The New Year Honours

CIVIL-LIST AWARDS IN AVIATION: INDUSTRY, AIRLINES AND THE MINISTRIES

THOUGH a fair cross-section of the aeronautical scene is reflected in the New Year Honours List, announced last week, there is the familiar—and in our view disappointing—lack of recognition of the work of test pilots. Nevertheless, news of civil awards, particularly in the industry, will give general satisfaction; for example, the barony for Sir George Nelson, chairman of the English Electric Co Ltd, and the appointment of Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, chairman and managing director of Short Brothers & Harland Ltd, as KBE; and if the names of test pilots are lacking, there is at least recognition for an industrialist whose products have helped to save their lives—Capt Cyril Turner, the managing director of Irving Air Chute of Great Britain Ltd.

Notable among the numerous Civil Service awards is that of CBE to P. G. Tweedie, Chief Inspector of Accidents (Civil Aviation), MoA, and among the honours for airline personnel is the appointment as OBE of Capt T. B. Stoney, BOAC’s Boeing 707 flight manager.

Sterling work by the humble ranks is reflected in the award of the British Empire Medal to a dozen-odd men occupied in various branches of aviation activity.

Service honours and awards are given in detail on page 61 of this issue.

BARON
Sir George Nelson, chairman, English Electric Co Ltd.

PRIVY COUNCILLOR
J. D. Profumo, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Parliamentary Secretary, MCA, 1952-53); Joint Parliamentary Secretary, MTCA, 1953-57).

COMPANION OF HONOUR
A. T. Lennox-Boyd MP (Parliamentary Secretary, MAP, 1943-45; Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, 1952-54).

BARONET
G. B. H. Nugent, MP (Joint Parliamentary Secretary, MTCA, 1957-59).

KNIGHTS BACHELOR
J. F. Lockwood, chairman, EMI Ltd; Prof H. S. W. Massey, Quain Professor of Physics, University College, London (chairman of British National Committee on Space Research); C. Raeburn, chairman, Cyprus Airways; A. B. Waring, chairman and managing director, Joseph Lucas (Industries) Ltd.

ORDER OF THE BATH
L. J. Dunnett (holder of various senior posts in aviation Ministries from 1937; lately Deputy Secretary [A], MoA);

CB
R. H. Weir, Director-General, Engine Research and Development, MoA; F. Wood, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Air Ministry.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE
Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, chairman and managing director, Short Brothers and Harland Ltd.

CBE
L. J. Davies, director of research and education, British Thomson-Houston Co Ltd; T. J. O’Leary, senior flying doctor in Queensland of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.

Capt C. C. T. Turner, managing director, Irving Air Chute of Great Britain Ltd; P. G. Tweedie, Chief Inspector of Accidents (Civil Aviation) MoA.

OBE
E. H. Aldis, chief engineer, Qantas Empire Airways, Australia; H. E. Barry, manager, Trade Relations Department, Shell-Mex & BP Ltd; G. E. Bell, senior principal scientific officer, MoA; F. J. Brewin, lately principal inspector, MoA; R. C. Cameron, Assistant Secretary (Finance), Department of Air, Australia; A. W. H. Cole, manager, Communications Division, Marconi’s Wireless Telegraph Co Ltd; J. Ellis, Superintending Civil Engineer, lately Air Ministry; J. B. Parry, senior principal psychologist, Air Ministry; Capt T. B. Stoney, flight manager, Boeing 707 Flight, BOAC; A. Symon, manager, sales engineering, Bristol Aircraft Ltd; P. H. Watson, Assistant Director (Engineering), Aircraft Design Requirements, MoA.

Left to right: Sir George Nelson (Baron), Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery (KBE), Capt C. C. T. Turner (CBE).

Left to right: Capt T. B. Stoney (OBE), A. Symon (OBE), Capt J. Woodman (Queen’s Commendation).

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL
A. Allen, chief development engineer, Coscor Radar & Electronics Ltd; L. F. Archibald, commissioner, Australian Air League; E. J. Bell, tariffs regulations superintendent, BBA; E. J. Brunchard, chief maintenance engineer, Trans-Australia Airlines; E. Brown, chief photographer, Air Ministry; S. R. Brown, signals officer, MoA; W. H. Butcher, chairman of committee, No 372 (Barry) Sqn, ATC; A. G. W. Cannon, divisional manufacturing manager, A.E.I. Ltd, Rugby; J. V. Cros, mechanical and electrical engineer, Air Ministry Directorate-General of Works, London Airport; J. C. D. de Costobadie, lately official chaplain, RAF Rufforth; L. Evans, senior executive officer, Air Ministry; Miss P. M. Evans, controller of typists, MoA; Capt P. Fisher, chief check and training captain, Trans-Australia Airlines; J. H. Forest, technical manager, Kuwait Airlines; R. W. Gale, lately technical adjutant, No 25 Maintenance Unit, RAF Hartlebury; D. S. Graham, in recognition of services as civil aviation liaison officer, Department of Civil Aviation, during royal visits to Australia; J. Hamilton, executive officer, RN Aircraft Yard, Donibristle; D. A. Hewetson, telecommunications technical officer, Ronaldsway Airport, Isle of Man; E. H. Aldis, managing director, Irving Air Chute of Great Britain Ltd; E. J. Kydd, chief maintenance engineer, Qantas Empire Airways, Australia; H. Lloyd, Black Knight project officer, Saunders-Roe Ltd; E. H. Piercy, Inspector, Aeronautical Inspection Service, No 28 MU, RAF Harpur Hall; T. B. Powell, senior executive officer, MoA; G. G. Prince, head of apparatus engineering department, Edixon Telephones Ltd; F. M. Reynolds, senior surveyor, A.E.I. Ltd; Obs Cdr F. Rodger, Gp Cmdt, No 15 Gp, Royal Observer Corps; T. A. Sawyer-Stokes, line maintenance manager, Midlands Aircraft Service Co, Birmingham; B. W. Stearn, higher executive officer, Air Ministry; G. A. Strong, chairman of committee, No 1254 (Godalming) Sqn, Air Training Corps; G. H. Winn, airport manager, Blackbushe.

QUEEN’S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR
J. A. G. W. Cannon, flight superintendent, training, Skyeys Ltd; Capt T. McQ. Robertson, managing pilot, Borneo Airways Ltd; Capt J. Woodman, captain, first class, Boeing 707 Flight, BOAC.