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St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 16th February, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

Aus.410106 Sergeant Ernest George Thompson, Royal Australian Air Force.

On the 8th September, 1942, Sergeant Thompson was gunner of an aircraft performing air exercises at a bombing and gunnery school. After completing the exercises the aircraft stalled, crashed and burst into flames. As it struck the ground, Sergeant Thompson leapt clear and went to the assistance of the pilot, who was trapped in the blazing aircraft. He was unable to release the pilot from the starboard side and ran to the port side. The wreckage was burning fiercely but Sergeant Thompson went without hesitation into the midst of the flames in a further attempt to extricate the pilot. He struggled violently with the wreckage but could not effect the release of the pilot, who was burned to death. Sergeant Thompson had received second degree burns to the face and third degree burns to the hands and had continued his courageous efforts until ordered to the ambulance even then he expressed a desire to return to the wreckage and resume the attempt to release the pilot.

1071522 Corporal Oscar Skelton, Royal Air Force.

During an attack on a Royal Air Force Station by 2 enemy aircraft one morning in July, 1942, four bombs fell in residential quarters. Corporal Skelton was billeted in a house nearly opposite to the place where the first bomb exploded and immediately went to the spot and brought out two injured civilians from demolished houses. He subsequently displayed outstanding courage in extinguishing a fire beneath the rubble. To achieve this he twice crawled through a hole in the wreckage and in so doing showed complete disregard for his own safety in view of the overhanging debris which was likely to collapse and bury him. Corporal Skelton received minor injuries and finally collapsed after his strenuous efforts; he was removed to hospital for treatment. He displayed high courage and determination throughout.

Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

On the 30th January, 1943, two forces of bombers were detailed to attack Berlin, one during the morning and the other during the afternoon. To reach the German capital necessitated a

flight of more than 500 miles, mostly over heavily defended territory. Close co-ordination and precise timing were essential but, such was the skill exhibited, that the target was reached and the attacks delivered within seconds of the specified time. That complete success was achieved, despite opposition from the ground defences, is a high tribute to the calm courage, resolution and endurance displayed by the following officers and airmen who, in various capacities, acted as members of the aircraft crews:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Reginald Wilfred REYNOLDS, D.F.C. (40259), No. 105 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John GORDON (86721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ralph Gamble HAYES (120087), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Flying Officer Reginald Charles MORRIS (119221), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 139 Squadron.

Flying Officer Antony Trelawney WICKHAM (103011), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William Edward Dennis MAKIN (124936), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Edward Barnes SISMORE (130208), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.411989 Flight Sergeant Peter John Dickson MCGEEHAN, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 139 Squadron.

1382236 Sergeant Richard Charles FLETCHER, No. 139 Squadron.

1087498 Sergeant Joseph MASSEY, No. 139 Squadron.

Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Group Captain Laurence Frank SINCLAIR, G.C., C.B.E., D.S.O.

This officer commands a light bomber wing which commenced operations in North Africa in November, 1942. He has led his squadrons on numerous sorties, involving low level attacks on enemy targets in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. His inspiring leadership and courageous example have been reflected in the fine fighting spirit of the squadrons he commands.

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Ian Costin PATTERSON (36178), No. 500 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, involving attacks on targets in enemy occupied territory and in anti-submarine patrols both in the North Sea and the Mediterranean. During a patrol in November, 1942, he observed a U-boat on the surface of the sea some distance away. Although it submerged before Squadron Leader Patterson could make his attack, he continued his patrol and, when the submarine re-surfaced he delivered a skilful attack which resulted in the destruction of the U-boat. During another patrol, later in the month, Squadron Leader Patterson observed a submarine on the surface. He immediately attacked and seriously damaged it. The U-boat was ultimately destroyed. This officer has displayed outstanding skill and devotion to duty, setting an example worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Percy Alec MacKENZIE, D.F.C. (116149), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has participated in numerous successful sorties. One night in January, 1943, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Whilst crossing the coast on the homeward flight his aircraft was subjected to heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Two of the aircraft's engines were damaged and rendered unserviceable. Height was lost but, although faced with a 300 mile flight over the sea, Flight Lieutenant MacKenzie continued his homeward journey. When half way across the water a third engine became overheated. The aircraft was now down to 600 feet and the situation appeared hopeless, but Flight Lieutenant MacKenzie, displaying grim determination, flew on at this height and eventually reached this country where he landed the damaged aircraft. By his high courage and superb skill, this officer was undoubtedly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and its crew.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Maechel Anthony ENSOR, D.F.C. (N.Z.402175), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 500 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

962722 Sergeant Horace John ROE, No. 500 Squadron.

In November, 1942, Squadron Leader Ensor and Sergeant Roe were captain and rear gunner of an aircraft employed on an anti-submarine patrol. During the flight, a U-boat was observed on the surface of the sea and Squadron Leader Ensor attacked it from a height of 50 feet, causing it to blow up. The force of the explosion caused severe damage to the aircraft. Sergeant Roe, after reporting the damage to his captain, left his turret and, with complete disregard for his own safety, commenced jettisoning all moveable equipment in an effort to assist his captain to keep the aircraft airborne. Squadron Leader Ensor made great efforts to retain control but, although he succeeded in climbing to 1,500 feet, 1 engine failed and he was compelled to give orders for the aircraft to be abandoned. In the face of most harassing circumstances Squadron Leader Ensor, gallantly supported by Sergeant Roe, displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

Second-Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Petrus Hendrik HUGO, D.S.O., D.F.C. (41848).

In operations in North Africa, Wing Commander Hugo has taken part in many sorties on which he has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft. He has displayed gallant leadership and great skill during an outstanding record of operational flying.

Squadron Leader Robert Wardlow OXSPRING, D.F.C. (40743), No. 72 Squadron.

During initial operations from forward airfields in North Africa Squadron Leader Oxspring led his formation on many sorties. He destroyed 1 enemy aircraft, bringing his total victories to 8. His outstanding devotion to duty and fine fighting qualities have been worthy of high praise.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Arthur Charles BARTLEY, D.F.C. (41816), No. 111 Squadron.

In the operations in North Africa, Squadron Leader Bartley took part in numerous sorties on which he destroyed 2 hostile aircraft, bringing his total victories to 13. His great skill, courage and determination have been an inspiration to all.

Flight Lieutenant Alan SMITH, D.F.C. (102999), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 93 Squadron.

During the campaign in North Africa, Flight Lieutenant Smith has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. His great skill and fine example have inspired the formation he leads.

Acting Flying Officer Leslie Patrick Sanford BING, D.F.C. (Can/J.15465), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 89 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has continued to display great courage and skill. He has now taken part in the destruction of 11 enemy aircraft at night. On a recent occasion the aircraft in which he was flying was forced to descend on the sea and it was 2½ hours before Flying Officer Bing and his pilot were rescued.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader George Herald DENHOLM (32003), No. 236 Squadron.

In January, 1943, this officer was detailed to undertake a shipping reconnaissance off the Norwegian coast. In spite of extremely adverse weather, Squadron Leader Denholm completed his mission successfully, bringing back important information. Later in the month he completed 2 operational missions demanding a high degree of skill and fortitude. This officer has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Squadron Leader John Bernard ENSOR (40521), No. 500 Squadron.

This officer has performed much operational flying, involving attacks on targets in enemy territory and anti-submarine patrols in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean. In December he attacked a submarine and destroyed it. This officer has always displayed great determination and devotion to duty.

Squadron Leader John Howard PLAYER (40316), No. 255 Squadron.

This officer has completed much operational flying including operations at night. In operations in North Africa he has displayed great keenness and has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. Throughout his operational career, Squadron Leader Player has displayed great devotion to duty and set a fine example.

Squadron Leader Michael ROOK (90077) Auxiliary Air Force, No. 43 Squadron.

