

*Millfield School Contgt.*

Maj. Frank Neville FENNER (443217) (Res. of Offrs., Class 1) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 19th Mar. 1973, with seniority 26th Sep. 1949.

ARMY CADET FORCE

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

*Group B*

*Antrim & City of Belfast*

2nd Lt. (on probation) W. F. PENNINGTON (492270) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 30th Jul. 1971. To be Lt., 30th Jul. 1973, with seniority 30th Jul. 1971 (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 2nd Oct. 1973).

*Devon*

2nd Lt. (on probation) A. R. C. WELLER (492536) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 1st Oct. 1971, with seniority 30th Dec. 1972. To be Lt., 1st Oct. 1973.

*Greater London (S.W. Sector)*

2nd Lt. (on probation) K. W. SPACKMAN (495874) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 8th Aug. 1972. To be Lt., 8th Aug. 1973, with seniority 8th Aug. 1972.

*Northumberland*

2nd Lt. (on probation) C. HESLOP (492794) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th Nov. 1971. To be Lt., 11th Nov. 1973.

*Radnor*

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. B. DAVIES (492479) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 22nd Sept. 1971. To be Lt., 22nd Sep. 1973, with seniority 31st Oct. 1972.

*Wilts*

Joseph Edwin HOUSLEY (496775) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 5th Sep. 1973.

*York (East Riding)*

Maj. R. F. MUNCIE (431967) (formerly T.A.V.R., Group A, R.A.) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 1st Oct. 1973, with seniority 9th Mar. 1958.

*York (West Riding)*

2nd Lt. (on probation) J. AGAR (492078) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 26th Jun. 1971. To be Lt., 1st Oct. 1973, with seniority 1st Oct. 1971.

area. Having previously positioned his two vehicles for maximum effect, Corporal Wardle extinguished the fire with dry powder, thus enabling the civilian mechanic to escape from the pit, relatively unharmed. Corporal Wardle acted completely professionally throughout the incident and with complete disregard for his own safety. As a fireman, he was fully aware of the dangers inherent in a fire in a garage workshop but, by his coolness and by his prompt and magnificent example in the face of danger, he averted a serious explosion and almost certainly saved the trapped mechanic from death or serious injuries.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

13th November 1973.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointment to Commission (Permanent)*

*As Flight Lieutenant :*

Paul Victor LLOYD (5202682). 7th Oct. 1973.

*As Pilot Officers :*

30th Sep. 1973 (Seniority 30th Dec. 1970)

David BURDON, B.Sc. (5202689).

Douglas COOPER, B.Sc. (5202680).

Jeffrey George JENKINS, B.Sc. (5202691).

30th Sep. 1973 (Seniority 30th Jun. 1971)

John Magnus BURCHAM, B.Tech. (5202678).

Roy SMITH, B.Sc. (5202900).

30th Sep. 1973 (Seniority 30th Dec. 1971)

Patrick Neil HORNER, B.A. (5202688).

Derek Raymond JOHNSTON, B.Sc. (5202690).

*Notification Amended*

London Gazette dated 30th Oct. 1973, concerning Hugh Richard CORNEY, B.A. (2623703) and John Leonard PILKINGTON, B.Sc. (2623325), amend seniority to read " (Seniority 16th Dec. 1971)."

*Promotion*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

R. W. DEXTER (4051296). 5th Nov. 1973.

11th Nov. 1973

R. JONES (681956).

P. MARSTON (685558).

M. J. TAYLOR (4193507).

A. J. M. STRANG, B.Sc. (5202038). 13th Nov. 1973.

*Pilot Officer to Flight Lieutenant :*

I. BARRETT, B.Sc. (5202621). 13th Nov. 1973 (Seniority 13th Aug. 1973).

*Pilot Officer to Flying Officer :*

11th Nov. 1973

R. W. BREEZE (8025788).

A. McG. CLARK (8025786).

H. B. DAVIES (8025773).

J. B. HOBBS (8025779).

R. P. LEWIS (8025771).

J. McALEESE (8025791).

P. E. PALMER (8025775).

S. G. RODDA (8025772).

*Specialist Aircrew :*

*Flight Lieutenants designated Specialist Aircrew :*

J. STEWART (4121080). 9th Mar. 1973.

R. CARPENTER (4131609). 8th Nov. 1973.

M. A. COLLINS (587223). 8th Nov. 1973.

*Transfer between Branches*

Flight Lieutenant J. W. PEARSON (608974) to the General Duties (Ground) Branch, 15th Oct. 1973, in existing rank and seniority.

*Transfer to the Reserve*

Flight Lieutenant P. HOMER (4232925). 8th Nov. 1973.

*Retirement*

Air Commodore E. W. WOOTTEN, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., M.B.I.M. 5th Nov. 1973.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

13th November 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

L4240051 Corporal Alan WARDLE, Royal Air Force Regiment.

In September 1971, Corporal Wardle was posted to Royal Air Force Boulmer, as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Fire Section, located at Acklington but on the establishment of Boulmer. On 21st June 1973, the Fire Section at Acklington was alerted that there was a serious fire on the premises of the Acklington Motor Company situated in Acklington Village. The fire started beneath a car which was being repaired over a servicing pit and was caused by an accumulation of petrol fumes which had been ignited by a flame from a welding torch. The fire involved the car and an oxyacetylene trolley, which was being used by a mechanic who was then trapped in the pit as a result of the fire. The Airfield Crash Rescue Landrover was immediately sent to the scene of the incident. Corporal Wardle was not at the Fire Section at the time of the alert, but on learning of the incident on the communications radio of the second Airfield Crash Rescue Landrover, he acted on his own initiative and drove to the scene of the fire. On arrival, he fought his way into the building, which was filled with smoke and toxic fumes, and immediately noticed that the set of oxygen and acetylene bottles was excessively hot and that the hoses from these bottles were feeding the fire. Assessing the danger and with complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Wardle approached the bottles, turned off the control valves and pulled the bottles clear of the building to a safe