

## ARMY CADET FORCE

## TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

*Group B**Ayr*

Lt. S. S. DAVIES (488744) resigns his commn., 11th Jul. 1973.

*Berkshire*

Lt. K. H. FISHER (455692) resigns his commn., 20th Jun. 1973 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

*Cheshire*

Lt. N. M. ANDREWS (445587) resigns his commn., 2nd Jun. 1973 and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

*Denbigh & Flint*

Lt. R. J. JONES (478883) resigns his commn., 20th Apr. 1973.

*Fife*

Lt. S. LAIRD (491906) resigns his commn., 31st May 1973.

*Greater London (N.E. Sector)*

Lt. M. HUGHES (488086) resigns his commn., 9th Jul. 1973.

*Hertford*

Lt. P. D. MESSINGHAM (461610) resigns his commn. 31st May 1973 and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

*Kent*

Lt.-Col. W. I. H. FAULDER, T.D. (354603) (Res. of Offrs., Class III) at his own request, reverts to the rank of Lt., 20th Mar. 1973, with seniority 9th Dec. 1954.

*Northumberland*

2nd Lt. (on probation) R. G. STOVOLD (492409) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 2nd Sep. 1971. To be Lt., 2nd Sep. 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) G. C. COE (490893) resigns his commn., 17th Jul. 1973.

*Pembroke*

Thomas Stephen THOMAS (496447) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 13th Jun. 1973.

*Stafford*

Lt. E. EDGE (476004) resigns his commn., 4th Jul. 1973.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

## AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

Whitehall,  
London, SW1A 2HB.

4th September 1973.

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

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

Flight Lieutenant Anthony George MAHON (608306), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Michael Vernon TITTERTON (686949), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Colin John Andrew WILLIAMS (3149356), Royal Air Force.

For their exceptional courage and devotion to duty, as Hercules Captains in the joint force which successfully carried out the famine relief supply dropping operation in Nepal, from the end of February to the beginning of April 1973. They were the three pilots responsible for perfecting the demanding flying and dropping techniques used in the operation, during which 1,957 metric tons of grain were delivered from airheads in Southern Nepal onto landing strips and dropping zones in the remote Himalayan hinterland, where the deep valleys leave no room for error and where terrain, climate and altitude allow infinitely smaller margins of safety than usual. Flight Lieutenant Mahon pioneered the free drop technique at Doti Silgarhi and was the only pilot to free drop on the 7,600 foot high, mountain encircled Jumla airstrip. Flight Lieutenant Titterton carried out the first air landings at Surket where, as the smallest error could easily have led to the aircraft sinking into the ground he flew in with the steel plank to make a safe parking

area for other pilots. Flight Lieutenant Williams dropped 36 one ton parachute cluster packs in a narrow valley flanked by ridges of 15,000 and 20,000 feet.

## AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

4th September 1973.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis HODGES, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., is appointed Air Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick ROSIER, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., on the latter's retirement. 3rd Sep. 1973.

Air Commodore R. K. ORROCK, D.F.C., M.B.I.M., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, in succession to Air Commodore R. H. G. WEIGHILL, C.B.E., D.F.C., on the latter's retirement. 1st Aug. 1973.

Group Captain K. M. OLIVER is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 2nd Aug. 1973, in succession to Group Captain D. G. ROBERTS, M.B.E., M.M., retired 30th Mar. 1973.

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Promotion**Air Marshal to Air Chief Marshal:*

Sir John BARRACLOUGH, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. 3rd Sep. 1973.

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:*

4th Sep. 1973

G. P. AUSTIN, B.A. (2623277).

M. G. PATERSON, B.Sc. (5202402).

D. PYNN, B.Sc. (5202403).

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:*

A. CAMPBELL, B.Sc. (2623463). 24th Mar. 1973 (Seniority 24th Jun. 1971).

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

G. A. CASE (5201232). 29th Aug. 1973.

*Specialist Aircrew*

The undermentioned officers are designated Specialist Aircrew from the dates stated:

Squadron Leader W. A. BARRELL, A.F.C., A.F.M. (4035673). 1st Jul. 1973.

Flight Lieutenant J. A. CAMPBELL (4137107). 30th Aug. 1973.

*Retirement*

Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick ROSIER, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. 3rd Sep. 1973.

Air Commodore R. H. G. WEIGHILL, C.B.E., D.F.C. (at own request). 1st Aug. 1973.

*Wing Commanders (at own request):*

K. E. WILLIAMS (58153). 21st Jul. 1973.

J. G. WYNNE, D.F.C. (117666). 28th Jul. 1973.

F. C. SUMNER (195209). 25th Aug. 1973.

Squadron Leader J. TOWNSON, M.B.E. (200717). 23rd Aug. 1973.

Squadron Leader S. WILKINSON (56708) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service). 1st Sep. 1973.

*Squadron Leaders (at own request):*

J. MEAKING (570062). 25th Aug. 1973.

B. A. WEEDEN (607478). 29th Aug. 1973.

31st Aug. 1973

D. S. BRIDSON, A.F.C. (3123583).

G. W. CULLUM (1796059).

E. J. KANE (197596).

R. W. PRICE (186496).

1st Sep. 1973

A. C. DOGGETT (607301).

E. D. MACKAY (165911).

Flight Lieutenant W. MCEWEN (576905). 25th Aug. 1973.