This officer has rendered valuable service during an extensive period of operational flying. He served in France and later fought in the Battle of Britain when he destroyed 2 enemy aircraft. During operations in Russia he destroyed a Messerschmitt 109. On 8th November, 1942, during the assault on Algiers, this officer led his squadron on a flight to Maison Blanche airfield before it was known that the airfield had been captured. The squadron reached the airfield at an early hour and its arrival had a most beneficial effect on the fighting and on the negotiations that were proceeding. Squadron Leader Rook's energetic leadership and splendid example have contributed materially to successes achieved by his squadron, which has completed a large number of hours flying since its arrival in North Africa.

Flight Lieutenant Andrew William BARWOOD (81654), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 500 Squadron.

This officer has completed many operational sorties, including reconnaissances over the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. One night in June, 1942, he captained an aircraft which attacked a target in the Ruhr. During the flight his aircraft was intercepted on 3 separate occasions by enemy fighters. Although the bomber sustained much damage, making it difficult to control, and 2 of the crew were wounded, Flight Lieutenant Barwood displayed great skill and determination and flew the damaged aircraft back to base. In

November, 1942, he attacked a U-boat and scored a hit. Some days later in November, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Barwood attacked another U-boat which had been damaged by one of his squadron's aircraft. The attack resulted in the U-boat's destruction. Flight Lieutenant Barwood's great skill and outstanding determination have been examples of the highest order.

Flight Lieutenant John Bernard COATES (106216), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties over France, the Low Countries and North Africa. He has at all times displayed great determination in pressing home his attacks. This was amply demonstrated in bombing attacks on enemy airfields and docks at Tunis and Bizerta. His skill and leadership have set an inspiring example.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Grahame EDWARDS (36227), No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Edwards has displayed exceptional ability during night flying operations and has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft. During July and August, 1942, 22 enemy aircraft were destroyed by a detachment of his squadron while under his command. Throughout, this officer has shown courage, resource and devotion to duty of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Huntley Gordon HOLMES (42464), No. 500 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of hours flying on patrols and reconnaissances over the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. In November, 1942, he delivered five attacks on enemy submarines, resulting in the certain destruction of one. In December, 1942, he intercepted an Italian flying boat and shot it down into the sea. This officer is a skilful and courageous pilot, whose keenness and determination have set a fine example.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred LAMMER (81940), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

As observer, Flight Lieutenant Lammer has rendered valuable service having participated in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. He has set an excellent example.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Grahame STEWART (43983), No. 225 Squadron.

In North Africa, Flight Lieutenant Stewart has completed numerous reconnaissances and bombing sorties in support of the army. In the course of these operations, superior forces of enemy fighters were encountered but Flight Lieutenant Stewart, displaying great skill, successfully returned to base with valuable information. His skilful and courageous work has set a splendid example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Francis EDWARDS, D.F.M. (Can./J.16077), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 260 Squadron.

In December, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Edwards was commander of a formation engaged in patrol duties over our forward troops. During the flight, 10 enemy aircraft were encountered and Flight Lieutenant Edwards destroyed 1 of 5 which were shot down. Two days later he destroyed another hostile aircraft bring his total victories to 8. This officer has invariably displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Hansford Ward CHAMBERS (N.Z.404334), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 154 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful and determined pilot. He took part in several sorties before going to North Africa where he has now destroyed 6 enemy aircraft. In November, 1942, while patrolling over a convoy, Flying Officer Chambers intercepted 5 Savoia 79's attempting to attack the convoy. In the ensuing engagement he destroyed 4 of them. Although his aircraft sustained damage he flew it back to base. Flying Officer Chambers has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer David George Samuel Richardson COX (101041), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties including attacks on transport, troops and airfields. His inspiring leadership has won the confidence of his fellow pilots. Flying Officer Cox has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 3 of them in North Africa.

Flying Officer Edmund Henry JEFFREYS (116717), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Augustine IRVING (119447), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

In January, 1943, Flying Officers Jeffreys and Irving were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft engaged on a shipping reconnaissance over enemy waters. In spite of adverse weather, success was achieved and valuable information obtained. Throughout the flight both these officers displayed great skill and determination. On a further 2 sorties later in the month they displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Nevil Everard REEVES (110797), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

Since his arrival in Malta this officer has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft during darkness, and another in daylight, bringing his total victories to 7 aircraft destroyed. Throughout his operational career Flying Officer Reeves has displayed great skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Mervyn Charles SHIPARD (Aus.402257), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 89 Squadron.

Flying Officer Shipard has always shown great courage and devotion to duty. While serving in Malta his keenness to participate in operational flying has been a splendid example to all air crews. He has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft by night.

Flying Officer Kenneth Leslie WAUD (126771), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 81 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including a number in Russia where he flew with distinction. In the campaign in North Africa he has performed much excellent work. His untiring efforts and outstanding devotion to duty have inspired his fellow pilots. Flying Officer Waud has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer James Nigel Williams YOUNG (62693), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

In January, 1943, this officer was detailed to make an attack on enemy road transport in Tunisia. During the raid, anti-aircraft fire severely damaged the port engine of his aircraft and destroyed the dinghy. Undeterred, Flying Officer Young proceeded with his mission and successfully machine-gunned transport and attacked a convoy before returning to base 200 miles away, which he reached safely although his port engine had failed completely. This officer has always displayed high courage and determination.

Flying Officer Michael John GLOSTER (65559), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Frederick OSWALD (130111), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have flown together in operations in North Africa. They are a skilful team, imbued with great keenness and determination. One night in December, 1942, Flying Officer Gloster, ably supported by his observer destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, all of them within an hour.

Pilot Officer John William BARLING (122396), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties. Throughout, he has displayed great courage and determination. In spite of several distressing experiences, his keenness for operations remained undiminished. In November, 1942, while on escort duties, he intercepted a Junkers 88 and forced it to jettison its bombs. Some days later he attacked and destroyed a U-boat. Pilot Officer Barling has set a fine example to all.

Pilot Officer Norman Chadwick ECKERSLEY (128390), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in numerous sorties. In December, 1942, he was the rear gunner of 1 of a formation of aircraft detailed to attack an enemy airfield. During the flight the formation was attacked by 50 enemy fighters. In the ensuing engagement, Pilot Officer Eckersley destroyed 1 and damaged 3 enemy aircraft. He received severe injuries, while his aircraft was badly damaged and caught fire but he maintained a steady fire at the attackers and enabled his pilot to effect a safe landing. Throughout, Pilot Officer Eckersley displayed great courage and set a praiseworthy example.

Pilot Officer Harry Elmore FENWICK (Can./J.15790), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 81 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Fenwick has participated in a very large number of sorties. He has always displayed great determination to achieve success and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer Arthur Alexander O'LEARY, D.F.M. (630959), No. 89 Squadron.

During night flying operations this observer has taken part in the destruction of at least 7 enemy aircraft. He has always set a splendid example of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Halstead BURNS (40340), No. 61 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.107825 Flight Sergeant John Kenneth McAvoy, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Burns and Flight Sergeant McAvoy have flown together as captain and navigator on a number of operational sorties, including a reconnaissance of Turin from a height of 500 feet. In January, 1943, they took part in a raid on Berlin and after releasing their bombs in the target area obtained an excellent photograph. These two officers have always displayed exceptional courage and determination. Their fine fighting spirit has been an inspiration to all other members of their squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer John Hill ETHERTON (63093), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1413553 Sergeant Nigel Lidgett GIBBS, No. 89 Squadron.

One night in November, 1942, Flying Officer Etherton and Sergeant Gibbs were pilot and observer of an aircraft engaged on a patrol in North Africa. Whilst attempting to land at an airfield, after completing their mission, 1 engine failed, causing the aircraft to crash. Despite this, Flying Officer Etherton and his observer took off in another aircraft for a second patrol. Owing to engine trouble Flying Officer Etherton was compelled to return to the airfield but, after his aircraft had been serviced, he again took off and, in the course of the patrol, destroyed a Heinkel 111. In a short period Flying Officer Etherton has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft. Sergeant Gibbs contributed materially to the successes achieved. Both these members of aircraft crew have displayed great skill and gallantry.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Warrant Officer Cyril Thomas PHILLIPS (1155781), No. 176 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1258998 Flight Sergeant Arthur Maurice OWERS PRING, No. 176 Squadron.

