 2nd Jan. 1967.

Transfer to Supplementary List conditions of service

Flight Lieutenant A. D. WILLIAMS (2447946) is transferred to the Supplementary List retaining his rank. 23rd Jan. 1967.

Promotion

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

J. H. DURRANT (578591). 19th Dec. 1966.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

D. M. O. DALY (608496). 17th June 1966.

P. M. HOWELLS, B.A. (507948). 2nd Feb. 1967.

Regrading

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

17th Dec. 1966

J. S. GILLET (2797437).

J. L. PARROTT (2797438).