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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
26th May 1964.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 16th May 1964)

24302 Corporal George William SNIDER, C.D.,
Royal Canadian Air Force.

On 16th May 1963, Corporal Snider, a member of the R.C.A.F. Detachment with the 913th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (U.S.A.F.) at Pagwa, Ontario, was working with several other R.C.A.F. airmen in the motor vehicle building. A retaining chain on one of the entrance doors, which weighed approximately one thousand pounds, broke, allowing the door to fall, hit one of the airmen across the shoulders and pin him to the ground in a squatting position. Upon seeing the door fall and hearing the other airman's cries for help, Corporal Snider, without regard for his own safety, crawled beneath the door on his hands and knees, lifted it and held it off the injured airman who then fell forward and was pulled clear by others present. Unable to sustain the weight of the door, Corporal Snider attempted to extricate himself but the door fell further, trapping his legs. A front-end loader operating nearby was used then by the others present to lift the door and free Corporal Snider who had suffered painful injuries to both legs. The other airman sustained a severe fracture and compression of a vertebra of the lower spine. Corporal Snider's quick, decisive and prodigious rescue action was performed in the face of a grave threat to his own well-being and, in fact, resulted in severe injuries to himself. There is no doubt that his heroic act saved a fellow airman from extreme injuries and paralysis, if not death.

Leading Aircraftman Heinz Friedrich SCHULZ,
Royal Canadian Air Force.

On 31st October 1963, Leading Aircraftman Schulz was travelling as a passenger in an Argus aircraft en route from Trenton, Ontario, to Greenwood, Nova Scotia. During the approach to Greenwood, at an altitude of fifteen hundred feet, a warning light cautioned the pilot that the main cargo door had become insecure. An officer of the crew was ordered to check the door fastenings and, whilst he was doing so, the door opened completely and he was sucked partially out of the aircraft by the airstream. Leading Aircraftman Schulz, who was standing nearby, quickly

grasped his arm with one hand and, holding on to an upright support in the aircraft with the other hand, pulled him to safety. Leading Aircraftman Schulz's great presence of mind, instant reaction and utter disregard of his own safety unquestionably saved the officer's life.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

26th May 1964.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flight Lieutenants (General List):

1st Oct. 1963

David EMMERSON (4230086).

Colin Roderick LAMONT (2591903).

Peter Neil LE MARQUAND (4176000).

David Holroyd PIERCE (2785761).

Ronald George McCONNACHIE SIVEWRIGHT
(4174047).

James John WEBB (506870).

As Flight Lieutenants (General List) (Ground Branch):

1st Oct. 1963

Leslie BARTON (2473536).

Alexander MACCONNACHIE (3513911).

As Flying Officers (General List):

1st Oct. 1963

John Denys ARMSTRONG (2617026).

James Hugh Walter BLACK (2620964) (since promoted to Flight Lieutenant).

Ivor Charles GIBBS (4230502).

Robert Valen PATCHETT (5017081).

As Pilot Officer (General List):

Robert LYDALL (4188288). 6th July 1963.

As Flying Officer (Supplementary List):

Sergeant Malcolm William Bertrand BRADFORD (681982). 19th Apr. 1964 (*seniority* 31st Jan. 1963).

As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

Alan Fraser McMICHAEL (4132585). 17th Mar. 1964.

Appointment to commission (permanent) (D.E.C.(A))

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):

Robert GRAY (2608770) (since promoted to Flight Lieutenant). 1st Oct. 1963.

John Alfred TULIP (4102006). 20th Jan. 1964.