

have been catastrophic for him and ultimately for the ship. No members of the ship's crew would venture as far into the hold because of the high risk involved. Despite fatigue, irregular meals and very little sleep, Flight Sergeant Ditchfield directed his limited resources and his largely inexperienced fire fighting force, with courage, initiative and exceptional determination. Throughout, under exacting conditions, he displayed outstanding devotion to duty. His calm and efficient leadership gave both inspiration and continuity to the fire fighting team and his professional skill and personal example were major factors in countering this serious emergency, which might well have led to the loss of the ship. His performance was in accord with the highest traditions of the Service.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

#### Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

##### As Pilot Officers (General List):

18th Aug. 1968 (Seniority 18th Nov. 1966)

Alan Roy LAMB, B.Sc. (2619542).

David Miller NIVEN, B.Sc. (2614751).

Acting Pilot Officer Ronald Arthur COWPE, B.Sc. (2615891), 18th Aug. 1968 (Seniority 9th May 1967).

18th Aug. 1968 (Seniority 18th May 1967)

John Shearme GARNONS-WILLIAMS, B.Sc. (2619640).

Terence Edwin PERCY, B.Sc. (5200776).

Michael WATERHOUSE, B.Eng. (2615466).

#### Appointment to Commission (Permanent) (D.E.C.(A))

##### As Pilot Officer (Supplementary List):

William Francis Martin WITHERS, LL.B. (2607689), 18th Aug. 1968 (Seniority 18th May 1967).

#### Appointment to Commission (Permanent) (D.E.C.(B))

##### As Pilot Officers (Supplementary List):

18th Aug. 1968

Anthony Donald BAPTISTE, B.A. (2619537).

Peter Alan BARRETT, B.Sc. (2607679).

John Anthony BOYLAN, B.Com. (5200786).

George Anthony ELLIS, B.A. (2615308).

Frederick Albert GREER, B.Sc. (2619107).

William Richard ORSON, B.A. (2618949).

Alastair Douglas Hepburn TURNER, B.Sc. (2618951).

#### Appointment to Commission (Short Service)

##### As Flying Officer (Supplementary List) Ground Branch (six years on the Active List and four years on the Reserve):

Thomas Frederick SUFFOLK (4232665). 9th Jul. 1968.

#### Re-Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

##### As Flight Lieutenant (Supplementary List) (Ground Branch):

Roy Edward Albert SLADDEN (2537004), 18th Sep. 1968. (Seniority 20th Aug. 1958)

#### Re-Appointment on the Active List

Flight Lieutenant Sidney BUCKINGHAM (1181738) is re-appointed on the Active List to a Permanent Commission (Supplementary List) Ground Branch (on Branch Officers Terms) 6th Nov. 1967 (Seniority 17th Oct. 1962) (Substituted for Notification 5th Dec. 1967 (P. 13275, Col. 2)).

#### Promotion

##### Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:

D. H. PRICE (5067247). 1st Jul. 1968.

19th Oct. 1968

D. I. ALDOUS (4231763).

M. E. BEER (4231811).

G. E. BUDD (2618734).

C. G. CARTER (4231691).

P. R. C. CHAPMAN (4231781).

M. E. COUMBE (4231720).

P. W. DAY (4231751).

K. EVEREST (4231780).

J. E. FOX (4231806).

P. R. HAWKSWORTH (4231815).

C. St. J. HICKMAN (4231762).

B. C. LAITE (4231688).

B. G. LEES (4231697).

P. M. O'SHEA (4231680).

D. E. W. PELLIS (4231801).

F. M. RAMSHAW (4231776).

R. G. TURNILL (4231747).

M. P. WESTWOOD (4231753).

L. A. WISBEY (4231807).

21st Oct. 1968

C. CULLIS (4170144).

D. S. SHAW (684083).

#### Adjustment of Period of Service

The period of service of Flight Lieutenant E. C. H. PHILLIPS (5200038) is adjusted to eight years on the Active List and four years on the Reserve from 18th Sep. 1968.

#### Extension of Service

The period of service on the Active List of Flight Lieutenant D. A. SMITH (2533386) is extended until 31st Oct. 1970.

#### Regrading

##### Acting Pilot Officer to Pilot Officer:

20th Oct. 1968

C. D. CYSTER (4233500).

M. D. FENTON (4233506).

S. N. GARVIN (4233458).

R. P. KEMP (4233507).

A. L. PARKER (4233509).

D. I. RENDALL (4233503).

G. S. ROBERTS (4233499).

A. D. WALTON (4233502).

P. J. WARREN (4233484).

I. H. WRIGHT (4233510).

C. R. WYATT (4233504).

#### Transfer to General Duties (Ground Branch)

Flight Lieutenant P. J. MCCOSKER (4032556) is transferred to General Duties (Ground Branch) (Supplementary List) retaining his existing rank and seniority 17th Sep. 1968.

#### Transfer to the Reserve

Flight Lieutenant W. A. CULLEN (4187661). 10th Oct. 1968.

#### Retirement

Group Captain L. T. BRYANT-FENN, D.F.C. (at own request). 19th Oct. 1968.

Wing Commander R. G. B. SUMMERS, O.B.E., A.F.M. (49629). 18th Oct. 1968.

#### Squadron Leaders:

H. H. BINNS, A.F.C. (176102). 15th Oct. 1968

M. P. WELLS (4038755). 20th Oct. 1968.

#### Squadron Leaders (at own request):

M. G. WAUDBY (607031). 16th Sep. 1968.

H. J. DAVIES (3054065). 30th Sep. 1968.

#### Flight Lieutenants:

J. D. WILSON (4111043). 23rd Sep. 1968.

D. W. LANCASTER (4105656). 1st Oct. 1968.

C. P. SMAJE (3510878). 19th Oct. 1968.

#### Flight Lieutenants (at own request):

R. H. ROUSELL (3042260). 14th Sep. 1968.

H. R. G. POULTON, D.F.C. (34925). 19th Sep. 1968.

R. T. LANGHAM (567662). 20th Sep. 1968.

28th Sep. 1968

D. EVANS (650156).

H. A. PILCHER-CLAYTON (154647).

L. SMITH (1814413).

F. R. LEADON (185286). 1st Oct. 1968.

D. A. YOUNGS, A.F.C. (59496). 6th Oct. 1968.

#### Commission Relinquished

Flying Officer T. F. SUFFOLK (4232665) (on appointment to a Short Service Commission in the Royal Air Force). 9th Jul. 1968.

#### Commission Terminated

##### Acting Pilot Officers:

20th Sep. 1968

M. J. KEARNEY (4233488).

R. E. NETHERCOTT (4233491).

D. B. HIPKINS (8024775). 27th Sep. 1968.

C. S. ARNOLD (4233351). 15th Oct. 1968.

### ENGINEER BRANCH

#### Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

##### As Flight Lieutenant (General List):

David Richard CULMER (4199135). 1st Apr. 1968.