

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1*  
*17th December, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service, in recognition of gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work, to the undermentioned :—

- No. 7584213 Lance Corporal (acting Staff Sergeant) John Hayton, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
No. 7611068 Sergeant Robert Lewis McIlvride, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
No. 7584176 Private (acting Lance Corporal) Leonard Barratt, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
No. 7588896 Private (acting Lance Corporal) Ralph Edward Sothcott, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
No. 7609397 Private George Victor Nicholson, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
No. 7620846 Private Bernard Hatton, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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- 370236 Flight Sergeant Cyril Henry Isaac Wood, Royal Air Force.

612322 Leading Aircraftman Reginald Arthur Summers, Royal Air Force.

At about 0200 hours on the 4th September, 1940, a Blenheim aircraft, returning from a night operation, crashed and burst into flames in a field about 200 yards from where Flight Sergeant Wood and Leading Aircraftman Summers were working. These two airmen immediately ran to the scene of the crash and saw that the pilot was lying unconscious under the tail of the burning aircraft. A first attempt to extricate him had to be abandoned owing to the sudden explosion of ammunition in the aircraft, but Flight Sergeant Wood and Leading Aircraftman Summers made a second attempt and this time succeeded in dragging the pilot clear of the wreckage. Unfortunately their gallant efforts were unavailing as the pilot subsequently died in hospital from head injuries received in the crash.

*The War Office,*  
*17th December, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Men in the London Gazette as having been brought to notice for gallant conduct :—

- Second-Lieutenant (acting Captain) Geoffrey Hartley Yates, Royal Engineers.  
No. 7782719 Sergeant Samuel Cunliffe, Royal Engineers.  
No. 5723470 Private (acting Lance Corporal) Edward Dennis William Read. The Dorsetshire Regiment.  
No. 5724374 Private Richard Munday. The Dorsetshire Regiment.  
No. 5725595 Private Jack Verdun Bagge. The Dorsetshire Regiment.

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