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

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Flight Lieutenant Simon Edward LEIGHTON-PORTER (5203157), Royal Air Force.

Soon after take off on the morning of 14th April 1982, Flight Lieutenant Leighton-Porter, a student pilot undergoing training on No. 288 (Phantom) Operational Conversion Unit successfully saved his aircraft after it was struck and severely damaged by his No. 2 aircraft, which subsequently crashed. On electing to remain with the aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Leighton-Porter, who had only 30 hours experience on this type of aircraft displayed the highest level of handling skill and airmanship which undoubtedly prevented the loss of his aircraft.

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