On his first operational flight in the Far East Warrant Officer Phillips as observer and Flight Sergeant Pring as pilot co-operated in the destruction of a formation of 3 Japanese aircraft within 4 minutes. Warrant Officer Phillips and Flight Sergeant Pring have completed numerous operational sorties, in the course of which they have displayed outstanding skill and courage. Flight Sergeant Pring has destroyed a total of 6 enemy aircraft while Warrant Officer Phillips has taken part in the destruction of 8 enemy aircraft at night.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

N.Z.404104 Flight Sergeant Leslie Bruce WALLACE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft detailed to attack Munich. On the outward flight the aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter and subjected to a number of attacks. In the first, which was made directly from beneath the bomber, the bomb aimer was seriously wounded while Flight Sergeant Wallace received a bullet wound in the leg. Some flares inside the aircraft were set alight while the matting on the floor below the mid-upper gunner's turret and everything inflammable in close proximity became ignited and commenced to burn furiously. Despite his injury, and with complete disregard for danger, Flight

Sergeant Wallace immediately attempted to quell the flames. The heat and stifling fumes compelled him to desist several times but, undaunted he jettisoned all moveable burning material through the rear turret and finally subdued the fire. On the homeward flight, Flight Sergeant Wallace displayed great skill in obtaining fixes, sending signals and doing everything in his power to assist his pilot in flying the damaged aircraft back to this country. This airman's gallant conduct in the face of an extremely perilous situation was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force. He has completed numerous sorties and has always displayed exceptional devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Medal.

1254447 Flight Sergeant Douglas Alfred OXBV, D.F.M., No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Oxbv has displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty. He has taken part in the destruction at night of 13 enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

548743 Flight Sergeant Joseph BARTLEY, No. 18 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, Flight Sergeant Bartley has taken part in numerous sorties. Throughout, he has displayed great skill and has contributed materially to the successes obtained. His exemplary conduct in the face of the enemy has set a praiseworthy example. By his untiring efforts Flight Sergeant Bartley has rendered excellent service in training fellow wireless operators.

746769 Flight Sergeant Frank William CURTIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Curtis has shown outstanding keenness and devotion to duty over a long period. He has taken part in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft at night.

Can/R.110183 Flight Sergeant John McBride DEMPSTER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

As air gunner, this airman has participated in numerous sorties, including an attack on Berlin and the daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan. One night in December, 1942, during a flight to Duisburg, Flight Sergeant Dempster shot down an enemy fighter which attempted to attack his aircraft. One night in January, 1943, he took part in an attack on Essen. During the return flight his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter but Flight Sergeant Dempster drove it off with devastating fire which caused it to fall towards the ground with 1 of its engines alight. This airman is a courageous and skilful gunner.

759302 Flight Sergeant Ronald David Stainton FOX, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, this airman has participated in many operational missions. He has operated from bases in England, Malta and North Africa. Flight Sergeant Fox has always displayed great efficiency and devotion to duty and has proved himself to be a valuable member of aircraft crew.

N.Z.41577 Sergeant Ronald FLORENCE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 214 Squadron.

This airman, who has participated in many sorties, has displayed great skill both as air bomber and front gunner. On one occasion his accurate shooting extinguished many searchlights which menaced his aircraft whilst flying at low level. One night in December, 1942, during an operational sortie, he effectively silenced a gun of an armed ship with well aimed bursts. One night in January, 1943, during an attack on Lorient, he displayed great determination in attacking searchlight positions. He has proved himself to be a valuable member of aircraft crew.

1289028 Sergeant James Robin MALLINSON, No. 242 Squadron (since missing).

In the campaign in North Africa, this airman has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. In November, 1942, he destroyed 2 of a formation of 5 Junkers 88's which attempted to attack an Allied airfield. His skill and determination have set a praiseworthy example.

1078314 Sergeant Sidney Percival MOSTON, No. 81 Squadron.

This airman is a first class pilot, whose keenness has set a fine example. In operations in North Africa, Sergeant Moston has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft.

1108744 Sergeant John Hamer VICKERS, No. 614 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this airman was the air gunner of an aircraft which attacked the docks at Bizerta. During the operation his aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences and Sergeant Vickers was wounded in the foot, while his parachute and the aircraft dinghy were set on fire. Despite his injuries he left his turret, which he operated by hand as the hydraulics were unservicable, and threw the parachute and dinghy out of the aircraft, thus extinguishing the fire and enabling the aircraft to be flown back to base safely.

Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Harold Arthur FENTON, D.F.C.
Wing Commander Geoffrey David Leybourne HAYSON, D.F.C. (39736).
Acting Wing Commander Thomas Michael HORGAN, D.F.C. (40114).

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Geoffrey Flindell WOOD, O.B.E. (32034), No. 70 Squadron.
Squadron Leader Kay MOORE (Aus.400595), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader John BARRACLOUGH, A.F.C. (40662), No. 209 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Richard HORNBY (78444), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Leonard ELLIOT (88421), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant William Robert KOFOED (N.Z.404380), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip Clayton SAWYER (61235), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
Flying Officer Frederick Victor CAMPBELL (N.Z.411367), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer Kenneth Swift CAMPBELL (Aus.404371), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer James CLARK (Aus.402439), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer Basil Howard GRAY (N.Z.41477), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.
Flying Officer John Douglas MACKELLAR (Aus.402664), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer Eric Wilfred SARGENT (114047), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.
Flying Officer William Meredith STERNS (Can/J.5306), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer Alan WHARTON (Aus.404556), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Lieutenant James Arthur LITHGOW (P.79528), South African Air Force, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Lieutenant Montague Mortimer YUDELMAN (P.205628), South African Air Force, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Pilot Officer Alan AUSTIN (123302), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Pilot Officer David Wilson CAIRNS (129223), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 250 Squadron.
Warrant Officer Douglas NEALE (974536), No. 148 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.407149 Flight Sergeant Ronald Oliver FULLER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
Aus.404376 Flight Sergeant Sydney Bruce GRAY-BUCHANAN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.
770397 Flight Sergeant Frederick LEVITT, No. 55 Squadron.
1058700 Flight Sergeant Arthur William VAREY, No. 126 Squadron.
7359874 Sergeant Cedric Charles CHAMBERS, No. 148 Squadron.
1255178 Sergeant Jack FEATHERSTONE, No. 39 Squadron.
Can/R.87652 Sergeant James Shepard HOLLAND, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

1108339 Sergeant Douglas MacTaggart MARTIN, No. 148 Squadron.

958514 Sergeant James George MILLER, No. 39 Squadron.

1117436 Sergeant George Edward MUSK, No. 148 Squadron.

1295358 Sergeant Reginald Arthur Herbert SNOW, No. 37 Squadron.

N.Z.411466 Sergeant Maurice SPINLEY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

Aus.400497 Sergeant Neil Gordon STEWART, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

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

Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The Reverend J. F. COX, M.C., M.A., and the Reverend J. A. JACOB, M.A., Assistant Chaplains-in-Chief, R.A.F., are appointed temporary Honorary Chaplains to the KING. 30th Jan. 1943.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F. 6th Jan. 1943:—

Peter PETTMAN, Lt. (tempy. Capt.), R.W.K. (50851).

Michael Frederick ANSTEY, Lt., R. Berks. R. (50845).

Thomas Edwin BENNETT, Lt., R. Berks. R. (50846).

Joseph Balfour FOREMAN, Lt., R.A. (50847).

Angus Josslyn GORE-BOOTH, Lt., I. G'ds. (50848).

Sydney Knowles HULME, Lt., R.A. (50849).

James Douglas MAYNE, Lt., R.A. (50850).

Derek Brian Manners PRICE, Lt., Gen. List. (50852).

Robert Thomas John WRIGHT, Lt., R.A. (50853).

