

The following officers are awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

- ROYAL ARMoured CORPS
Lt. D. H. COLLINS (243534), retired.
- CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) S. TAYLOR (188698), retired.
- ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) L. M. CHIVERS (268241), retired.
- INFANTRY
The Queens R.
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) J. W. THOMAS (303243), retired.
- E. Surrey R.*
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) D. W. A. MURRAY (253843), retired.
- R. Hamps.*
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) A. G. OAKLEY, M.C. (301482), retired.
- AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE
Sub. (Hon. J. Comd.) L. E. BRACHER (270233), retired.
- INDIAN ARMY
Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) R. C. PICK (E.C.8433) (formerly P/98705), retired.

The following officer is awarded the 2nd Clasp to the Cadet Forces Medal:

- ARMY CADET FORCE
Essex
Lt. (A/Capt.) S. T. WEST (275156).

The following officer is awarded the 1st Clasp to the Cadet Forces Medal:

- ARMY CADET FORCE
Lancashire (East)
Lt. (A/Maj.) J. V. KNOTT (310794).

The following officers are awarded the Cadet Forces Medal:

- COMBINED CADET FORCE
Duke of York's Royal Military School
Lt. (A/Maj.) R. P. HANDFORD (361730).
- ARMY CADET FORCE
Antrim and City of Belfast
Lt. (A/Capt.) G. LAVERY (456324).
- Ayr*
Lt. (A/Capt.) J. S. MACCOWAN (162462).
2/Lt. (A/Maj.) J. M. LAVERY (442443).
- Brecknock*
Lt. A. GARSIDE (443977).
2/Lt. (A/Maj.) R. S. TAYLOR (443232).
- Cheshire*
2/Lt. F. A. NORREY (481166).
- Cumberland and Westmorland*
Lt. (A/Capt.) G. W. BOLAM (444883).
- Devon*
Lt. (A/Capt.) F. R. VOSPER (442894).
Lt. (A/Maj.) G. A. WRIGHT (442481).
- Dumbarton*
Lt. (A/Lt.-Col.) A. MCINNES (190076) (County Cadet Commandant).
- Fife*
Lt. (A/Maj.) J. A. GILLIES (268166).
2/Lt. (A/Capt.) R. ROBERTSON (457653).
- Gloucester*
Lt. E. S. CLARKE (443127).
Lt. (A/Capt.) J. H. R. LITTLE (442091).
- Huntingdon and Northampton*
Lt. (A/Maj.) I. T. WRIGHT (310020).
- London, City of*
Lt. (A/Maj.) E. J. SPILLETT (247773).
- Northumberland*
Lt. (A/Capt.) R. ALDCROFT (361180).
Lt. (A/Capt.) A. R. SPEARS (458290).
- Stafford*
Lt. (A/Maj.) J. S. LANCASTER (126172).
Lt. J. K. TYLER (466171).
- Stirling*
Lt. (A/Capt.) H. R. L. ANDERSON (272224).
- Surrey*
2/Lt. (A/Lt.-Col.) C. F. DICKSON, B.E.M. (449535).
- York (West Riding)*
Lt. (A/Capt.) R. N. BROWN (438684).
Lt. (A/Capt.) H. COPSEY (438880).

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

25th July 1967.

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

Air Force Cross

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Godfrey LEDWIDGE (3523672), Royal Air Force.

On the morning of 9th May 1967, Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge, as pilot and captain of a Canberra, was flying with his navigator on a low-level navigation and bombing training mission over Northern Germany. The major part of the flight had been successfully completed and the aircraft was returning to its base when, at a height of 500 feet above ground level the aileron control suddenly jammed at about half left aileron deflection. The aircraft immediately started rolling on to its back. Realising that his aircraft was in imminent danger, Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge could at this point have used his ejector seat to escape; however, he was aware that his navigator, who was not equipped with an ejector seat, would have no chance of escaping from the aircraft before it crashed. With complete disregard for his own safety, Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge attempted to regain partial control of the aircraft and, although he could not prevent it from continuing to roll, he was able, by a superb display of airmanship and piloting skill, to use differential engine power, rudder and elevator to prevent the aircraft from striking the ground during the first complete roll at low level. He then continued to control the aircraft through a series of full power climbing rolls, by using rudder to influence the rate of roll at different stages and thus gain as much height as possible during each manoeuvre. Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge had warned his navigator of the emergency immediately, but the harsh use of the controls and the reversals of "G" during the early stages of recovery had caused the navigator to become disconnected from the inter-communication system and be thrown around the aircraft cabin. It was not until the aircraft was climbing that the navigator was able to re-establish contact with the pilot, who instructed him to prepare to abandon. Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge then waited until the navigator had fitted his parachute pack and the aircraft was approaching the normal wings level attitude during one of the climbing rolls before giving the order to abandon the aircraft. Only when he had seen his navigator leave through the escape exit did he himself operate his ejector seat, by which time the aircraft had reached a height of about 8,000 feet. Both the pilot and navigator made a successful descent by parachute and were quickly picked up by rescue services alerted by the distress call which the pilot radioed before abandoning the aircraft. Throughout the whole of this emergency, Flight Lieutenant Ledwidge displayed exceptional presence of mind. His handling of his aircraft in a dire emergency showed superlative judgment and outstanding skill, determination and sense of duty. These qualities, allied to a courage which is an example to all and in the very best traditions of a fighting service, undoubtedly saved his navigator's life.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

25th July 1967.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Flight Lieutenants (General List):

1st Oct. 1966

Gordon Joseph CRAIG (588878).
Peter GOODMAN (507763).
Roger John OUSTON (4230003).
Michael Charles PACKHAM (4180902).

As Pilot Officer (General List):

Flight Cadet Alastair MCKAY (608681). 26th May 1967.

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List):

Hercules RAJAPAKSHA (508412). 19th Jun. 1967.