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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
1st February, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Flying Officer Harold Raymond Charles WILSON (188771), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Headquarters Base Air Forces, S.E.A. On 17th February, 1945, a Mosquito aircraft crashed into four bungalows at Littlehampton. One of the bungalows was occupied at the time by a woman and a baby, the latter being in a perambulator in the hall. The bungalow collapsed and caught fire. The baby was trapped by the debris, but the mother managed to get out through a window. Flying Officer Wilson, who was on leave and living in a house opposite, dashed over to the burning bungalow and prevented the mother from re-entering. He then entered through the window and, in spite of intense heat and exploding ammunition, with difficulty released the baby and carried it to safety. He then assisted in saving furniture and effects from other burning houses. Flying Officer Wilson displayed fearlessness and complete disregard of his personal safety, and his prompt action saved the baby's life.

Pilot Officer Peter Gerald JONES (188905), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 22 Squadron. On 25th July, 1945, Pilot Officer Jones was the Navigator of an aircraft engaged in a low level navigation exercise when the port engine failed. The aircraft lost height and, on being crash-landed, caught fire. Pilot Officer Jones jumped out and, disregarding the flames, climbed on to the wing near the pilot's cockpit and began to tear away the broken perspex in an effort to rescue the pilot. He succeeded in pulling the pilot's head and shoulders through the aperture, only to discover that the pilot's feet were trapped in the cockpit. Pilot Officer Jones then went to the navigator's cockpit and in spite of the flames and exploding ammunition, began to crawl up the inside of the fuselage in an endeavour to reach the pilot. He was badly burnt in the process, however, and was forced to retire. This officer displayed outstanding courage and gallantry in his efforts to rescue the pilot from the blazing aircraft.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of Distinguished service:—

Acting Squadron Leader Mervyn Vincent WHITEFIELD (41233), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Antony James PAYN (33367), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Andre Louis Ernest SIMON (111423), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Officer Sibyl Anne STURROCK (6977), Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Flight Officer Yvonne BASEDEN (4189), Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Air Ministry, 1st February, 1946.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

#### Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Offs (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

R. E. WILLIAMS (57325). 7th Jan. 1946.

G. RAINE (57343). 10th Jan. 1946.

#### Promotion.

##### Notification cancelled.

11th May 1945 (p. 2479, col. 1) concerning Gp. Capt. (temp.) J. B. M. WALLIS, O.B.E.

Flg. Off. to Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

5th Jan. 1946.

C. F. CARTER, D.F.C. (54163).

B. A. ROWE-EVANS, D.F.C. (54096).

C. S. WALKER (54295). 6th Jan. 1946.

N. G. COTTON (54245). 7th Jan. 1946.

8th Jan. 1946.

C. MAYERS (54686).

L. J. POWDRILL (54291).

J. ROBERTSON (54271).

D. M. S. VAN GUYLENBURG (54415).

9th Jan. 1946.

T. DAVIES, D.F.C. (54203).

C. T. V. FORGAN (53820).

K. S. MARTIN (54286). 10th Jan. 1946.

11th Jan. 1946.

E. CARLING (54227).

V. F. NUTT (54231).

B. L. G. WEAVING, D.F.C. (54314).

### TECHNICAL BRANCH.

#### Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Off. (prob.) A. P. LEVELL (56863) confmd. in appt. and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 15th Jan. 1946.

#### Promotion.

Temp. Air Cdre. (actg. Air Vice-Mshl.) G. D. DALY, C.B.E., D.F.C. is granted the rank of Air Cdre. (war subs.). 1st Jan. 1946.

Air Cdre. (temp.) A. F. HURTON, D.F.C. is granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.). 30th Dec. 1945.