

The duty Search and Rescue crew were alerted and despatched to the area to determine what assistance was required. Sergeant Glanvill was the winchman of the Wessex rescue helicopter. There was a 25-knot wind blowing and the sea had a six to seven foot swell. The helicopter crew located the vessel which was ablaze from stern to stern and the danger of explosion was imminent. The crew of the tug had been forced to abandon ship by using a rubber dinghy and had reached the first barge in the line of tow. However, because the burning tug was rapidly drifting closer to the barge and there was a very real danger of fire spreading to it, plus the fact that the nearest surface craft was several miles away, the tug's crew were in a desperate situation. With complete disregard for their own safety in the event of an explosion, in the face of appalling weather conditions and having only the glare of the burning tug and their own landing light for external reference and illumination, the helicopter crew decided to attempt an immediate rescue. Sergeant Glanvill was lowered initially on to the barge to assess the situation. He made this assessment rapidly and then set about the rescue with outstanding skill and determination, sometimes putting the rescue strap around the survivor and at others taking a survivor up with him using the double lift method. By a succession of single and double lifts, the entire tug's crew of nine, including an injured man, was expeditiously winched to the safety of the helicopter, which then returned to base. The whole operation was completed and the tug's crew landed safely at Muharraq within one hour from the time of take-off. By his judgment as to the most suitable method Sergeant Glanvill ensured that further injury did not occur to the tug's crew. To him fell the major physical part of the rescue in a very hazardous operation. With exceptional courage in the face of the imminent risk of explosion and the consequent risk to his life, he ensured that all the crew were winched to safety before leaving the barge himself on the final lift. Throughout the mission Sergeant Glanvill displayed skill, courage and determination of the highest order.

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

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Frank LLOYD (4044388),  
Royal Air Force.

In recognition of his services as navigator and winch operator of a Wessex rescue helicopter in a night rescue carried out over the sea, near Muharraq, under appalling weather conditions and with the danger of explosion. His directions to the pilot and his control of the winch and winchman were exemplary. With the scene illuminated only by the glare of the burning tug and the landing light of the helicopter, the nine-man crew of the tug, including an injured man, was winched to safety in a succession of single and double lifts, from the first barge in the line of tow, by then in danger from the burning tug.

Flying Officer Maurice James BENNÉ (608727),  
Royal Air Force.

In recognition of his skill as captain and pilot of a Wessex rescue helicopter on his first operational rescue. This was carried out at night over the sea, near Muharraq, under appalling weather conditions and with the danger of explosion. With the scene illuminated only by the glare of the burning tug and the landing light of the helicopter, the nine-man crew of the tug, including an injured man, was winched to safety in a succession of single and double lifts, from the first barge in the line of tow, by then in danger from the burning tug.

9th September 1969.

# ROYAL AIR FORCE

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

### *Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

#### *As Pilot Officers (General List):*

##### *Flight Cadets*

1st Aug. 1969

Paul Martin AKEHURST (608953).  
Graham BAIRSTOW (689408).  
Colin Clive BALDWIN (689323).  
Howard Michael Christopher BATES (608995).  
Richard James Graham CALDER (608987).  
John Burgoyne CLARK (608952).  
Richard Alexander COLE (608968).

Robert Maxwell COLLIER (608956).  
Robert Charles DEACON ELLIOTT (608989).  
Paul Norman DERBYSHIRE (608957).  
Christopher John EVERITT (608972).  
Francis William FOSTER (689286).  
Bruce Graeme HANDYSIDE (608945).  
John David Vaughan HARDIE (608955).  
George Frank HODGSON (689352).  
Simon Woodland HUNT (608982).  
Neil Bachmann HUNTER (608979).  
Robert Hugh HUNTER (608988).  
Colin David JOYNER (689364).  
Wilson METCALFE (608984).  
Christopher John MORRIS (608978).  
Alan John PARK (608971).  
James William PEARSON (608974).  
Alan Graham PROCTER (608983).  
Robert Philip RADLEY (608870).  
John SARGENT (1960364).  
Terence John SUMMERS (689435).  
Charles Edward WADE (608896).  
Edwin John WATERFALL (608986).  
John William WOMPREY (4233318).

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

#### *As Flight Lieutenants (Supplementary List):*

Michael Raymond McNeil HARRALL (4280570).  
2nd Dec. 1968.

John David REEVE (2620732). 5th Feb. 1969.

#### *As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):*

Flight Sergeant John Francis George Romano  
QUERZANI (588077). 1st Aug. 1969. (*Seniority*  
24th Sep. 1962.)

Sergeant David James KITCHING (686320). 1st  
Aug. 1969. (*Seniority* 4th Dec. 1965.)

### *Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

#### *As Flying Officer (Supplementary List) (On Branch Officer Terms):*

Master Engineer Desmond HOPPS (579640). 1st  
Aug. 1969. (*Seniority* 1st Aug. 1966.)

### *Notification Amended*

19th Aug. 1969 concerning ROWLEY (3503844)  
for (3503844) read (3503850).

### *Promotion*

#### *Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:*

1st July 1969

G. R. ALCOCK (685907).  
T. A. BOOTH (4231510).  
I. A. J. BRUNTON (688159).  
A. D. COLESKY (4231326).  
T. J. ELLIOTT (4232048).  
A. L. ENGLAND (681435).  
P. FORD (4177225).  
R. A. FORDER (608566).  
M. J. FULTON (685652).  
R. D. FURR (4231961).  
R. GALLAGHER (685890).  
R. E. GULLIVER (4231750).  
A. J. HARRISON (4231793).  
J. A. HEALEY (4231620).  
F. HINDLEY (3520166).  
M. S. HOPGOOD (4231129).  
M. E. HOWES (4231612).  
J. A. JEMPSON (4231490).  
W. R. D. JONES (4231870).  
J. A. MARSHALL (4231488).  
A. R. C. MATHIE (608464).  
D. B. C. MORGAN (4231654).  
V. F. O'HANLON (593357).  
H. W. OLIVER (4231998).  
D. PARKINSON (681412).  
I. T. PARRY (4230941).  
A. V. PORTER (4232016).  
H. REID (4232094).  
L. G. ROSE, B.Sc. (508224).  
A. W. SIMPSON (4231977).  
M. K. STEEL (4231949).  
H. N. TAYLOR (5200040).  
T. H. TAYLOR (4257734).  
A. R. THOMAS (5200406).  
M. THOMAS (4231477).  
A. M. TOMALIN (609308).  
W. S. WALTON (608570).  
M. C. WARD (4231876).  
J. J. WARREN (3521807).  
B. R. WAYT (4231934).  
B. A. WILSON (3528280).  
T. D. ELLIS (4220369). 28th Jul. 1969.  
31st Jul. 1969  
J. BARKER (4232022).  
D. J. BROWN (4232029).