

naller Murphy continued to guide the pilot. The survivor was only semi-conscious and it was only with great difficulty that he was brought aboard the aircraft. In all, ten survivors were rescued. Throughout the whole operation, Master Signaller Murphy was working with only the occasional light from an Aldis lamp, which he himself had to operate. With a less skilful winch operator, it is doubtful whether the rescue would have been successful and his skill and determination played a vital part in this operation. In both of these rescues Master Signaller Murphy was undeterred by any thought for his own safety and, as a result of his coolness, presence of mind, commendable courage and devotion to duty, thirty-one people were rescued from a perilous situation.

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

PO684644 Sergeant Leonard Terence SPRINGATE,  
Royal Air Force.

In recognition of his exceptional flying skill, in extremely adverse weather conditions, in maintaining his helicopter in a safe position over the heavily rolling ship "Three Stars" on fire about a mile off the coast of Cyprus. Although aware that the ship might explode at any time beneath his aircraft, due to his commendable courage and leadership the rescue of twenty-one people was effected.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Flight Lieutenant William Robert WOOD (995143),  
Royal Air Force Regiment.

In recognition of his capable direction of fire-fighting operations on the ship "Three Stars", on fire about a mile off the coast of Cyprus. Although he knew that the ship might explode at any moment, he gave an outstanding example of courage and determination in a very dangerous situation.

11th July 1967.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

Air Commodore P. J. O'CONNOR, O.B.E., M.D.,  
B.Ch., F.R.C.P.(E), D.P.M. is appointed Honorary  
Physician to The Queen in succession to the late Air  
Vice-Marshal W. K. STEWART, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C.,  
Q.H.P., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. 11th Jul. 1967.

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH**

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

*As Pilot Officer (General List):*

Robert Cameron Gordon BIRSE, B.Sc. (508402).  
4th Jun. 1967. (Seniority 4th Mar. 1966.)

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent) (D.E.C.(A.))*

*As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List):*

Alan GERMAN (4170141). 7th Feb. 1967.

*As Flying Officer (Supplementary List):*

Cadet Pilot Michael John BIBBY (4220260). 2nd  
Jun. 1967. (Seniority 17th Jan. 1967.)

*As Pilot Officers (Supplementary List):*

*Cadet Pilots*

2nd Jun. 1967

Roy Martin SANDERS (688862). (Seniority 15th  
Nov. 1966).

John James NAPIER (4233401). (Seniority 2nd  
Dec. 1966).

Keith Richard TWINE (688441). (Seniority 22nd  
Mar. 1967).

*As Acting Pilot Officers (Supplementary List):*

*Cadet Pilots*

2nd Jun. 1967

Richard John Henry FALLIS (4233406).

Keith Gordon GRIFFIN (4233346).

John Pearey HOLLAND (4233402).

Robert Douglas IVESON (4233414).

Ian Robert McLUSKIE (4233404).

Peter Anthony NEW (4233349).

Adrian Downham MURRAY (4233420).

Clive Grant SHAW (4233371).

Bevan John William WALL (207188).

*Cadet Navigators*

2nd Jun. 1967

Desmond HILL (4233408).

Timothy PRICE (4233354).

James SERRY (4233343).

Roger Edward WILLS (4233424).

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent) (D.E.C.(B))*

*As Acting Pilot Officers (Supplementary List):*

*Cadet Pilots*

2nd Jun. 1967

Paul Arthur Nicholas DICKINSON (4233270).

Malcolm FLEGG (2619541).

Stuart Alexander HARRIS (4233412).

Michael Peter JENNINGS (4233411).

Kevin John LAWRY (4233368).

Philip Hugh MEESON (4233415).

Clive Peter NOEL-JOHNSON (4233352).

David Meredith OWEN (4233403).

Robert Michael Frank RUSKELL (4233367).

Ramakant SHAH (4233423).

John Michael SMYTH (4233334).

Thomas Michael STANTON (4233347).

*Cadet Navigators*

2nd Jun. 1967

David William DRYDEN (4233342).

Ralph James HOAR (4233360).

Michael HOWES (4233358).

Hamilton JOHNSTON (4233356).

Martin Thomas LANE (4233416).

Ronald Andrew MITCHELL (4233407).

Joseph Edward OLDFIELD (4233378).

Richard Alfred PITTAWAY (4233344).

Peter STAFFERTON (4233369).

Michael Edward WOOD (4233421).

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:*

J. F. CALLAGHAN (5031304). 10th Feb. 1967.

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:*

J. GARNER (4232697). 25th Jun. 1967.

J. P. CAVANAGH (4335438). 10th Jul. 1967.

*Reggrading*

*Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer:*

J. M. MCNAUGHTAN (4232856). 21st Jan. 1967.

D. ROBERTS (4335725). 20th May 1967.

25th May 1967

R. H. BARBER (4335712).

I. W. HOLT (4335751).

*Transfer to Reserve*

Flying Officer T. J. E. KENT (3521047). 29th  
Jun. 1967.

*Retirement:*

Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund HUDLESTON,  
G.C.B., C.B.E. 5th Jun. 1967.

Group Captain R. E. BURNS, C.B.E., D.F.C.,  
B.Sc., C.Eng., A.F.R.Ae.S. (at own request). 2nd  
Jun. 1967.

*Squadron Leaders:*

K. S. WILLIAMS (58327) (at own request). 26th  
May 1967.

R. E. WEBSTER (607057). 25th Jun. 1967.

T. G. G. DEXTER (194500). 6th Jul. 1967.

Squadron Leader P. A. OAKLEY, M.B.E. (4081275)  
(on account of medical unfitness for Air Force  
service). 8th Jul. 1967.

*Flight Lieutenants:*

S. E. R. HARPER (203766). 29th Jun. 1967.

H. TAYLOR (3130227). 1st Jul. 1967.

J. V. JONES (3504498). 2nd Jul. 1967.

D. GOWING (154320). 7th Jul. 1967.

*Resigned from the Retired List*

Wing Commander R. H. BLACKMORE (111098).  
1st Dec. 1966.

*Commission Terminated*

Pilot Officer A. D. DENISON (608580). 10th Jun.  
1967.

**ENGINEER BRANCH**

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

*As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):*

Roger Maurice HARRISON (508400). 5th Jun.  
1967.

*Appointment to Commission (Short Service)*

*As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):*

(six years on the Active List and four years on the  
Reserve):

Robert Stanley HALL (508399). 5th Jun. 1967  
(seniority 5th Mar. 1966).

*Notification Amended*

28th Feb. 1967 (p. 2331, col. 1) concerning  
Michael John BELBEN (680360) for (Seniority 24th  
Sept. 1963) read (Seniority 24th Sept. 1961).