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

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

31st August, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military) to the undermentioned airman:—

4079272 Leading Aircraftman William Henry ANDREWS, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Binbrook.

On 2nd April, 1954, a Canberra aircraft, while taking off from Royal Air Force Station, Binbrook, went out of control and crashed, striking the Ground Controlled Approach vehicles. One fuel tank was torn off and hurled into a truck where it exploded and threw burning paraffin all over the site. This truck was immediately ablaze and, within seconds, the permanently attached Ground Controlled Approach Prime Mover, which was less than ten feet away, also caught fire. The wreckage of the aircraft was scattered around and the situation was confused and dangerous. The whole site was covered with paraffin and burning fiercely around and under the vehicles. Leading Aircraftman Andrews, immediately appreciating the threat to the main Ground Controlled Approach installation, ran through the flames, climbed into the cab of the burning Prime Mover, backed out of the blaze and helped to extinguish the fire. This airman showed remarkable discipline and disregard for personal safety in a potentially highly dangerous situation. His prompt, cool-headed and brave action undoubtedly resulted in the saving of valuable and irreplaceable equipment.

Air Ministry, 31st August, 1954.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.499/52.

As Flight Lieutenants:—

Walter Stuart DONSON (154195). 1st Jan. 1954 (substituted for notification of 4th May 1954 (p. 2618, col. 2)).

Ronald Alexander RICHARDSON (202577). 1st June 1954.

Appointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.628/51.

As Flight Lieutenants:—

Dudley James RYDER (173528). 2nd July 1953 (and transferred to the Equipment Branch. 21st July 1954 (seniority 12th Nov. 1950) (substituted for notification of 30th Mar. 1954 (p. 1885, col. 1)).

John Alec PUTTICK (191820). 1st June 1954 (for subsequent transfer to the Fighter Control Branch).

Confirming and regrading.

The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in appointment and regraded as Pilot Officers:—

16th July 1954.

R. WARAN (4125855).
D. R. M. NORRIS (4119149).
D. A. BROWN (3136988).
J. F. PARKES (4125346).

Extension of service.

The period of service on the active list of Flight Lieutenant D. J. MARTIN (59518) is extended to eight years with effect from 10th Aug. 1947.

Promotion.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:—

D. R. PATRICK (3504254). 12th Mar. 1954.
E. W. BEER (3507049). 15th May 1954.
G. H. GILBERT (3504882). 30th May 1954 (seniority 19th Apr. 1954).
G. H. D. SHELLEY (3504783). 31st May 1954.
F. J. WINEPRESS (195486). 28th Aug. 1954.

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:—

J. M. STAY (4088416). 17th June 1954.
E. SADDINGTON (2543027). 18th June 1954.
P. A. BRISTOW (4093355). 6th Aug. 1954.

7th Aug. 1954.

B. DENT (585346).
J. B. L. JACKSON (3508496).
C. H. POTTER (4097646).
R. J. ROGERS (4098257).
N. STERLING (584444).
R. H. THOMPSON (4078368).

12th Aug. 1954.

A. R. COURT (4083516).
H. R. HOSTE (2528755).

20th Aug. 1954.

A. ARMITAGE (3136361).
N. L. W. EVANS (2547565).
J. A. GREEN (2554008).
A. W. F. HUGGINS (2547617).
C. H. WHEELER (4096468).
D. WRIGHT (2553195).