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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:

Bar to the Air Force Cross

Flight Lieutenant Robert Vernon Anthony MUNRO, A.F.C. (584210), Royal Air Force.

On 24th September 1965, Flight Lieutenant Munro was flying a Kestrel aircraft on a trials sortie which was planned to end at West Raynham with a decelerating transition. Shortly after the start of this manoeuvre and while the airspeed was falling rapidly past the aircraft's conventional stalling speed, Flight Lieutenant Munro found that fore and aft movement of the control column had become restricted. During a transition, precise longitudinal control is vital to maintain the aircraft in a safe attitude. Reacting extremely quickly to the situation, Flight Lieutenant Munro managed to restore the aircraft to conventional flight before it became uncontrollable and found by experiment that the tail trim was ineffective and that the tail-plane could be moved over a small range only by using considerable force. Since there was a risk that the controls might lock completely in an out of trim condition, Flight Lieutenant Munro decided to leave the control column in its existing fore and aft position and to carry out a circuit and landing using engine power to control altitude and rate of descent. Flight Lieutenant Munro would have been fully justified in ejecting from the aircraft. Instead he elected to carry out an extremely hazardous landing which, through outstanding airmanship and courage, he achieved without causing damage to the aircraft. By his skill and presence of mind he not only saved a valuable aircraft but also enabled the cause of the control restriction to be determined, thus eliminating possible future failures and increasing the safety of flight for others.

25th January 1966.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officer (General List):

John Michael Peter HOUGH (4230914). 1st Oct. 1965.

As Pilot Officers (General List):

Flight Cadets

17th Dec. 1965

John Douglas ANNAN (608490).
Iain Grahaeme AUBREY-REES (608489).
Peter Thomas BAKER (608410).
Norman Charles William BARKER (608484).
Simon Neville BOSTOCK (608499).
David John BURNETT (608486).
Brian John CLIFFORD (608479).
Andrew Terence Loudon COVERDALE (608469).
Colin John CRUICKSHANKS (608498).
David DINMORE (608493).
Michael Greville DUDGSON (608502).
Ian Leslie GAWN (608488).
David John HARGREAVES (608396).
Reginald William Henry HEDGES (4231627).
Michael Byrne HUTCHINS (608472).
Hugh Peter Calday KENNEDY (608473).
Richard KINGSTON (608487).
Barry LAWRENCE (608501).
Robert Charles Horace MANSER (608475).
Ian Melbourne MASON (608481).
Jeffrey MORGAN (608505).
William Henry Moberly MOTT (608495).
Richard Robert Charles PARSLEY (4231643).
David Henry PHILLIPS (608504).
Michael Tudor PHILLIPS (608480).
Christopher John PINDER (608492).
Michael John PURDIE (608471).
Ian REILLY (608491).
David Howard George ROWE (608503).
Peter David THOMPSON (608433).
Antony Michael TOMALIN (609308).
Philip Anthony WALLIKER (608465).
Robert Gwyn Lewis WILLIAMS (608494).
Adam Nugent WISE (2617194).

Appointment to commission (permanent)

As Flying Officers (Supplementary List):

Brinley Richard CARSTENS (4231201). 6th Dec. 1965 (seniority 12th Jan. 1965).

Flight Sergeant Leslie John SCOTT (3515103). 9th Dec. 1965 (seniority 9th Dec. 1964).

As Acting Pilot Officer (Supplementary List) (Ground Branch):

David Irwin KILGORE (4232590). 28th Dec. 1965.

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

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List):

Frank Harold DAVIES (4155653). 6th Sept. 1965.

As Flying Officer (Supplementary List):

Cadet Pilot Garth Robert ALCOCK (685907). 10th Dec. 1965 (seniority 22nd Apr. 1965).