

his country, his Service and himself; the entire operation was hailed and acknowledged throughout the world as a feat of skill, bravery and devotion to duty of the highest order. Wing Commander Hannah's leadership and initiative in the air, during the Dacca evacuation, met the finest traditions of the Royal Air Force and deserve the greatest praise.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Squadron Leader Lewis Gordon WILLCOX (3516172), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader John Howard WOLLEY (3507434), Royal Air Force.

For their courage and skill as pilots of two of the three Hercules aircraft which were sent to Dacca on 12th December 1971, to evacuate civilians, during a short bombing truce in the India/Pakistan war. Although the runway was considerably damaged by craters and reduced, both officers carried out the extremely hazardous landing and then successfully took-off, each with their heavy load of well over one hundred civilians.

14th March 1972.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Marshal Sir Neil WHEELER, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., is promoted to the rank of Air Chief Marshal. 11th Mar. 1972.

Air Commodore W. SYKES, O.B.E., C.Eng., A.F.R.Ae.S., is appointed R.A.F. Vice-President of the Ordnance Board with the Acting Rank of Air Vice-Marshal in succession to Air Vice-Marshal R. T. MORISON, C.B.E. 11th Mar. 1972.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Flying Officers :

Flight Sergeants

10th Feb. 1972

John Philip SMITH (589022) (Seniority 2nd Jun. 1964).

Thomas McSORLEY (4254525) (Seniority 6th Dec. 1966).

Sergeant John Lawrence CAIRNS (4284147). 10th Feb. 1972 (Seniority 25th Mar. 1971).

As Pilot Officers :

17th Jan. 1972

Alan Murray TAYLOR, B.Sc. (2619844) (Seniority 17th Apr. 1969).

17th Jan. 1972 (Seniority 17th Oct. 1970)

Gordon David PYPPE, B.Sc. (2622791).

Paul Jeffery TURNER, B.Sc. (2619343).

Derek James SAGE, B.A. (5201978).

As Acting Pilot Officers :

David Ian SCOTT (5201368). 22nd Nov. 1971.

James Philip STENSON (5201369). 1st Dec. 1971.

28th Dec. 1971

John Michael CLIFFORD (5201371).

Michael Richard HOWARD (5201376).

Derek Hugh THOMSON (5201374).

Nigel Ashenden WARD (5201375).

10th Jan. 1972

Michael Richard Godfrey BUCKLAND (5201383).

John David CLEAVER (2623508).

Peter Clifford WILLIAMS (2621063). 24th Jan. 1972.

As Acting Pilot Officers :

Aircraftmen

10th Feb. 1972

Stephen Paul ACKROYD (8025896).

Robert Michael BAILEY (8025887).

Thomas Frederick DERRINGTON (8025906).

Nicholas Christopher Vincent EASTHOPE (8025897).

Michael Douglas FAZACKERLEY (8025898).

Brian Stewart HENLEY (8025877).

Richard Xavier HESLOP (8025907).

Norman Barry HOUGHTON (8025868).

Stephen George KNIGHT (8025901).

Malcolm John LEWENDON (8025889).

Peter John METCALFE (8025888).

Ian MILTON (8021221).

Nigel Dynsdale MOORE (8025884).

Edward George NEEDHAM (8025873).

Frank Paul SMITH (8025908).

Stephen William SOLLY (8025787).

Stephen Douglas SUMMERFIELD (8025872).

Richard Mark TAYLOR (8025895).

Clive George WALKER (8025891).

Robert Graham WILSON (8025780).

David Allan WRIGHT (8025878).

Notification Amended

London Gazette dated 25th May 1971, concerning Stephen John Edwin LEGG (5201341), amend personal number to read "(2624855)".

London Gazette dated 16th Nov. 1971, concerning Robert Arthur Hatton ROGERS (8021268). Amend name to read "Robert Arthur ROGERS".

Promotion

Pilot Officer to Flight Lieutenant :

T. W. RIMMER, M.A. (2619749). 13th Mar. 1972 (Seniority 13th Dec. 1971).

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :

13th Mar. 1972 (Seniority 13th Jun. 1970)

R. H. BLACKBURN, B.Sc. (5201819).

I. H. HOFFLER, B.Sc. (5201850).

J. R. SABIN, B.Sc. (5201808).

A. THOMPSON, B.Sc. (5201838).

H. K. TENNET, B.Eng. (5201815). 13th Mar. 1972 (Seniority 13th Dec. 1970).

N. JOHNSON, B.Sc. (2621925). 15th Jan. 1972 (Seniority 15th Oct. 1969). (Substituted for notification in London Gazette, 18th Jan. 1972.)

Specialist Aircrew

Flight Lieutenants designated Specialist Aircrew :

G. N. HULL (4097553). 12th Mar. 1972.

M. R. D. BUTT (4136568). 13th Mar. 1972.

Regrading

Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer :

R. M. LUND (8007430). 12th Mar. 1972.

N. JOHNSON, B.Sc. (2621925). 15th Jul. 1971 (Seniority 15th Apr. 1969). (Substituted for notification in London Gazette, 10th Aug. 1971.)

Extension of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Flight Lieutenant M. S. MARTIN (4230847) is extended until 27th May 1972.

Transfer between Branches

Notification Cancelled

London Gazette dated 26th Oct. 1971, concerning Flight Lieutenant J. L. BELL (4231384).

Transfer to the Reserve

Flight Lieutenant J. D. STANSFIELD (4230869). 19th Feb. 1972.

Flying Officer R. I. K. CROSS (4232295). 3rd Mar. 1972.

Retirement

Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian BURNETT, G.C.B., D.F.C., A.F.C., B.A. 11th Mar. 1972.

Flight Lieutenant A. E. MARMONT (507764). 10th Mar. 1972.

Commission Terminated

Pilot Officer M. A. CLEMO (8025559). 20th Feb. 1972.

GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent) (On Branch Officer Terms)

As Flying Officers :

Master Air Electronics Operator Derek Thomas WYNNE (4135711). 10th Feb. 1972 (Seniority 10th Feb. 1969).

Flight Sergeant Christopher James STAFFORD (3501393). 10th Feb. 1972 (Seniority 10th Feb. 1971).

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Flying Officers :

Flight Sergeants

10th Feb. 1972

Keith Malcolm BARNES (5056407) (Seniority 29th Apr. 1967).

John Aubrey BALL (4230583) (Seniority 23rd Dec. 1967).

Sergeant Alan William CHURCHILL (4256560). 10th Feb. 1972 (Seniority 2nd May 1968).

Senior Aircraftman Anthony John Stanley WORTH (4284749). 10th Feb. 1972 (Seniority 15th Jul. 1971).