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

Wt. Off.

565648 Stanley Thomas HARPHAM (50801). 29th Oct. 1942.

Flt. Sgts.

617502 Herbert Charles ANTLEY (50802). 1st May 1942.

535284 Samuel Ernest QUINN (50717). 17th June 1942.

548039 John Lawrence Stephen TAYLOR (50805). 26th Sept. 1942.

636767 James William Ison DAY (50595). 16th Oct. 1942.

550489 William Wilson BROWN (50803). 4th Nov. 1942.

567699 Harold Western NIGHTINGALE (50859). 18th Nov. 1942.

363845 Sydney Walter BANNISTER (50800). 23rd Nov. 1942.

642612 Bruce Honeyborne SKINNER (50804). 26th Nov. 1942.

551721 Charles Albert IRELAND (50806). 17th Dec. 1942.

652227 Douglas PALMER, D.F.M. (50860). 28th Dec. 1942.

Sgts.

568182 Thomas Roy SHORTMAN (50035). 23rd Oct. 1942.

547941 Herbert William CHESTER (50232). 20th Nov. 1942.

Cpls.

569446 Clive John BUTLER (49797). 25th Sept. 1942.

568437 George Glendower Frederick BICKERSTAFF (50718). 9th Oct. 1942.

647346 Donald Edward TYRER (50617). 1st Jan. 1943.

I.dg. Acm.

538901 Ralph Henry Mons BALL (49815). 17th Oct. 1942.

28th Nov. 1942.

567929 Gordon HAMPTON (50204).

571641 William Henry MINNS (50205).

590467 William John HILLS (50475). 19th Dec. 1942.

Air Vice-Mshl. J. C. SLESSOR, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., to be actg. Air Mshl. 5th Feb. 1943.

Air Cdre J. W. BAKER, C.B., M.C., D.F.C., to be actg. Air Vice-Mshl. 7th Feb. 1943.

Air Cdre. F. P. DON, O.B.E., is placed on the ret'd. list at his own request and retains the rank of Air Vice-Mshl. 2nd Feb. 1943.

Flt. Lts. transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. of the R.A.F.O. and retained on the active list under K.R. and A.C.I. para. 3543:—

19th Jan. 1943.

R. C. SKELLON (41806).

E. G. SPEARING (41807).

K. T. H. STONEY (41880). 23rd Jan. 1943.

Flg. Offs. transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br.:—

E. P. STEPHAN-SMITH (48469). 29th Jan. 1943.

R. O. J. CAREY (47349). 1st Feb. 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. C. L. WRIGHT (39922) ceases to be seconded for special duty. 3rd Dec. 1942.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

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

Flt. Sgts.

560566 Wilfred George COOMBS (50320). 19th Dec. 1942.

563491 William Henry TREVENA (50616). 31st Dec. 1942.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Flg. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942:—

Wt. Offs.

349975 Albert Edward JOHNSON (50597).

361813 Norman Armstrong MACFARLANE (50559).

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942:—

Wt. Offs.

590391 Robert Patrick CUMMINS (50565).

590393 Ronald Allan LAIRD (50564).

512811 John Frederick LARTER (50560).

514554 Norman Frank Thomas ROBINSON (50578).

Flt. Sgts.

354943 Frederick Ernest GROVES (50568).

509617 Llewellyn JONES (50561).

Sgts.

625436 Charles Frederick CAPLE (50563).

614963 Christopher KINNAIRD (50566).

620134 Douglas James Charles MOORE (50569).

3854 Wt. Off. James WILLSON (47108) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (emergency). 10th Nov. 1941. (*Seny. 6th Oct. 1941.*) (Subs. for notfn. of 30th Dec. 1941 (p. 7379, col. 2).)

249018 Wt. Off. Cyril Albert George WHITE (48265) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (emergency). 18th Mar. 1941. (*Seny. 26th Jan. 1941.*) (Subs. for notfn. of 12th May 1942 (p. 2077, col. 1).)

Flg. Off. C. H. GALE (46438) is transfd. to the R.A.F. Regt. 16th Sept. 1942.

Amendments.

In notfn. of 17th Feb. 1942 (p. 778, col. 2) concerning 351867 Wt. Off. A. B. E. WILLIAMS (47506) for Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

In notfn. of 31st Mar. 1942 (p. 1460, col. 1) concerning 335314 Wt. Off. W. H. BROOKS (48153) for Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

349449 Wt. Off. Gerald John QUINLAN (50576) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942:—

Wt. Off.

514017 Thomas William ELSMORE (50571).

Flt. Sgts.

509485 Alexander John ASHFORD (50570).

611453 John Kurt CARSON (50581).

515298 Percy FEWKES (50579).

Flt. Lts. relinquish their rank at their own request and are transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off., 24th Oct. 1942:—

M. B. COOPER (31211).

E. W. HOLFORD (31327).

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

Flt. Lts. relinquish their rank at their own request, and are transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off., 24th Oct. 1942:—

C. E. HARRISON (21331).

D. G. LEADER-WILLIAMS (21350).

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Mrs. L. I. THOMSON, M.B., Ch.B. (2379) (Medical Off., with the relative rank of Flt. Lt.) relinquishes her commn. on account of ill-health. 13th Feb. 1942.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Frank Hawley STEPHENS to be Flt. Lt. in class CC. 3rd Aug. 1942.

Thomas George THOMPSON to be Flg. Off. in class CC. 18th Jan. 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. D. C. M. BROOKES relinquishes his commn. in class CC. on cessation of duty. 1st Jan. 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Wt. Offs.

748351 Robert Lawson DUNCAN (138293). 17th Nov. 1942.

751310 Patrick James Forrest ROSS (138429). 1st Dec. 1942.

742569 Samuel Frederick TOMALIN (138306). 7th Dec. 1942.

755481 Robert LANDYMORL (138431). 11th Dec. 1942.

746946 Ernest Edward COOK (138497). 22nd Dec. 1942.

Tempy. Wt. Off.

755165 Vivian Charles HESTER (137135). 15th Aug. 1942.

Flt. Sgts.

800569 Francis Joseph TEARLE (123198). 28th May 1942.

960191 William John Howard LLEWELLIN (136725). 6th Aug. 1942.

903330 Leslie Ernest ANSLOW (137136). 20th Aug. 1942.

966637 Mark Alfred NIMAN, D.F.M. (137571). 3rd Sept. 1942.

966828 Thomas Price DAVIES (137663). 21st Sept. 1942.

751668 Harry HUMPHRIES (138205). 22nd Oct. 1942.

946196 Frederick SMITH, D.F.M. (138424). 26th Oct. 1942.

748302 John Drysdale MAIR (138437). 30th Oct. 1942.

1190422 Reginald LEACH (137928). 31st Oct. 1942.

959040 Harry Clifford ADMANS (138212). 13th Nov. 1942.

952866 Walter Crawford GRIMES (138314). 22nd Nov. 1942.

1381800 Jocelyn Ivan YATES (137257). 25th Nov. 1942.

778442 Henry Havergal TAYLOR (80474). 27th Nov. 1942.

28th Nov. 1942.

1079567 James Kenneth MYCOCK (138510).

1196589 Alfred George WEST (138426).

2nd Dec. 1942.

994063 Harold Fellows MUSKER (138425).

1256585 Donald Harry FINNEY (138207).

748595 Frederick Leonard GAWTHORN (138511). 5th Dec. 1942.

7th Dec. 1942.

1205266 Edward John MANUEL (138320).

985596 Richard John SNEDKER (138321).

742953 William David TOPPING (138322).

1167401 Philip Richard SMITH (138506). 9th Dec. 1942.

937803 Robert Hesketh NUTTALL, D.F.M. (138204). 12th Dec. 1942.

988496 William Robertson KENNEDY (138507). 16th Dec. 1942.

751543 John Boyd TAYLOR (138503). 17th Dec. 1942.

747932 Herbert Charles FROST (138508). 18th Dec. 1942.

28th Dec. 1942.

