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State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
2nd July 1968.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:

(To be dated 8th June 1968.)

NU 11011 Captain (Nursing Sister) Josephine Anthony CASHIN, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Captain (Nursing Sister) Cashin was called to give medical assistance at the crash scene of a Czechoslovakian aircraft near Gander International Airport. To reach the actual crash site she had to cross, in total darkness, some half-mile of muskeg bog containing water filled holes, some hip deep. Nevertheless she was one of the first on the scene. En route she intercepted some of the injured victims stumbling around in the bog in a dazed condition and gave what assistance was available from the limited resources at hand. In addition she gave valuable instructions for the care of the injured and their despatch to hospital. Her partial knowledge of the German language proved invaluable in that she was able to glean from these survivors that there were many more injured at and near the crash scene. Struggling through the littered and burning area with complete disregard for her own safety, Nursing Sister Cashin repeatedly answered screams for help from the injured. During some five hours at the crash scene, she was constantly in and around the burning wreckage searching for and giving aid to the many injured. Her cries for stretchers, blankets and lights could continually be heard above the crackling flames of the fires consuming the wreckage of the aircraft. Under the most adverse and confused conditions, Nursing Sister Cashin, working fearlessly and tirelessly, displayed bravery, initiative, resourcefulness and selfless devotion to duty without thought or regard for her own safety or well being. Only when the last survivor had been found did she leave the crash scene for the hospital where she continued to contribute her professional skill to the further care of the injured. The bravery and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Nursing Sister Cashin no doubt was responsible for the saving of many lives.

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To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:

(To be dated 29th June 1968.)

Austin GARRETT, Helicopter Pilot, Gander, Newfoundland.

An aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from Gander International Airport. The wreckage came to a rest about 6,000 feet from the end of the runway and 1,980 feet from the nearest road and it was impossible to get rescue vehicles across the bog to the scene. It would have taken hours to carry all the injured out across the bog. It was agreed that a helicopter would cut down on the suffering and speed up the rescue operations, and one was therefore obtained with its pilot, Mr. Garrett. Between 4 a.m. when Mr. Garrett first had the helicopter airborne, and 5.50 a.m., he made 18 round trip flights from the crash site to the Airport Terminal where the injured were transferred to ambulances. By 5.50 a.m. all the injured had been removed from the scene. It was not daylight at this time. Mr. Garrett continued bringing out bodies and taking equipment to the scene and ended his efforts after completing 45 round trips to the crash scene. The rescue operations took place during a very dark night and the smoke from the burning wreckage blanketed the area. The only landing aids were the lights of the helicopter, flashlights held by rescue workers and fire from the crash. The combination of a very dark night, fire, smoke, wreckage and rescue workers trying to direct the helicopter with flashlights exposed Mr. Garrett to a high degree of risk to life and health.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of H.M. Australian Ministers, to award the Imperial Service Medal to the following officer on his retirement.

AUSTRALIAN CIVIL SERVICE

SIMMONS, Royal, Acting Superintendent Foreman of Stores, Department of the Navy.