

**Ayr**

2nd Lt. (on probation) B. J. C. REID (488749) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th Nov. 1969. To be Lt., 11th Nov. 1971, with seniority, 11th Nov. 1969.

2nd Lt. (on probation) J. FULTON (488683) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th Nov. 1969. To be Lt., 11th Nov. 1971.

**Bedford**

2nd Lt. (on probation) P. C. DAVIS (488846) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 21st Nov. 1969. To be Lt., 21st Nov. 1971.

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. SOMES (488849) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 21st Nov. 1969. To be Lt., 21st Nov. 1971.

**Cambridge, The Isle of Ely & Huntingdon**

Lt. J. E. SINGLETON (491278) resigns his commn., 7th Oct. 1971.

**Garmarthen**

Lt. R. C. WILLIAMS (483675) from T.A.V.R., 4 R.R.W., to be Lt., 1st Dec. 1971, with seniority 26th May 1970.

**Cheshire**

Keith TAYLOR (492613) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) 3rd Aug. 1971.

**Dorset**

Lt. S. E. BOWEN (485412) resigns his commn., 30th Nov. 1971.

**Dumfries & Galloway**

Peter Bryce GUNN (492601) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 20th Oct. 1971.

**Essex**

Lt. A. M. C. LAING (485883) relinquishes his commn. on completion of tenure of appointment, 16th Apr. 1971.

**Leicester, Northampton & Rutland**

Capt. E. J. STONE, T.D. (460265) from Res. of Offrs., Class III, R.A.O.C., and at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 16th May 1971, with seniority 22nd Feb. 1959.

**Lincoln**

Reginald Frederick SUGG (492609) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 15th Oct. 1971.

**Scottish N.E. Area**

Lt. J. KYLES, T.D. (235620) resigns his commn., 14th Sep. 1971 and is restored to the rank of Maj.

Lt. W. S. SMITH, O.B.E., M.C. (475336) resigns his commn., 18th Sep. 1971 and is re-granted the hon. rank of Maj.

**Surrey**

Hon. Capt. W. P. NOBLE (96615) (formerly B.W.) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 2nd Aug. 1971, with seniority 3rd Mar. 1964.

Lt. F. R. H. ELGOOD (467236) from T.A.V.R., C.C.F., to be Lt., 6th Oct. 1971, with seniority 7th Sep. 1962.

**Warwick**

Maj. W. J. G. BROWN (418205) (Res. of Offrs., Class I, R. Anglian) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 27th Oct. 1969, with seniority 12th Dec. 1954.

**York (East Riding)**

2nd Lt. (on probation) N. E. FRENCH (487787) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 7th May 1969. To be Lt., 7th May 1971, with seniority 7th May 1969.

**AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT****CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

7th December 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

P4177768 Sergeant Thomas Benjamin DOLMAN, Royal Air Force Regiment.

Sergeant Dolman, a fireman, has served at Royal Air Force Laarbruch since 3rd July 1968 and has been employed on crash/fire duties since his arrival.

On Friday, 28th May 1971, he was not on duty, but was nevertheless assisting in the Fire Section preparations for the Station Open Day on Saturday, 29th May 1971. A Dornier light aircraft of the Royal Air Force Laarbruch Flying Club was rehearsing a demonstration flying exercise for the Open Day and Sergeant Dolman foresaw a possible accident developing from one of the aircraft manoeuvres. He immediately ran to the nearest light service vehicle and drove at high speed towards the possible impact area, collecting another off-duty fireman on the way. As anticipated by Sergeant Dolman, the aircraft failed to recover from the manoeuvre and crashed. Almost immediately it burst into flames. Sergeant Dolman, who was dressed in light civilian clothing, did not hesitate and, completely disregarding his own safety, attempted to rescue a crew member, beating out burning clothing with his hands. It was not until after he had done this that the fire vehicle arrived and provided foam cover. Assisted by the other off-duty fireman, he continued the rescue operation, even though his training would make him very aware of the serious risk of the aircraft's fuel tanks exploding. There is no doubt that Sergeant Dolman's prompt and brave actions would have resulted in the live rescue of the aircrew had they not been killed instantly on impact. This daring attempt at rescue showed superb courage. Sergeant Dolman placed the needs of others before his own safety in a situation inherently most dangerous. His bravery, outstanding sense of duty and splendid example were of the highest order.

7th December 1971.

**ROYAL AIR FORCE****GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH****Appointment to Commission (Permanent)****As Pilot Officers:**

James Rhys BAKER, B.Sc. (5201776). 22nd Aug. 1971 (*Seniority 22nd May 1969*).

Roger Howard BLACKBURN, B.Sc. (5201819). 13th Sep. 1971 (*Seniority 13th Dec. 1969*).

Nigel Malcolm DAVIS, B.Sc. (5201823). 19th Sep. 1971 (*Seniority 19th Dec. 1969*).

17th Oct 1971

Martin ISTERLING, B.Sc. (5201901) (*Seniority 17th Jan. 1969*).

Terry KIRKHOPE, B.Sc. (5201887) (*Seniority 17th Jul. 1970*).

Edwin Albert TREADWELL, B.Sc. (5201678). 20th Apr. 1971 (*Seniority 20th Jan. 1969*) (*Substituted for Notification in London Gazette dated 12th Oct. 1971*).

**As Acting Pilot Officer:**

Michael John HEMMING (8021201). 25th Sep. 1971 (*Substituted for Notification in London Gazette dated 16th Nov. 1971*).

**Promotion****Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:**

1st Dec. 1971

P. R. BOYLE, B.Sc. (2616598).

N. A. CLUTTON, B.Sc. (2621219).

D. W. REES, B.Sc. (2623262).

2nd Dec. 1971

K. R. C. GREAVES, B.Sc. (5201410).

R. TURNER (4233188).

C. F. W. FELGER (4231833). 1st Apr. 1970 (*Substituted for Notification in London Gazette dated 9th Nov. 1971*).

**Pilot Officer to Flying Officer**

A. SIMPSON (2619843). 1st Dec. 1971.

**Promotion****Notification Amended:**

*London Gazette*, 23rd Nov. 1971, concerning R. H. TAVERNER (1604717). This Notification should be under the heading R.A.F.V.R.(T).

**Specialist Aircrew****Flight Lieutenants designated Specialist Aircrew:**

A. ARMITAGE (3136361). 3rd Dec. 1971.

J. M. EVANS (3510871). 5th Dec. 1971.