

Admiralty, 1st January, 1941.

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Lieut.-Gen. R. D. H. Lough, D.S.O., O.B.E., is placed on the Retd. List at own request. 1st Jan. 1941.

Maj.-Gen. A. L. Forster, C.B., D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Gen. 1st Jan. 1941.

*Air Ministry,
10th January, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct:—

Awarded the Military Medal.

901114 Leading Aircraftman Sydney LEDWARD.

In August, 1940, during an air raid on an aerodrome, this airman rendered first aid to twenty-five casualties and removed five others to safety whilst bombing was actually proceeding. Later in the month he remained cool and collected during another air raid and again rendered first aid when and where required. He has also acquitted himself in a praiseworthy manner when aircraft have crashed and burst into flames.

952466 Aircraftman 2nd Class Oliver Henry HEWITT.

Immediately after a heavy bombing raid on a Royal Air Force station this airman volunteered to control a fire which threatened an ammunition store. Without hesitation, he drove the station crane from its partially demolished garage, though the petrol tank of the crane was punctured and petrol was pouring towards the fire. His calmness and courage, in spite of continued enemy air activity, undoubtedly saved the ammunition store.

881906 Acting Sergeant Jean Mary YOLE —Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

In August, 1940, Sergeant Yole was on duty in a Station telephone exchange when the Station was attacked and bombed by five enemy aircraft. Part of the building containing the telephone exchange suffered a direct hit and other bombs fell in very close proximity. The telephone staff were subjected to a heavy rain of debris and splinters and to the noise of the concussion of exploding bombs. It was solely due to the cool bravery of, and superb example set by Sergeant Yole, that the telephone operators carried on with their task with calmness and complete efficiency at a most dangerous time for them. She has at all times set an excellent example of coolness and efficiency to all.

880847 Acting Corporal Joan HEARN-AVIS. —Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

In August, 1940, during an enemy air attack, bombs were dropped on buildings of the unit doing very considerable damage. Several heavy bombs fell alongside a block where Corporal Hearn-Avis was working alone controlling telephones. Every window was blown in and one of the main walls of two rooms was badly cracked. Throughout

the attack Corporal Hearn-Avis remained at her post in a building which threatened to collapse about her, doing her work as far as the terrific noise would permit. This airwoman displayed courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

*Air Ministry,
10th January, 1941.*

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officers indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PROVISIONAL CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

Czechoslovak Military Cross of 1939.

Wing Commander John Francis GRIFFITHS, D.F.C. (24037).

Wing Commander Alfred Basil WOODHALL (05176).

Squadron Leader Henry Rudolph GRAHAM (32009).

Squadron Leader George Douglas Morant BLACKWOOD (32181), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Jerrard JEFFERIES, D.F.C. (39286).

Flight Lieutenant Gordon Leonard SINCLAIR, D.F.C. (39644).

Flying Officer John Eric BOULTON (40362). (Killed in action.)

Czechoslovak Medal for Gallantry.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Harold Scott BROWNE (74946), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*India Office,
10th January, 1941.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Col. (tempy. Brig.) R. Denning, M.V.O., M.C., to be a District Comdr. 23rd Dec. 1940.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, retirements, etc.:—

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

Comdr. H. V. Banfield is removed from the Service, His Majesty having no further need of his services. 10th Jan. 1941.

INDIAN ARMY.

Col. (tempy. Brig.) R. Denning, M.V.O., M.C., to be acting Maj.-Gen. 12th Nov. 1940.

Lts. to be Capts.

1st Sept. 1940.

J. E. F. Gueritz.

E. W. M. Magor.

R. W. Morland-Hughes.

H. V. P. Sealy.

C. B. Bennett.

W. Howes-Roberts.

A. Blair.

R. E. Johnstone.

J. A. Steward.

J. S. Bolton.