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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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

9th December, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to:—

Flying Officer Victor McNABNEY (203228), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 203 Gliding School, Air Training Corps, Reserve Command.

On 16th July, 1947, a glider, piloted by Mr. R. A. Glass, an instructor attached to No. 203 Gliding School, crashed on a hillside in an inaccessible part of the Downhill Gliding site near Coleraine in Northern Ireland, seriously injuring the pilot. In the early stages of the rescue work, the main rescue party, which included Flying Officer McNabney, could not approach the wreckage beyond a point about fifty feet above it. Flying Officer McNabney was lowered by a rope to the wreck, where he made the pilot comfortable. The rope was then used in an attempt to lift Mr. Glass up to the main party. Whilst this was in progress, Flying Officer McNabney climbed up, in darkness, alongside Mr. Glass, who was unconscious, shielding him from bruising, and holding him out of the stream of a waterfall. After 30 feet of this climb had been achieved, further rescue gear became available. While attempting to adjust this on Mr. Glass, Flying Officer McNabney fell back to a ledge where he lay unconscious for approximately 30 minutes. Had he landed only a few feet away, he would have fallen a further 300 feet, on one side, or into the path of the waterfall on the other, where he might have been drowned while unconscious. When Flying Officer McNabney regained consciousness, Mr. Glass was dead and no further help could be given to either of them. Flying Officer McNabney was stranded on a ledge washed by the waterfall until rescued next morning.

Air Ministry, 9th December, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the following warrant officer who has been Mentioned in Despatches:—

Warrant Officer G. J. W. GRIMSON (631689), R.A.F. (deceased).

Air Ministry, 9th December, 1947.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Flight Lieutenants, short service (six years on the active list):—

George Frederick TURNER, D.F.C. (125593). 18th Nov. 1947 (seniority 15th Nov. 1945).

19th Nov. 1947.

Brian Roy MARKS, D.F.C., A.F.C. (162953) (seniority 1st May 1947).

Nicholas Roger Lyell BRISTOW (181173) (seniority 13th Nov. 1947).

Eric Charles GOUGH (152110). 22nd Nov. 1947 (seniority 7th Nov. 1946).

As Flying Officers, short service (six years on the active list).

John James HUGHES (59667). 10th Nov. 1947 (seniority 9th July 1946).

17th Nov. 1947.

William John Oliver MORRISON (187550) (seniority 8th Nov. 1945).

William Kenneth JONES (195856) (seniority 17th Mar. 1946).

Patrick James WHITTAKER (180677) (seniority 26th Aug. 1946).

Edward Peter WILDY (193416). 20th Nov. 1947 (seniority 9th June 1946).

As Flying Officers, extended service (A.M.O. A.775/45 scheme B):—*

Kenneth Alan YOUNG, D.F.C. (54046). 28th Feb. 1946 (seniority 25th Oct. 1944).

Glyndwr Thomas JONES (54793). 5th Dec. 1946 (seniority 3rd Mar. 1945).

Geoffrey WOLLERTON (49754). 8th May 1947 (seniority 2nd Aug. 1943).

William Milroy KELLY (55256). 15th May 1947 (seniority 12th Nov. 1944).

Douglas Owen MILLER (55020). 17th July 1947 (seniority 20th Feb. 1944).

Ernest Frederick William SEWELL (55142). 27th Oct. 1947 (seniority 30th July 1946).

As Squadron Leader, extended service (four years on the active list):—*

Robert Alfred MILWARD, D.F.C. (37201). 28th Feb. 1946 (seniority 1st June 1944).

* Retaining their existing ranks under war-time rules subject to the provisions of A.M.O. A.897/47.