

Worcester

Derrick CONNELL (480826) (formerly Lt., A.C.F.), to be Lt., 18th Dec. 1970, with seniority 8th Oct. 1968.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

23931828 Sapper William RYANS, Corps of Royal Engineers.

At 1115 hrs. on 3rd October 1970, Spr. RYANS was detailed to accompany a Warrant Officer who was investigating a report of an explosive object jamming a stone separator plant. The object in question was a blind 25lb. H.E. shell. This shell was resting on a grid of separator bars under about 1,000 tons of gravel. It was decided to remove the bars and extract the shell. The separator was on the top of a concrete-lined conveyor belt tunnel. Initially Spr. Ryans was posted at the mouth of the tunnel to act as safety man whilst the Warrant Officer opened the grid. However it was discovered that it was not possible to remove the bars and hold the shell steady simultaneously. Spr. Ryans therefore volunteered to assist the Warrant Officer. For twenty minutes they worked together on this hazardous task. Shingle was constantly falling on them through the open grid restricting their working room and threatening both to bury them and to detonate the shell. About four tons of gravel fell into the tunnel. With great skill and perseverance they succeeded in completing their mission and returning the plant to working order with no damage whatsoever. Spr. Ryans showed a devotion to duty with total disregard of personal safety.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

16th February 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

A4284232 Senior Aircraftman George Martin HENDERSON, Royal Air Force.

For the part he played in saving aircraft and other equipment from a fire in a hangar at R.A.F., Finningley. He climbed into one aircraft, which was so hot that the perspex was melting, in order to release the brakes and pump up the brake pressure.

16th February 1971.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal H. DURKIN, M.A., C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S., M.B.I.M. is appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 90 (Signals) Group in succession to Air Vice-Marshal L. H. MOULTON, C.B., D.F.C., C.Eng., F.I.E.R.E., M.B.I.M. 15th Feb. 1971.

Group Captain H. G. SLADE, A.F.C., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN in succession to Air Commodore R. G. DUTTON, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. on the latter's retirement from the Royal Air Force. 3rd Dec. 1970.

Group Captain W. J. HERRINGTON, M.B.I.M. is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN in succession to Air Commodore J. GINGELL, M.B.E. 1st Jan. 1971.

Air Commodore E. B. BRIGHT, A.F.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H. is appointed Honorary Physician to The QUEEN in succession to Air Marshal Sir George R. GUNN, K.B.E., C.B., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.H. on the latter's retirement from the Royal Air Force. 15th Feb. 1971.

The Reverend W. R. G. PELLANT, A.K.C. is appointed Honorary Chaplain to The QUEEN, in succession to the Reverend R. J. RICHARDS, B.A. on the latter's retirement from the Royal Air Force. 25th Jan. 1971.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)**As Pilot Officer :*

Pieter John SEVEREIN, B.Sc. (2616414). 28th Dec. 1970 (*Seniority 28th Sep. 1969*).

David MacManaway PLOWS, B.Sc. (2615475). 1st Sep. 1970 (*Seniority 1st Jun. 1968*). (*Substituted for Notification 3rd Nov. 1970*.)

*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

K. W. IFOULD (4232498). 5th Aug. 1970.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

R. D. CLEMENTS, B.Sc. (5201468). 12th Jan. 1971 (*Seniority 12th Apr. 1969*)

14th Feb. 1971

P. COLEMAN (8024954).
G. P. CREWE (8025001).
G. B. DRYDEN (8025026).
R. M. JONES (8025009).
R. L. LOMAS (8025029).
K. MASON (8025010).
A. MOFFATT (8025030).
R. V. MORRIS (8024988).
R. T. ODDY (8024968).
T. R. PAXTON (8025011).
R. W. POWELL (8024942).
B. G. M. ROBINSON (8025013).
P. L. WHILLOCK (8025031).

Extension of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Flight Lieutenant G. L. BRYANT (4231931) is extended until 22nd Jul. 1971.

Transfer of Commission

Flight Lieutenant A. P. W. TAIT (5200025) is transferred from D.C.'B.' to a Permanent Commission, retaining his existing rank and seniority. 7th Sep. 1970.

Transfer between Branches

Flight Lieutenant R. TOPHAM (583149) is transferred to the General Duties (Ground) Branch, retaining his existing rank and seniority. 14th Feb. 1971.

Flying Officer J. T. CLUNE (8024854) is transferred to the Royal Air Force Regiment in the rank of pilot officer. 27th Oct. 1970 (*Seniority 20th Mar. 1969*).

Notification Amended

5th Jan. 1971 Concerning J. N. SMITH For (4232430) Read (4232438).

Pilot Officer R. L. GOODISON (8020752) is transferred to the Secretarial Branch, retaining his existing rank and seniority. 17th Jan. 1971.

*Transfer to Reserve**Flight Lieutenants :*

A. G. HEATH (4245420). 4th Feb. 1971.

11th Feb. 1971

B. G. MOTT (681588).

D. N. SPICER (4230475).

Retirement

Air Commodore C. D. NORTH-LEWIS, D.S.O., D.F.C. 1st Feb. 1971.

Squadron Leader C. C. GOLDS (3519246) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service). 13th Feb. 1971.

Flying Officer C. P. CADLE (608792) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service). 14th Feb. 1971.

Commission Terminated

Flying Officer R. H. HUNTER (608988). 9th Feb. 1971.

GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH*Promotion**Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

13th Feb. 1971

W. S. BARLTROP (4335379).

D. R. CUTLER (4232037).

J. F. PHILLIPS (4335385).

Extension of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Flying Officer H. V. MACKINLAY (2797506) W.R.A.F. is extended to five years from 21st Apr. 1967.

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

M. C. FELL (8022756). 14th Nov. 1970.