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*Air Ministry,
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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the VICTORIA CROSS on the under-mentioned officer in recognition of most conspicuous bravery:—

Flying Officer Kenneth CAMPBELL (72446), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 22 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of a Beaufort aircraft of Coastal Command which was detained to attack an enemy battle cruiser in Brest Harbour at first light on the morning of 6th April, 1941. The aircraft did not return but it is now known that a torpedo attack was carried out with the utmost daring.

The battle cruiser was secured alongside the wall on the north shore of the harbour, protected by a stone mole bending round it from the west. On rising ground behind the ship stood protective batteries of guns. Other batteries were clustered thickly round the two arms of land which encircle the outer harbour. In this outer harbour near the mole were moored three heavily-armed anti-aircraft ships, guarding the battle cruiser. Even if an aircraft succeeded in penetrating these formidable defences, it would be almost impossible, after delivering a low-level attack, to avoid crashing into the rising ground beyond.

This was well known to Flying Officer Campbell who, despising the heavy odds, went cheerfully and resolutely to the task. He ran the gauntlet of the defences. Coming in almost at sea level, he passed the anti-aircraft ships at less than mast-height in the very mouths of their guns, and skimming

over the mole launched a torpedo at point-blank range. The battle cruiser was severely damaged below the water-line, and was obliged to return to the dock whence she had come only the day before.

By pressing home his attack at close quarters in the face of a withering fire on a course fraught with extreme peril, Flying Officer Campbell displayed valour of the highest order.

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13th March, 1942.*

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Leslie Hugh William PARKIN (37982), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader George CLAPPERTON (60761), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Frank Leslie Herbert EDDISON (39377) (deceased), No. 214 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 9th May, 1941.*

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Wellwood Fortune LANDALE (70379), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 10 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 17th July, 1941.*

Flight Lieutenant George Francis GRANT (42216), No. 109 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Russell Ernest ORCHARD (41313) (deceased), No. 58 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 23rd August, 1941.*

- Acting Flight Lieutenant Peter Norton SMITH (88026), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.
- Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Paul TODD (88090), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas Edwin STREET (79557), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Peter Cliff BIRCH (85675), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.
- Flying Officer George Jestyn Alfred LEWIS (79212), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.
- Flying Officer William PANTON (43150) (deceased), *awarded with effect from 20th April, 1941.*
- Flying Officer Arthur REECE (44128), No. 109 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Ian Clifford Kirby SWALES, D.F.M. (44835), No. 15 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Anthony de Quincey WALKER (89607), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Stanley le Vesconte WOOD (89608), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- Acting Flying Officer Raymond Arthur BAILEY (44598) (deceased), No. 107 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 26th June, 1941.*
- Acting Flying Officer Harold Thomas LEGGE (CAN./J.3756), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 12 Squadron.
- Acting Flying Officer David Scott Shearman WILKERSON (62281), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Percy Frank ALLEN (102973), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Colin Arthur BARNES (62268), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Robert Gordon DALE (CAN./J.15042), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Charles John FOOKS (111679), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Arthur Charles GEARY (79188), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 211 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 21st March, 1941.*
- Pilot Officer Russell Lloyd George HOSEA (CAN./J.15033), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 115 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Alan Herbert METCALFE (67621), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Peter Joseph OLEINEK (CAN./J.4735), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 12 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Vivian Weston PARRY (111963), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Ronald Percy RUNAGALL (112446), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer John Allan Vesey STOCKLEY (62677), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 217 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 15th August, 1941.*
- Pilot Officer Ronald Frederick Leonard TONG (63848), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Kenneth Derek WHISKEN (61037), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- 744926 Flight Sergeant Douglas Esmond BATTEN, No. 149 Squadron.
- N.Z. 402158 Flight Sergeant Richard Colvin Seddon BECK, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 564057 Flight Sergeant Frederick William BROWN, No. 142 Squadron.
- 755026 Flight Sergeant Eric Francis CHANDLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 82 Squadron.
- 622189 Flight Sergeant Roy Kelly HEWITT, No. 101 Squadron.
- 652146 Flight Sergeant Charles Lucas Arnold MALLETT, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 911169 Flight Sergeant Mervyn John William SKINNER, No. 58 Squadron.
- 778293 Sergeant Grimwood COOKE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.
- 916001 Sergeant Jack Kenneth CORKE, No. 10 Squadron.
- 1000250 Sergeant Clayton CURTIS, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 639611 Sergeant Ivor Thomas Charles EDWARDS (deceased), No. 22 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 16th May, 1941.*
- 1052825 Sergeant Bernard Cuthbert GOODWIN, No. 106 Squadron.
- 808255 Sergeant Raymond Marshall GRAY, Auxiliary Air Force (deceased), No. 115 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 11th June, 1941.*
- 751976 Sergeant Ernest John HOLLAND, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 149 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 7th April, 1941.*
- 754151 Sergeant Wilfred Douglas HUGHES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (deceased), No. 50 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 26th June, 1941.*
- 511537 Sergeant Clifford JENNINGS (deceased), No. 114 Squadron, *awarded with effect from 31st March, 1941.*
- 619753 Sergeant Robert Edward JONES, No. 97 Squadron.
- 912596 Sergeant John William KYLE, No. 109 Squadron.
- 992167 Sergeant Leslie LITTLEWOOD, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 927338 Sergeant Kenneth MARRIOTT, No. 115 Squadron.
- 776067 Sergeant Ernest Ivo NIGHTINGALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.
- Can/R.58820 Sergeant Joseph Moore RUNNER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 115 Squadron.
- 612042 Sergeant Thomas Neville SANKEY, No. 35 Squadron.
- 937280 Sergeant Harry Aston WILLIAMS, No. 35 Squadron.

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

Air Ministry,

13th March, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Wilfred Patrick Francis TREACY (37617), Reserve of Air Force Officers (deceased), *awarded with effect from 27th March, 1941.*

Military Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John Talbot Lovell SHORE (39177), Reserve of Air Force Officers.
Flying Officer Basil John Allan RENNIE (87414), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Military Medal.

755548 Sergeant Robert William LONSDALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
613552 Sergeant George ROSKELL.
541877 Leading Aircraftman Harold Arthur MOREMENT.
538174 Aircraftman 1st Class George HIBBERT.

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