1060621 Richard Alexander GORPON (138438).

1281921 Eric Ronald WATTS (138440).

30th Dec. 1942.

953625 Richard George Arnold HARVEY, D.F.M. (138418).

967894 Gerald Harcourt Rawlings POLSON, D.F.M. (138419).

Sgts.

1377734 Kenneth Ashworth JONES (138199). 18th June 1942.

915514 John DICKSON, D.F.M. (138324). 22nd Aug. 1942.

964246 James Leslie HODGSON (129435). 29th Aug. 1942.

- 5th Sept. 1942.
 1126224 Samuel Warwick SIMMS (137086).
 915314 Trevor Ralph THOMAS (138206).
 771958 John William GLOVER (138209). 7th Sept. 1942.
 1191005 Kenneth Perth Cox MONEY (138323). 10th Sept. 1942.
 908931 Eric Percy LOADER (138505). 24th Sept. 1942.
 991726 James Wallace McGAVIN (131093). 25th Sept. 1942.
 755743 Gratericke Doswell REDFORD (138509). 30th Sept. 1942.
 1006985 William Howell MORGAN (137134). 20th Oct. 1942.
 1388731 Lyn REES (138307). 28th Oct. 1942.
 30th Oct. 1942.
 656058 Eric Dudley PERKINS (138296).
 1166177 James Charles PENNY (138502).
 1315708 Denis Leonard JACKSON (138198). 31st Oct. 1942.
 1439551 Haydn PARROTT (138428). 4th Nov. 1942.
 6th Nov. 1942.
 1213491 George PLATTS (137655).
 1344480 James McPhail ELLIOTT (134165).
 1292394 Frank BALDWIN (138295). 11th Nov. 1942.
 987519 Lionel Henry James GEORGE (138213). 13th Nov. 1942.
 14th Nov. 1942.
 984424 Jackson Nisbet POLLOCK (138423).
 905622 Peter Cozens HUNT (133081).
 1312542 John Campbell BLAIR (138194). 15th Nov. 1942.
 16th Nov. 1942.
 931845 Ronald William SHEPHERD (138310).
 1391438 Alan Arthur REDBOND (138208).
 1335284 Alexander Edward HARE (137656). 18th Nov. 1942.
 656126 Ernest LANCASTER (138294). 23rd Nov. 1942.
 1384515 Henry Denys COVERLEY (138439). 24th Nov. 1942.
 27th Nov. 1942.
 1287869 Albert LANDER (138309).
 1079335 Tom St. Luke BURR, D.F.M. (138421).
 1207673 Edwin Joseph BISHOP (138432). 28th Nov. 1942.
 658909 Eric Herbert COLLIS (138305). 29th Nov. 1942.
 996890 Fred COWLING (138504). 7th Dec. 1942.
 1395681 John Francis Giles BLOOMER (138427). 15th Dec. 1942.
 1375191 Charles William Valentine PEPPER (138308). 17th Dec. 1942.
 991360 John Braemar SHERRIFF (138420). 18th Dec. 1942.
 20th Dec. 1942.
 1434066 Derek Gordon DE GARIS (138197).
 948018 Kenneth Joseph BROWN (138498).
 1258990 Patrick John Wallace RAINE (138422). 21st Dec. 1942.
 1394545 Dewi Marlais NEDAH (138211). 25th Dec. 1942.
 655573 William John AUSTIN (138325). 26th Dec. 1942.
 1380541 John William PAYNE (138436). 28th Dec. 1942.
 1234915 Charles Norman WALLEY (138433). 31st Dec. 1942.
 1382313 Peter George BAYLIS (138292). 12th Jan. 1943.
 Cpls.
 900061 Patrick Baring Oates RANALOW (130989). 25th Sept. 1942.
 658846 Percy David WARING (132701). 23rd Oct. 1942.
 6th Nov. 1942.
 940864 Frederick Vincent o SPENCER-THOMAS (134164).
 658333 John William GRAHAM (133644).
 1306887 Sydney BLACKHURST (134081). 28th Nov. 1942.
 801514 Frederick Edward PHILLIPS (136525). 1st Jan. 1943.
 Ldg. Acms.
 1313293 Geoffrey Stevens KITCHER (130058). 15th Feb. 1942.
 1375817 Frank Wood MASON (119903). 20th May 1942.
 850719 Ronald Jack LOWRIE (126680). 5th. June 1942.
 1292384 Bruce Denis BARRETT (127094). 17th July 1942.
 1323460 Thomas Victor ARDEN (129722). 15th Aug. 1942.
 1077412 Thomas William MUNROE (128704). 29th Aug. 1942.
 21st Sept. 1942.
 1249898 Cecil Harold MEADS (133982).
 1393249 Robert George TATE (133978).
 928864 Albert UPSON (133958).
 25th Sept. 1942.
 1387399 Harry John William COXON (131564).
 1271284 James CARLIN (131016).
 658504 Douglas Gordon DAVIE (130977).
 1342384 Walter Oliver LUNN (131130).
 1318202 Kenneth Nicholas GIBSON (131134).
 1318444 Edward Henry George ADAMS (132398). 30th Sept. 1942.
 9th Oct. 1942.
 1318997 Douglas Stuartson BELL (132618).
 1337751 Edward Ainsley THOMAS (132619).
 633112 Ronald Jack DAVIS (132626).
 1318112 Eric Norman FISHER (132017).
 1121393 George Edward JONES (132013).
 701714 George Alfred PARKER (132015).
 1323334 Peter Simpson PORTEOUS (132018).
 1388709 Robert John SIMMONDS (131989).
 1395462 Norman Arthur PARSONS (130499).
 1322922 Maurice Thompson SIMPSON (130500).
 1431952 Sidney LEES (131951).
 1238103 Neville Sladen MITCHELL (131953).
 1485098 Clifford George SALISBURY (131974).
 657488 John Armistice TIPPINS (132029).
 23rd Oct. 1942.
 1394511 Henry Arthur Thomas BLYTH (134056).
 1535671 Arthur William WESTON (134059).
 1387213 George Alexander WIGLEY (132874).
 657453 Thomas WILKIE (132875).
 1320132 Robert Henry DAVIS (133075).
 1320814 Ronald Walter WINFIELD (132698).
 778897 Allen Edward SMITH (80429). 24th Oct. 1942.
 6th Nov. 1942.
 1550721 John Campbell MAXWELL (134155).
 1390659 Kenneth William ODGERS (134160).
 658383 George Fraser CHRYSAL (133626).
 656289 George Rutherford CLAPPERTON (133643).
 1499165 Alex David CUNNINGHAM (133637).
 1029607 John Outram DAVIES (133640).
 657827 Leslie Jack EDNEY (133646).
 1320513 Cuthbert Colin GRAHAM (133639).
 1217785 George William HILL (133628).
 1352180 George READ (133200). 14th Nov. 1942.
 20th Nov. 1942.
 1319917 William Sidney NEATHWAY (134162).
 1575108 Owen Stanley DAWES (134559).
 1391355 David Wood GALLOCHER (134560).
 1151111 Edward HYETT (135115).
 1272147 Arthur SCRIVENER (135114).
 658692 William BLADES (134696).
 1480230 Ivor MITCHELL (134693).
 1318165 Arthur Joseph ORGAN (134688).
 1237951 Jack Raymond UPTON (134684).
 658621 Maurice Shehata D'ABADI (134670).
 1365265 Kenneth Robert MIDDLETON (135032).
 1046794 Eric Bertram OLDHAM (135035).
 1322891 Raymond Noel EDDY (134540).
 1394263 John William EUNSON . Duncan McGILVRAY (134533).
 21st Nov. 1942.
 1394889 Norman Joliffe BROWN (133455).
 1323378 Stanley Charles THOMPSON (133454).
 1233233 Fred Henry LANDUCCI (132841).
 28th Nov. 1942.
 1388239 Ronald William BUNYAN (133789).
 1425191 Reginald George BURGESS (133800).
 658756 Richard Alastair CALLENDER (133791).
 1128487 Stanley CHAPPELL (133801).
 658753 Geoffrey Arthur Austin, CROSKELL (133798).
 1316010 Geoffrey Bate DIAMOND (133794).
 629639 John Percival Harry EVANS (133792).
 1392159 Ernest Charles JAGUES (133795).
 1425721 Raymond NOBLE (133799).
 1383211 Eric Gordon MYRING (133790).
 1334728 George Walter PRIVETT (133793).
 1319217 Arthur John SPENCER (133796).
 922060 Henry Job THEOBALD (133797).
 1334676 Anthony Valentine PHILP (134379). 4th Dec. 1942.

