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25th June, 1940.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer David Alexander Cummings CROOKS (40678).

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

580453 Sergeant Thomas Clifford DAVIES.  
547790 Leading Aircraftman William Reginald John GREEN.

During a day in May, 1940, Pilot Officer Crooks carried out an extensive reconnaissance of the Amiens-Albert road with great determination and gallantry. At a low altitude, and under heavy fire from the ground, he bombed a large convoy of enemy armoured vehicles, obtaining direct hits with his bombs. Although his aircraft was hit by heavy pom-pom fire he succeeded in reaching his base. Sergeant Davies, an air observer, has been a member of Pilot Officer Crooks's crew on all missions, and has used his gun most effectively during low flying bombing attacks on convoys. He has also shown exceptional navigational ability under difficult conditions by day and night. As wireless operator, air gunner in Pilot Officer Crooks's aircraft, Leading Aircraftman Green has displayed considerable gallantry in attacking ground targets from a low altitude with his rear gun. Pilot Officer Crooks and his crew have shown initiative and exceptional devotion to duty in many missions undertaken by night and under adverse weather conditions. They have pressed home their attacks, invariably from low altitudes, in spite of enemy opposition from the ground and from the air.

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Acting Squadron Leader Robert Swinton ALLEN (37522).

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

551335 Acting Sergeant William Richard WILLIAMS.

During a night in June, 1940, Squadron Leader Allen observed a Heinkel III and immediately gave chase. In bad weather conditions and intense darkness, he manoeuvred his aircraft in such a way as to enable Sergeant Williams, his wireless operator, air gunner, to fire a burst of 200 rounds at about twenty yards range, sending the enemy aircraft down in flames. Shortly afterwards a Junkers 87 was sighted and the same tactics were employed, causing the enemy aircraft to crash into the ground. Squadron Leader Allen then proceeded to

his objective which he bombed successfully. The initiative, outstanding skill and resolution displayed by Squadron Leader Allen coupled with the deliberation, skill and courage shown by Sergeant Williams contributed greatly to the success of these operations.

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## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation on the dates stated:—

Temporary Flight Sergeant.

1st Apr. 1940.

563974 Reginald Lewis HANBURY (43690).

Sergeants.

1st Apr. 1940.

580049 Harry Hutchinson CHALDER (43691).

580020 John Herbert COLEMAN (43692).

580116 Cyril Arthur Trevor JONES (43693).

562811 William Condie MCARTHUR (43694).

516961 Laurence George Beauchamp STONE (43695).

580131 Geoffrey Harland WOMERSLEY (43696).

Acting Sergeant.

21st Feb. 1940.

560360 Leonard Charles OZOUF (43697).

Leading Aircraftman.

2nd June 1940.

550755 John McDonald Scott WYLIE (43698).

The undermentioned are granted short service commissions as Pilot Officers for five years on the active list. 8th June 1940.

Arthur ASHWORTH (43699).

Jack Milton CAVE (43700).

Rex Donald DANIELL (43701).

Arthur Vivian FISHER (43702).

William George Charles GASQUOINE (43703).

Charles de Vic HALKETT (43704).

Charles Edward LANGDON (43705).

Donald Carr MACKENZIE (43706).

Nelson Reuben MANSFIELD (43707).

Harry Wright MORGAN (43708).

Lloyd Edward Friend PARRY (43709).

Cuthbert RAYMOND (43710).

Winton Selwood SHANN (43711).

Alan Beresford SMITH (43712).

Edward Bethridge TOPP (43713).

The undermentioned are granted permanent commissions as Pilot Officers on probation. 12th May 1940.

Ian Robert CAMPBELL (43426).

Geoffrey Edward CRUWYS (43427).

The undermentioned are granted temporary commissions as Pilot Officers on being employed with the Royal Air Force. 10th June 1940.

2nd Lt. Donald Grant MACLEOD (Black Watch) (43714).

2nd Lt. John Miles FOTHERGILL, M.C. (Border Regiment) (43715).