

Air Ministry, 6th July, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Medal.

1356542 Aircraftman 1st Class RICHARD O'NEILL, Royal Air Force Regiment.

In June, 1942, this airman was proceeding to Malta in a vessel which, owing to its slow speed, was forced to drop out of convoy and was attacked by enemy aircraft. During the engagement, Aircraftman O'Neill helped to man one of the guns and remained at his post until blown from it by a bomb. Though wounded in the arm he later volunteered to assist the captain to rig the hand steering gear and only when this proved useless did he leave the ship. While in the water he made successful efforts to save the lives of two of his comrades. Maintaining a dauntless spirit throughout the entire action, Aircraftman O'Neill displayed great fortitude and tenacity in a most hazardous situation.

Air Ministry, 6th July, 1943.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander CHARLES FREDERICK READ (Aus.220).

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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

John ROBERT PROBERT, Lt. R.A. (52115) to be Plt. Off. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F. 9th June 1943.

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

564775 Marcus Griffiths POTTER (52079). 8th Nov. 1942.

525025 Frank James LEWIS (52081). 27th Apr. 1943.

581445 John Edward FULLER (52077). 1st May 1943.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.

564621 Ernest Geoffrey FIGGINS (52121). 22nd Dec. 1942.

545819 Benjamin BENT (52078). 24th Apr. 1943.

590778 Denis Walter BICKNELL (52152). 13th May 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

552503 Raymond Edward MOORE, D.F.M. (52074). 31st Jan. 1943.

525355 William PHILLIPS, D.F.M. (52109). 10th Mar. 1943.

638031 Ernest ELLIOT (52080). 14th Mar. 1943.

547140 Earl Allan KNIGHT (52153). 21st Mar. 1943.

517061 George CAMPBELL (52117). 30th Mar. 1943.

551164 James Robertson MARSHALL (55070). 2nd Apr. 1943.

613718 Herbert Hardy PROUD (52082). 7th Apr. 1943.

580621 Ronald James ALLEN (52101). 10th Apr. 1943.

547325 Donald FOSTER, D.F.M. (55081). 16th Apr. 1943.

551609 Alexander David THOMSON (52106). 18th Apr. 1943.

624923 John ALISON (52105). 26th Apr. 1943.

618934 Gerard Frazer McMAHON, D.F.M. (52073). 27th Apr. 1943.

633179 Charles Roy SWINNEY (52075). 29th Apr. 1943.

551531 Charles Noel HALE (52116). 1st May 1943.

518852 Basil Owen WRIGHT (51875). 14th May 1943.

Sgts.

627992 Henry Nigel PRITCHARD (52099). 18th Mar. 1943.

2nd Apr. 1943.

625027 Alexander EPPA (55200).

650711 Arthur Maurice THOMPSON (55099).

513984 John HUTCHISON (52151). 9th May 1943.

572508 John Edward DEWHIRST (55114). 11th May 1943.

Tempy. Sgt.

539145 Julian Frank WALTER ANGERS (52065). 5th Nov. 1942.

Cpls.

641171 Patrick Joseph HEARN (55098). 19th Feb. 1943.

572424 Victor Lewis JACKSON (55072). 2nd Apr. 1943.

16th Apr. 1943.

572209 Norman Henry ATTENBORROW (55076).

575543 Derek POWELL (55085).

569615 Lionel Thorner REID (55077).

567392 Charles WATKINSON (55069). 30th Apr. 1943.

Ldg. Acn.

591878 Stanley Robinson WILKINS (55033). 8th Jan. 1943.

591702 Stanley Albert BOOKER (51872). 18th May 1943.

Flg. Off. F. E. HOLLANDS (47667) to be transfd. to Admin. & Spec. Duties Br. 17th June 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

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

Wt. Offs.

349323 James PRESTON (50431). 5th Jan. 1943.

20th May 1943.

508687 Wilfred Leslie George ROUND (51871).

508468 Edwin SPANN (51853).

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

Wt. Off.

510428 George SMITH (51193). 18th Mar. 1943.

Actg. Wt. Off.

561557 Francis George HARLEY (51769). 13th May 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

563322 Sheriff Sandal DOBBS (51556). 22nd Apr. 1943.

520516 Arthur Charles BEALER (51848). 20th May 1943.

Sgt.

521364 Cecil John William EARLL (51854). 20th May 1943.

Cpl.

610273 John Dow MORGAN (51858). 20th May 1943.

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

Flt. Sgts.

13th May 1943.

513607 John Lindsay MACKIE (51783).

565128 Frank RUDDLESSEN (51778).

Actg. Flt. Sgt.

15th Apr. 1943.

569822 Donald Arthur Sydney WOODBRIDGE (51422).

Sgts.

15th Apr. 1943.

566609 William Anthony CANN (51436).

566562 Harry Denis SMART (51400).

Amendments.

In notfn. of 4th Aug. 1942 (p. 3411, col. 1), concerning 244733 Wt. Off. G. W. ROGERS (48921) for 20th Apr. 1942 read 27th July 1941.

In notfn. of 2nd Mar. 1943 (p. 1027, col. 1), concerning 563890 Flt. Sgt. Henry ARNOLD (50628) for HENRY read HARRY.

In notfn. of 30th Mar. 1943 (p. 1469, col. 1), concerning 509933 Wt. Off. F. J. WILLMOTT (50842) for Actg. Plt. Off. read Plt. Off.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Flg. Off. on prob. (emergency):—

Wt. Off.

353054 Charles James BLOCK (51847). 20th May 1943.

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

Wt. Offs.

13th May 1943.

561740 George Frederick HEAVES (51793).

590698 Arthur William SCOTT (51794).

Flt. Sgt.

516607 George William WEBSTER (51852). 20th May 1943.

Sgts.

20th May 1943.

540307 Norman Robert HOLLAND (51851).

617815 Stanley Hogg NEWTON (51870).

Plt. Off. J. T. WADDLETON (48208) is dismissed the Service by sentence of General Court Martial. 23rd Apr. 1943.