12th Dec. 1942.
 1585508 John Anthony Ashley FOOT (133567).
 1388252 Frank Gaisford SURGEY (133566).
 1365816 James O'NEILL (133568).

Flg. Offs. transf'd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br.:—

P. F. WHITE (65513). 30th Jan. 1943.
 C. C. O. JOUBERT (81618). 3rd Feb. 1943.

Plt. Off. T. D. Oxley (116784) is seconded for special duty. 6th Nov. 1942.

The commn. of the undermentioned Plt. Off. (prob.) is terminated:—

J. P. HOPE (119207). 6th Feb. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

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

Thomas Robert LLOYD (136898). 12th Sept. 1942.

Sgts.

978881 Charles Stewart McNaughton THOMSON (135849). 24th Dec. 1942.

31st Dec. 1942.

983601 James Simpson JOHNSTON (136083).

943058 Eric Frank SMITH (136078).

Cpl.

339002 Norman Jefferson BOOTH (135245). 17th Dec. 1942.

Ldg. Acn.

1092188 David Herbert SLATER (136082). 31st Dec. 1942.

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

Michael Rupert Vereker MACKAY (132952). 18th Nov. 1942.

20th Jan. 1943.

Ronald BAILEY (134980).

Thomas Henry BRADLEY (137105).

Ian Macdonald CAMPBELL (135159).

Brendan Kenneth CLANCY (135160).

Eric William CREW (132923).

Herbert John EVANS (134981).

Joseph Vincent GOODMAN (134982).

Cyril Edward HARRIS (135161).

Harold George HAWKER (130378).

Ralph Woolhouse HOBSON (134983).

Douglas Kennedy JARDINE (135163).

Percy Jack LANE (134984).

Edwin Roy MEDLOCK (134985).

James MacConnachie REID (134986).

Reginald Charles RICHARDSON (134987).

Horace Declan Michael SEYMOUR (135164).

Basil Hubert WATKINS (134988).

George Francis WINTERS (135165).

Sgt.

810209 Campbell Stamper SHIMMIN (136081). 31st Dec. 1942.

Cpls.

31st Dec. 1942.

1074091 Ronald David HUGHES (134593).

1012803 Joseph Denis NEWHALL (134479).

1243742 Cyril Hender RENNELS (136077).

997015 Kenneth Marchanton SMITH (136079).

973627 Jack Woods (136086).

Ldg. Acn.

1549317 Alec. SPEIGHT (136080). 31st Dec. 1942.

BALLOON BRANCH.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942:—

Flt. Sgt.

850554 Percival John KING (136135).

Sgts.

874514 James ANDERSON (135965).

866471 George Frederick PRUDHOE (136136).

Cpls.

865021 John Charles HARDING (135934).

867010 William Clark JOHNSON (136134).

874023 Ernest William SINCLAIR (136138).

840445 George William TAYLOR (135967).

Flg. Off. P. Fox (85294) relinquishes his rank at his own request and is transf'd. to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off. 26th Sept. 1942.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Derek John GARRARD is granted an hon. commn. as Sqn. Ldr. 5th Jan. 1943.

Eric Arthur Swatton BROOKS is granted an hon. commn. as Flt. Lt. 30th Dec. 1942.

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

Ronald Gladstone BACKRATH (60372). 12th Oct. 1942.

Matthew William PITTMAN (114474). 10th Nov. 1942.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—
 Flt. Sgts.

31st Dec. 1942.

238511 Benjamin Roy LEWARNE (135978).

910598 Graham John SIMMANS (135998).

Actg. Flt. Sgt.

1189417 Peter Lewis YOUNG (136340). 31st Dec. 1942.

Sgts.

980940 John CAMPBELL (134632). 10th Dec. 1942.

31st Dec. 1942.

511518 Arthur Samuel ALLWOOD (135946).

955832 Alexander James CROFT (136127).

940161 Arthur George DREW (135943).

930382 Henry Lewis DAVIES (135990).

318897 Crawford GRAY (136322).

1504031 George HENSON (135944).

1382239 Walter William JORDAN (136133).

975824 Thomas William Henry KAY (136114).

1045355 Wyndham George LEWIS (135942).

1357682 Ronald LEA (135949).

817251 Ronald Stocks MILNE (135959).

979992 Robert Roy MULLINEUX (135940).

1543948 Kenneth Thomas MANSFIELD (135936).

1161405 Gordon Eric MORRIS (136128).

1017762 Robert Ewan MCINTOSH (136349).

744680 Denis POWELL (136120).

1543213 Philip Eric RICHARDS (135941).

956793 Douglas Halscott Gordon SMITH (136139).

1444033 Harry SWEETMAN (135966).

1544894 Elia Isaakovitch SALZMAN (136137).

1285941 Arthur Anthony Beadles SNELLING-COLYER (136350).

Cpls.

31st Dec. 1942.

1214043 Arthur Edward ANDREWS (136126).

1074726 Gordon Wood ARMSTRONG (136124).

1163408 Arthur John COPP (136089).

753303 Victor Henry GOODHEW (135945).

004992 John Keir GOURLAY (135930).

1246874 Henry Francis HUXLEY (135935).

1456623 William Ernest JEFFRIES (135987).

1177290 Alan MacRorie KAY (135958).

1068322 Arthur Edward LONGMATE (134485).

857254 Henry Leslie Stuart LAKE (135979).

1193578 Clifford Herbert MILLER (135986).

988438 Wilfred Stanley Carson MELLON (135981).

750407 William Hubert MALLORY (136131).

1152376 Reginald POYNTER (135984).

1122059 Frederick Walter SPENCE (135953).

943372 Frederick William Edward WARD (135957).

Actg. Cpl.

1461180 James Alan COLEMAN (135970). 31st Dec. 1942.

Ldg. Acn.

31st Dec. 1942.

1073107 Edgar Wallace BENSON (135969).

1493773 Charles Edward CHEATLE (135960).

1471778 Leslie Henry COX (135947).

1368753 George Spence CLOUSTON (136118).

1295819 Ben CANTER (135961).

1095491 Hugh John FRASER (135963).

338333 Basil Joseph GREEN (136391).

1086238 Reginald Ernest GOODWIN (136129).

1449553 Alec John HARDING (135950).

1557560 Norman Drummond IRVING (135948).

1559067 James MORRISON (135937).

1542445 Harold William MARTIN (136122).

1093839 Robert Ian McQUEEN (135983).

1077874 Donald Ross McFARLANE (135982).

1227889 Harold Ernest NELSON (135931).

1217360 Raymond Bettino Jacques Sidney NORMAN (135939).

1489381 George Ernest OATES (136068).

1181892 Walter Donald OATES (135932).

1538213 Leonard Hugh PATTERSON (136116).

1396366 Ronald Hervey Fewster RUSSELL (135951).

1434416 Charles George Henry RICKETTS (135952).

1076103 John William TARBIT (136123).

1039234 Andrew WILLIS (135973).

Acm. 1st Cl.

31st Dec. 1942.

1077119 John ALLEN (136532).

840549 Francis Alfred DIXON (135968).

1417806 Isaac John Homer EVANS (135954).

1288381 John Henry GREEN (136115).

995059 Robin Forbes HENDERSON (135964).

1613734 Edward INGRAM (135962).

1030736 Thomas Moss (135980).
1494241 Richard O'SHAUGHNESSY (135938).
1143132 John Wilfrid SIDES (135955).

Acm. 2nd Cl.
31st Dec. 1942.

