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State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
20th September 1966.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:

(To be dated 17th September 1966.)

Lyle GIBSON, Commercial Airlines Pilot, The Pas, Manitoba.

Mr. Gibson, with two passengers, was on a routine repair and service trip to the northern hydro plant at Grand Rapids. On take-off the weather was good, but they ran into blowing snow and fog and the plane crashed on the lake about two miles from the west shore. The pilot and his passengers lost consciousness on impact. On regaining consciousness, Gibson discovered that both his passengers had suffered multiple and extensive injuries while he himself had sustained two broken ankles and severely-frozen hands. Mr. Gibson, in extreme pain, and able only to crawl, forced open the door of his damaged aircraft and helped the passengers to get out. Gibson then unloaded an engine tarpaulin and fashioned a tent for them. There were no sleeping robes or survival equipment in the aircraft. After discussing the situation with one of the passengers he decided to start walking for help. Before leaving, he saw his passengers roll themselves up in the tarpaulin and lie beside the aircraft as much out of the wind as possible. Mr. Gibson crawled and walked for eight hours, a distance of eight miles, in extreme conditions of cold and wind in a temperature that fell to 30 F. degrees below zero. He finally reached a locked inspection hut, approximately 2 miles west of Grand Rapids. Mr. Gibson broke the window, fell inside and tried to use a telephone but was unable to do so as he could not lift the receiver with his frozen hands. He lapsed into unconsciousness and was discovered the next morning by a Manitoba Hydro patrol. The directions supplied by Gibson enabled rescuers to locate the one survivor and the body of the second passenger who had died during the night. Mr. Gibson subsequently had one leg, the other foot, the thumbs and fingers on both hands and part of his nose amputated.

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

20th September 1966.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names shown below

as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

Queen's Commendation for brave conduct:

Edward William Jack McGregor, Fire Station Officer III, Army Fire Service, Cyprus.

Thomas Settle, Fire Station Officer III, Army Fire Service, Cyprus.

George Albert Warner, Fire Station Officer III, Army Fire Service, Cyprus.

For services when petrol storage tanks caught fire and exploded at Larnaca, Cyprus.

CROWN OFFICE

House of Lords, London, S.W.1.
19th September 1966.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 19th day of September 1966, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon Dame Evelyn Adelaide Sharp, G.B.E., by the name, style and title of Baroness Sharp, of Hornsey in Greater London.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

20th September 1966.

ROYAL NAVY

Cdrs. placed on Retired List on dates stated:

E. F. SILK, A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.Mar.E. 3rd Sept. 1966.

J. W. CHASE, A.M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., M.I.Mar.E. 14th Sept. 1966.

T. B. D. PENFOLD, M.A., A.M.I.E.E. 26th Sept. 1966.

S. G. ORR, D.S.C. and 2 Bars, A.F.C., A.F.R.Ae.S. 28th Sept. 1966.

Surgn. Cdr.(D) A. SIMPSON, L.D.S., placed on Retired List. 1st Sept. 1966.

Lt. Cdrs. placed on Retired List on dates stated:

G. J. G. TAWSE. 3rd Sept. 1966.

G. A. SIMPSON. 10th Sept. 1966.

R. H. KEENE. 26th Sept. 1966.

Engr. Lt. Cdrs. placed on Retired List on dates stated:

V. J. W. CROMPTON, M.V.O. 5th Sept. 1966.

V. E. DAY, D.S.M. 14th Sept. 1966.

Elect. Lt. Cdr. J. WEBSTER, retired. 25th Sept. 1966.