

crew to abandon aircraft. Unaware that his message had not been received as the intercommunication system had broken down and believing himself to be alone in the aircraft, he finally evaded his attackers and set an approximate course for England. Flying a badly damaged aircraft, on a dark moonless night, and with no instruments to aid him, Sergeant Farrow eventually reached this country where he made a safe landing with the under-carriage retracted. By his skill and resolution, he saved both his aircraft and, unknowingly, his wounded crew. This airman has participated in many operational missions and has always shown courage and tenacity worthy of high praise.

947148 Sergeant Edward William BRIGGS, No. 15 Squadron.

565929 Sergeant Maurice Sidney PEPPER, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in January, 1942, Sergeants Briggs and Pepper were wireless operator and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft which carried out a successful operation against Munster. On leaving the target area, the aircraft was caught in a belt of searchlights and attacked by enemy fighters. During the first attack Sergeant Briggs was wounded in the leg. Despite considerable pain and loss of blood, he coolly continued his wireless duties until the aircraft reached this country. Sergeant Pepper was wounded in the hand and knee but he bravely made his way to the astro-dome, where, although suffering much pain, he rendered most valuable assistance to his pilot by directing the necessary avoiding action through a succession of attacks. He thus played a great part in the safe return of the aircraft to this country.

Air Ministry,  
10th February, 1942.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Thomas Ryland VICKERS (34207) No. 221 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Frederick BENBOW (42786) No. 37 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Ernest MARTIN (Aus. 402059) Royal Australian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Leslie George BETTINSON (84727) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron

Pilot Officer George Colin ANDREW (60802) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Ivan Francis Bryant WALTERS (563593) No. 204 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

909836 Sergeant Bertram Leonard SMITH No. 37 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry,  
10th February, 1942.

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##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being emplyd. with the R.A.F. 5th Jan. 1942:—

Alan Douglas Mead EMMER (Lt., R.Fus.) (47645).

William Andrew BLACKETT (2nd Lt., Durham L.I.) (47646).

John Richard WILKINSON (2nd Lt., R.A.) (47647).

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

366149 Horace Alexander NASH (47641). 4th Oct. 1941.

565177 Dick NELSON (47651). 5th Jan. 1942.

##### Flt. Sgts.

551525 Wilfred Henry HEWLETT (47648). 26th Nov. 1941.

564969 Joseph Roy George RALSTON, D.F.M. (47650). 3rd Dec. 1941.

565077 John Charles JONES (47659). 11th Dec. 1941.

581398 James Bolam LAPPING (47652). 26th Dec. 1941.

550757 Gerald John O'NEILL, D.F.M. (47705). 30th Dec. 1941.

526164 Leslie Reginald Clark GILBERT (47653). 31st Dec. 1941.

##### Tempy. Flt. Sgts.

580819 John Alan BROADLEY (47690). 18th Nov. 1941.

516523 James Archibald ROBERTSON (47649). 27th Dec. 1941.

525274 Ronald Frederick DAVIS, D.F.M. (47718). 1st Jan. 1942.

##### Sgts.

516721 William Kenneth BRANCH (47703). 12th Aug. 1941.

524796 John Charles KING (47583). 24th Oct. 1941.

520526 Alec Richmond SHERWOOD (47574). 10th Dec. 1941. (*Seny. 1st May, 1941.*)

542820 Stanley Wilfred GOULD (47704). 19th Dec. 1941.

##### Ldg. Acm.

7th Nov. 1941.

655417 William HOWARD (47691).

570603 John Tudor REYNOLDS (47692)

13th Dec. 1941.

655034 Ronald Frank MASON (47675).

655254 Charles Jack OSMOND (47685).

655287 Joseph Forster REED (47686).

546150 Hector Jerese HENRY (47694). 22nd Dec. 1941.

528722 Harry GODDARD (47525). 23rd Dec. 1941.

Flg. Off. (prob.) H. J. L. HALLOWES, D.F.M. (45010), to be confmd. in appt. 29th Nov. 1941.

Flg. Off. (prob.) E. J. GREENWOOD (45198) is confmd. in appt. and to be Flt. Lt. (war sub.). 13th Jan. 1942. (*Seny. 30th Oct. 1941.*)

Flg. Off. (prob.) C. E. ASHDOWN, A.F.C. (43163), is confmd. in appt. 1st Apr. 1941, and to be Flt. Lt. (war sub.). 1st Dec. 1941.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (prob.):—

A. E. RUMBLE (44708). 1st Oct. 1941. (*Seny. 11th Sept. 1941.*)

T. J. WATKINS, D.S.O. (44735). 5th Oct. 1941. (*Seny. 16th May 1941.*)

D. S. BARNES (44833). 3rd Nov. 1941. (*Seny. 23rd Oct. 1941.*)

16th Nov. 1941.

E. E. COLLINS, D.S.O., D.F.M. (44932). (*Seny. 6th Nov. 1941.*)

A. E. FEATHER (44870). (*Seny. 6th Nov. 1941.*)

A. C. GRAHAM (45041). 13th Dec. 1941. (*Seny. 4th Dec. 1941.*)

E. L. BLOXHAM (45076). 16th Dec. 1941. (*Seny. 14th Aug. 1941.*)

E. P. EASTMENT (45206). 18th Jan. 1942. (*Seny. 14th Jan. 1942.*)

Flt. Lt. H. E. BUFTON (33223) to be Sqn. Ldr. (temp.). 24th Jan. 1942. (*Seny. 1st Sept. 1941.*)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

J. C. FREEBORN, D.F.C. (70854). 3rd Sept. 1941.

9th Dec. 1941.

P. H. de K. BOCOCK (42256).

D. R. W. BROOKS (42190).

W. H. C. HUNKIN (42231).

B. A. JAMES (42232).

D. F. M. MACKARNES (42244).

I. M. MUIR (42255).

P. W. PETERS, D.F.C. (42259).

W. J. R. REDMAN (42261).

23rd Dec. 1941.

A. H. W. BALI (33532).

D. D. HAIG, D.F.C. (33540).

R. A. MOSLEY (41724). 28th Dec. 1941.

Plt. Off. D. R. CHALMERS (2nd Lt. Camerons) (44807) to be Flg. Off. 2nd Nov. 1941.

Flt. Lt. P. F. MURCH (40479) is transf'd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. of the R.A.F.O., and is retained on the active list under K.R. and A.C.I. para. 3543. 25th Nov. 1941.

Flg. Off. W. S. BENNETTS (2nd Lt. R.A.) (43091) takes rank and precedence as if his appt. as Flg. Off. bore date 23rd Apr. 1941 (immediately