1777608 Raphael APSEL (135977).
1654858 Kenneth BARBER (135956).
1656136 Hector Ferguson BROWN (136125).
1711914 Bryan Noel BINTLEY (135929).
1711906 John McCarthy DEFFERARY (135927).
1717649 John Desmond Mary DONNELLY (135974).
1717731 Ernest Reginald MEREDITH (136121).
1727267 Berkeley Stuart OWEN (135975).
1713850 Maurice PHILLIPS (135928).
1523956 Norman Basil John Reddish PEARSON (135985).

1736717 Trevor Davis RADFORD (135926).
1717648 Percy James ROGERS (135975).
1509237 Malcolm SLOWE (135972).
1239503 Oliver Charles WAKEFIELD (136117).

Flg. Offs. relinquish their rank at their own request, and are transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off.:—

A. J. PATERSON (73330). 7th Nov. 1942.
A. L. POLLARD (103930). 18th Nov. 1942.

24th Oct. 1942.

G. NIVEN (85789).
G. R. DRYDEN (85816).

Flg. Off. (prob.) W. R. E. WHITE (114430) is transfd. to the Acct. Br. with effect from and seny. of 30th Dec. 1942.

The undermentioned are transfd. to the R.A.F. Regt.

Flt. Lt. J. F. A. H. LINDSAY, D.C.M., M.M. (78790). 16th Sept. 1942.

Flg. Offs.:—

J. H. MILWARD (84806). 1st Feb. 1942.

16th Sept. 1942.

R. H. GREEN (89185).
A. D. MORRIS (100148).
H. R. OUGHTON (89740).
M. B. ROWLES (60932).
G. H. WINDSOR (64406).
A. B. WOOD (89889).

Plt. Offs. (prob.) (since promoted):—
16th Sept. 1942.

G. F. AKHURST (104779).
T. N. ASTBURY (103127).
S. M. BALL (114675).
J. H. CHILDS (105401).
W. CRISP (111144).
P. J. CUFF (113934).
F. H. G. EMARY (102693).
W. G. EVANS (114261).
J. S. GIDDINGS (107588).
R. J. GLASS (105901).
H. D. GOULD (107589).
W. R. JAY (109231).
D. G. L. JOHN (105786).
L. S. E. JONES (112170).
J. D. KARRAN (105913).
J. G. LAMBRICK (108720).
C. I. MILLWARD (107462).
A. PETTIGREW (114467).
P. RATCLIFFE (115014).
H. S. REDSHAW (104379).
F. RICHARDS (113596).
G. S. D. SAWYER (114901).
J. R. TAYLOR (108780).
R. TAYLOR (114967).
L. H. TRELEASE (112827).
J. P. WALTERS (104061).
H. W. A. WILSON (112272).
K. B. H. YATES (114995).

Flg. Off. J. M. L. DRUMMOND (60439) relinquishes his rank at his own request and is transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off. 31st Oct. 1942. (Subs. for notifi. of 15th Dec. 1942 (p. 5459, col. 2).)

To relinquish their commns. on account of ill-health and retain their ranks:—

Sqn. Ldr. S. A. TURNER (04249). 4th Feb. 1943.
Flt. Lt. W. MELLOR (73467). 6th Feb. 1943.

Flg. Off. J. P. STANLEY (100694). 2nd Feb. 1943.

Flt. Lt. G. H. CLAYTON (74911) relinquishes his commn. on ceasing to be employed. 12th Feb. 1943.

Flg. Offs. resign their commns.:—
C. D. HILL (78572). 1st Feb. 1943.
H. FORD (87554). 8th Feb. 1943.

METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH.

To be Flt. Lts. (emergency):—

1st Nov. 1942.

James Anthony HARKER (132288).
Reginald Clifford STERLING (132289).

To be Flg. Offs. (emergency):—

Joseph Ernest Bertram RAYBOULD (132293). 1st Nov. 1942.

Wilfred Howard WILLIAMS (132369). 9th Dec. 1942.

TRAINING BRANCH.

Plt. Off. J. F. SWAN (69709) relinquishes his commn. on appt. to the Medical Br. 28th Jan. 1943.

To resign their commns.:—

Plt. Offs.:—

F. H. GRAHAM (67460). 4th Jan. 1943.

28th Jan. 1943.

L. BOWER (117770).

G. EVANS (66984).

P. FISH (67930).

29th Jan. 1943.

D. O. BOWEN (108275).

H. P. DAVIES (108213).

G. C. DIAMOND (61649).

W. K. FURNESS (65709).

A. E. GREEN (69779).

C. R. HISLOP (10508).

C. C. HORNER (109773).

M. F. S. JEWELL (61671).

W. P. JONES (107347).

H. W. J. MILES (62838).

R. C. D. SIMPSON (63657).

E. A. WILLIAMS (69397).

1st Feb. 1943.

G. BARNES (108205).

H. DALE (64486).

J. R. FOSTER (101921).

O. S. MOODIE (64607).

T. A. PRICKETT (67387).

2nd Feb. 1943.

C. BIELBY (101924).

A. A. DALBY (67979).

F. W. GILL (63005).

L. INKSTER, M.C. (62548).

R. J. LOFTHOUSE (69149).

H. C. MOUNTFORD (65231).

H. PUGHE-EVANS (67867).

P. D. SCOTT (103454).

W. SHACKLEFORD (68601).

C. E. SMITH (63659).

Act. Plt. Offs.:—

A. E. DEANS (69830). 1st May 1942.

J. E. WEBBER (126434). 28th Jan. 1943.

29th Jan. 1943.

R. H. BAKER (118745).

C. F. BRITTON (122210).

J. M. M. DOUGLAS (122169).

W. H. LANE (111043).

R. H. MCKAY (121888).

G. D. SMITH (115380).

V. C. WINDSOR (121175).

2nd Feb. 1943.

S. A. TABBITT (102836).

A. TRAICE (68485).

The commn. of Plt. Off. L. de G. MEECH (124020) is terminated. 29th Jan. 1943.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 31st Dec. 1942:—

Wt. Off.

348126 Herbert William BELL (136157).

Flt. Sgts.

351353 Harold William CARTWRIGHT (136155).

509199 Douglas Eric SPICER (136239).

511529 Frank SIMMONDS (136237).

511132 Norman Oswald TODD (136143).

Actg. Flt. Sgt.

331409 Fred BULLOCK (136156).

Sgts.

926549 Ronald Clarence BLOXHAM (135994).

968287 Harold COLLINGS (136087).

913327 Richard John GROVES (136112).

923001 Oswald Gordon PERRY (136084).

743755 Edgar William George REDMAN (136236).

509644 Walter SIMPSON (136238).

1090297 Clifford SWEETLAND (136071).

Cpls.

996111 William Allan ANDERSON (135997).

928701 Ernest BONE (135993).

1029192 Frank John Leonard BAILEY (136104).
 1183130 John William BALDOCK (136103).
 1551406 Frederick Charles CROMPTON (136098).
 1175147 Thomas CROWLEY (136076).
 1534278 William George CHURCHILL (136000).
 934496 Arthur Ronald CHAPMAN (136090).
 1283055 Forbes DAVIDSON (136099).
 1273036 Thomas William DODD (136100).
 1371553 Walter Errol MURRAY (136108).
 1175383 George MCCARTNEY (136072).
 1178577 Reginald Lawrence WEARING (136106).
 1513891 William James BUTTON (136094).
 1049387 Charles Lester BREEZE (136096).

Ldg. Acm.

1220081 Gerald BARLOW (136102).
 1291392 Alfred Charles BELLAMY (135995).
 1032667 Harold BAGSHAW (135996).
 1354883 Joseph Eric CHALLANDS (136092).
 1178659 Harold Gordon CHAMBERS (136091).
 1262988 John Kenneth Somer DALLING (135992).
 1287374 Edward Thomas FREEMAN (136067).
 1248995 Bernard Charles FIELD (135999).
 1185105 Cyril Humphrey JAMES (136109).
 1409805 William Robert Tremaine TRENEER (136107).
 1292969 John Stanley WARD (136070).
 1184955 Leslie Gordon WATKINS (136069).

