

Factory Department, Ministry of Labour and National Service.

31st January, 1941.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the death of Dr. W. H. McGranahan an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Knowbury in the county of Salop is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications: 18th February, 1941.

*Downing Street,
25th January, 1941.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Abdoollatiff Mahomed Osman, Esq., to be a Nominated Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

*Air Ministry,
4th February, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander John Alexander POWELL, O.B.E. (26122), No. 149 Squadron.

One night in January, 1941, this officer was detailed to carry out an attack on the oil storage plant and refinery at Porto Marghera. Flying over his target, at a height of 700 feet, he scored a direct hit on the refinery. He then made a second run over the target in the face of considerable anti-aircraft opposition, and dropped two more bombs on the now fiercely burning building. Wing Commander Powell then flew on to Padua, where the aerodrome was machine gunned from an exceedingly low altitude. He has displayed outstanding leadership, skill and courage in all his operational missions, and by his untiring efforts has raised the morale of his squadron to a high standard.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Michael Alan NEWLING (41867), No. 145 Squadron.

This officer has been continuously engaged in active operations since May, 1940, and has at all times displayed marked courage and leadership. On one occasion during an attack against a large force of enemy bombers, he was shot down into enemy territory, but with great determination succeeded in gaining his own lines. Flight Lieutenant Newling has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft and assisted in the destruction of several more.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas SMART (40324), No. 65 Squadron.

This officer has performed valuable work over a long period of intensive air operations including the Dunkirk evacuation and the mass attacks on this country. He has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Frederic Frank TAYLOR (70821), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 261 Squadron.

This officer has displayed the utmost gallantry and determination in combat and seeks every possible opportunity of engaging the enemy. He has destroyed at least seven hostile aircraft, two of which he shot down in one engagement.

Pilot Officer Richard Playne STEVENS (87639), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 151 Squadron.

This officer has performed outstanding work on night fighting operations during recent weeks. One night in January, 1941, he shot down two hostile aircraft in the London area. In both these engagements he chased the enemy over 100 miles before destroying them at extremely short range. In one instance he followed the enemy aircraft almost to ground level from 30,000 feet. He has shown the utmost keenness and determination for operations in all conditions of weather.

ERRATUM.

In notification of 17th January, 1941 (p. 346, col. 1), concerning Michael John Colville MARKS (72519), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron, for No. 44 Squadron read No. 114 Squadron.

In notification of 17th January, 1941 (p. 347, col. 1) concerning George Basil RANK, for RANK read RAND.

*Air Ministry,
4th February, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Flight Sergeant.

24th Dec. 1940.

(Seniority 28th Oct. 1940.)

364284 William John Thomas SMITH (45189).

Sergeants.

13th Jan. 1941.

(Seniority 11th Dec. 1940.)

532424 Leonard YEOMANS (45190.)

16th Jan. 1941.

(Seniority 2nd May 1940.)

580276 Hubert James BARRON (45191.)

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and promoted to the war substantive rank of Flying Officer:—

23rd Dec. 1940.

Alfred Henry Wynne BALL (33532).

Bernard CLEGG, D.F.C. (33536).

Ralph Reginald LANGLEY, D.F.C. (33512.)

Peter de Lacey LE CHEMINANT (33544.)

John Murdo MACDONALD (33528).

Frank Anthony ROBINSON (33520).

Rowland VEAL (33553).

Acting Pilot Officer on probation Albert Alan VANDERWATER 42917 is graded as Pilot Officer on probation. 18th May 1940.