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

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

*18th September, 1956.*

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 William Howard John PARKER** (500260), Royal Air Force Regiment.

On the night of 7th/8th June, 1956, four time bombs were placed by E.O.K.A. terrorists in installations at Royal Air Force Station, Akrotiri. The first of these, which was placed in the bulk petrol installation of the contractors, Messrs. Howards, exploded at 23.30 hours and the second exploded in a derv bowser belonging to the same contractor at 00.50 hours. Shortly after this a patrol discovered a third bomb, consisting of a considerable quantity of dynamite wrapped round a detonator and time pencil, wedged against the entrance door of a hangar containing a number of Meteor and Venom aircraft undergoing repair. Flight Lieutenant Parker arrived and decided the bomb must be removed although he well knew that it was liable to explode at any minute. He approached the bomb and placed a slip-knot of string around the bundle, and then retired to a suitable distance before dragging it away from the hangar. His devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety merit the highest praise. His action almost certainly prevented considerable damage to Royal Air Force aircraft and property since the bomb in fact exploded less than five minutes later. Fortunately, by this time it had been dragged to a safe place.

*Air Ministry, 18th September, 1956.*

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

*Appointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.111/55.*

*As Flight Lieutenant (Branch List):—*

**William Robert HUTCHINSON** (56642). 1st June 1956.

*Appointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.215/55.*

*As Flight Lieutenants (Branch List):—*

**Eric George ILES** (59468). 8th May 1956 (for subsequent transfer to the Secretarial Branch) (substituted for notification of 21st Aug. 1956 (p. 4795, col. 1)).

**Frank Ted HONEY** (83187). 1st June 1956.

*As Flying Officer (Branch List):—*

**Gordon COLLINS** (177355). 1st June 1956.

*Transfer to a permanent direct commission (scheme A).*

*As Flight Lieutenant:—*

**John Noel SIMMONS** (3504784). 23rd Apr. 1956.

*As Flying Officers:—*

*4th May 1956.*

**Clifford Peter PRATT** (582797) (since promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant).

**John Alfred WHEELER**. (4092033).

**Alan Charles RAMSAY** (4076370). 13th June 1956.

*As Flight Lieutenants (Branch List):—*

**Douglas Alan YOUNGS, A.F.C.** (59496). 31st May 1956.

*5th June 1956.*

**Frederick George RAYNER-SHARPE** (196694).

**Richard Norman VIMPANY** (170254).

**Charles SPOONER** (3034032). 10th July 1956.

**Thomas Cedric Martin MARSHALL** (172351). 12th July 1956.

*Transfer to a direct commission.*

*As Flight Lieutenant (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

**Peter William GLADSTONE** (2424194). 8th Feb. 1955 (period of service to count from 17th Mar. 1949).

*Transfer to a direct commission (scheme B).*

*As Flight Lieutenants (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

**Max PETIEY** (1606305). 17th Apr. 1956 (period of service to count from 28th Nov. 1951).

**Alexander McLEISH** (195827). 25th May 1956 (period of service to count from 31st Dec. 1948).

**William Thomas GRAY, D.F.C., D.F.M.** (45273). 4th June 1956 (period of service to count from 1st Mar. 1949).

**James MAXWELL** (125544). 6th June 1956 (period of service to count from 8th Aug. 1950).