Acm. 1st Cl.

1209241 Derek Frederick BEVAN (136074).
 1620889 Edgar Charles Chaloner BOSWORTH (136095).

1443537 Bert Frederic CHARLTON (136001).

Acm. 2nd Cl.

1417336 Ralph John Clist COX (136097).
 1249926 John Seddon CASEMENT (136075).
 1717367 Charles Leslie CATFORD (136093).
 1638026 John DRISCOLL (136101).
 1635982 Robert Thomas HARDESTY (136111).
 1610826 John Richardson HALLIDAY (136113).
 1619057 Henry Ernest HOLT (136110).
 1411151 Leslie Harold WHITBREAD (136105).

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Gwilym Eryl Owen WILLIAMS, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. (134928), to be Flt. Lt. (emergency) 7th Jan. 1943.

To be Flg. Offs. (emergency). 7th Jan. 1943:—

John Carson BRENNAN, M.B., B.Ch. (136004).
 Harry Vincent CROSS, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (136011).

Thomas Maitland DAVIE, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (133494).

Philip David GANGE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (134341).

William Farquharson HARPER, M.B., Ch.B. (136070).

Charles Denis KENNEDY, M.B., B.Ch. (134645).

Norman Montgomery MACDONALD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (134939).

Richard Bonar MCCONNELL, M.B., Ch.B. (136009).

John Reginald Bertram PECKOVER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (136008).

Glyn Cadwaladr ROBERTS, M.B., Ch.B. (136007).

Walter Charles ROBINSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (135383).

Cyril Moncrieff RUBEN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (136003).

Alexander STARRITT, M.B., Ch.B. (136006).

Robert Stanley STEAVENSON, M.B., B.S. (136005).

Francis James ZACHARIAS, M.B., Ch.B. (134930).

Flt. Lt. W. C. JACK, M.B., Ch.B. (118122), relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health and retains his rank. 6th Feb. 1943.

DENTAL BRANCH.

To be Flg. Offs. (emergency). 7th Jan. 1943:—

Douglas Charles Paley BATTERSEA, L.D.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (134286).

Thomas Fawcett DIXON, L.D.S. (134900).

Edgar William DUTTON, L.D.S. (134901).

William John Morrison KEITH, L.D.S. (134902).

Henry Moor, L.D.S. (134904).

Charles Geoffrey WADSWORTH, L.D.S. (134906).

Cledwyn Peter Harry WITTON, L.D.S. (134907).

CHAPLAINS BRANCH.

To be Chaplains (emergency) with the relative rank of Sqn. Ldr.:—

The Rev. Ronald Cedric Osbourne GOODCHILD (136947). 18th Jan. 1943.

The Rev. Richard Deering SHORTEN (136948). 19th Jan. 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT.

Flg. Off. H. DALY (81978) is transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 27th Jan. 1943.

The commn. of Plt. Off. (prob.) H. T. HUMPHREYS (80268) is terminated. 29th Nov. 1942.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

BALLOON BRANCH.

Sqn. Ldr. R. S. PEARCE (90713) is transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 14th Dec. 1942.

Flt. Lt. A. E. W. WELDON (90534) is transfd. to the R.A.F. Regt. 16th Sept. 1942.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

To be Asst. Sec. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—
 7th Dec. 1942.

Marion Yvonne BRETON (6293).

Kathleen Florence GILKES (6297).

Nancy Kathleen GORE-BROWNE (6289).

Frances Mary HACKETT (6294).

Julia Elizabeth HONOUR (6291).

Betty Adeline KINNEAR (6298).

Jessie Valerie Martin MACKAY (6295).

Joan READHEAD (6296).

Doris RIND (6290).

Dorothy Mary STEELE (6292).

Mary Josephine SCANLON-FARRELL (6299). 21st Dec. 1942.

Josephine Mary Tillson GILCHRIST (6396). 29th Dec. 1942.

Adela Claremont WOODWARD (6394). 30th Dec. 1942.

27th Jan. 1943.

Eileen Ann de Lacy ACRES (6448).

Constance Marie Therese ANTHONY (6449).

Barbara Joan ATKINSON-HILL (6450).

Daphne Hylda BARTON (6451).

Hilda BIRD (6452).

Elisabeth Mary BOND (6453).

Peggy Kathleen BOOTH (6454).

Ann BOUL (6455).

Margaret Miller BROWN (6456).

Agnes Mary BRUCE (6457).

Barbara Ruth BURY (6458).

Maureen Olivia CARTER (6459).

Betty CHALLENGER (6460).

Dorothea Maud CHEESE (6461).

Josephine CLARK (6462).

Ann D'Arcy Hyde CORY (6463).

Constance Rose COX (6464).

Betty CROSBY (6465).

Joan Bartlett DAVID (6466).

Gwendoline Mary DAVIES (6467).

Anne Juliet DOMVILLE (6468).

Frances Mary EDMUNDS (6469).

Elisabeth L'estrange ELDRID (6470).

Annette Strathern EVILL (6471).

Jean Margaret FENTON (6472).

Daisy FOWLER (6473).

Frances Mary GODDARD (6474).

Elizabeth Langwell GRAVES (6475).

Delia Sophia GRAY (6476).

Gwendoline Irene GREEN (6477).

Brenda Mary HAYDON (6478).

Daphne Millicent HEARDER (6479).

Joan Isobel Critten HOOPER (6480).

Kathleen JOHNSTON (6481).

Ruth KINGSBURY (6482).

Pamela KNIGHT (6483).

Gladys Mary LAWLOR (6484).

Joan Howard LAWRENCE (6485).

Una Felicite Myra LEADER (6486).

Sylvia Clarke LINAKER (6487).

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Bessie Elizabeth MOSS (6496).

Margaret Rivaz MOTHERSILL (6497).

Cecily Alice Maxwell MURRAY (6498).

Camilla Mary NICHOL-SMITH (6499).

Isabelle OAKLEY (6501).

Janet Winifred PASCALL (6502).

Kathleen Sarah POLLARD (6503).

Eileen Emily QUINN (6504).

Ada Millicent RAY (6505).

Joan Mary RENAUT (6506).

Constance Mary RICHARDS (6507).
 Doreen Marjorie ROBERTSON (6508).
 Hilda Maud SANDYS (6509).
 Josephine SETH (6510).
 Isabella SMITH (6511).
 Frances St. Clair SPROUL-BOLTON (6512).
 Pamela Ann STANLEY (6513).
 Pamela Jean SULLIVAN (6514).
 Raissa TAMM (6515).
 Margaret Robertson TOUGH (6516).
 Beryl Dorothy WILKINS (6517).
 Dorothy Ada WILLIAMS (6518).
 Margaret Bridget WOLFE (6519).
 Sec. Off. F. M. TAYLOR (1189) relinquishes her
 commn. on account of ill-health. 13th Feb. 1943.

To resign their commns.:—
 Sqn. Off. K. VAN BAERLE (250). 30th Jan. 1943.
 Sec. Offs
 M. H. CROWLY (2046). 27th Jan. 1943.
 P. M. MENHINICK (3120). 31st Jan. 1943.
 A. CHRISTIE (725). 1st Feb. 1943.
 Asst. Sec. Offs.
 B. M. LAWRENCE (2803). 9th Dec. 1942.
 F. B. FISHER (3800). 28th Dec. 1942.
 Asst. Sec. Offs. (prob.).
 J. M. H. NEWSHOLME (6078). 11th Jan. 1943.
 E. M. EDWARDS (5638). 28th Jan. 1943.
 The notifn. of 26th Jan. 1943 (p. 491, col. 2)
 concerning Sec. Off. J. EDWARDS is cancelled.

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