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

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

10th May, 1955.

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

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

Flight Lieutenant Edward Donald CAMPBELL (158108), Royal Air Force, No. 95 Maintenance Storage Unit, Lords Bridge.

At 0955 hours on 11th January, 1955, a violent fire broke out following the explosion of an underground container of mustard gas at Royal Air Force Maintenance Storage Unit, Lords Bridge. The site Commander, Flight Lieutenant Campbell, ordered the alarm and rushed to the location of the fire. Protected only by a respirator, he dashed into the inferno of towering toxic smoke, searching for casualties and checking all appliances to prevent the spread of flames and poison gas. Well knowing the terrible hazards and the possibility of a further explosion, he remained close beside the blazing tank, supervising, directing and encouraging his men amidst the smoke-covered debris until danger was past. Due to his ability, coolness and outstanding leadership, all safety precautions were meticulously observed with the result that no injuries were sustained either by Service personnel or the civilian population. Flight Lieutenant Campbell's conduct under intense physical strain, his utter disregard for his own safety and his constant concern for the safety of others showed a high degree of courage and valour.

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

4063116 Corporal John Ronald SAUNDERS, Royal Air Force, No. 95 Maintenance Storage Unit, Lords Bridge.

At the time of the above-mentioned incident, Corporal Saunders was the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of fire fighting at the Storage Unit. He immediately led his party to the scene of the accident, donned anti-gas equipment with the utmost speed and fought his way through the smoke and debris to the shattered open tank.

Despite the fierce blaze, with smoke and poisonous fumes belching up to 200 feet, he maintained his position for half an hour within a few feet of the very lip of the crater, personally directing an accurate, steady stream of foam on to the side of the tank until the entire surface of the blazing mustard gas was covered and the flames subdued. He was wearing ignitable clothing which was blistered by the intense heat but he bravely stood in the most dangerous area. The efficiency and speedy effectiveness of all fire fighting appliances reflects the greatest credit on this airman whose action undoubtedly prevented what may well have been a major disaster from the spread of toxic vapour over a wide area. In fact, no injuries were sustained by any personnel. Corporal Saunders displayed complete disregard for his own safety in selfless devotion to duty and his action constituted a magnificent example of leadership, personal bravery and skill of the most superb order.

Air Ministry, 10th May, 1955.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission (permanent).

As Flight Lieutenant:—

Frank GREEN (165700). 22nd Mar. 1955.

As Flying Officers:—

1st Oct. 1954.

Michel Jean-Claude BURTON (4077039) (substituted for notification of 15th Mar. 1955 (p. 1531, col. 1)).

Noel Garner SEWELL (4040447).

Lewis John WRIGHT (3500140).

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

As Flight Lieutenants (Branch List):—

1st Dec. 1954.

John CHALONER, D.F.M. (171198).

Frederick William Philip Cox (199536).

David John CURTIS (195612).

Arthur John Linzee HICKOX, D.F.C. (129203).

Frederick William MORRIS (191118).

John Terence RILEY (187696).

Thomas Anthony ROBINSON (1680408).

Richard John ROB, D.F.C. (130438).

Roy Joseph SKINNER (1605715).

Donald TOWNSEND (167454).

John Alec TUCK (176243).

James GROZIER (576910). 28th Feb. 1955.

George MACKENZIE, D.F.C. (54660). 3rd Mar. 1955.

William SPARKS (171298). 29th Mar. 1955.