

*Admiralty, 14th April, 1941.*

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Capt. G. Allan to be Actg. Maj. 29th Mar. 1941.

Tempy. Lt. (Actg. Tempy. Capt.) D. D. Stewart to be Actg. Tempy. Maj. 14th Apr. 1941.

Tempy. 2nd Lts.:—

L. J. F. Lawler,  
D. A. Savory (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
To be Tempy. Lts. 26th Feb. 1941.

E. Burke,  
C. A. I. Fearon (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
H. R. Burton (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
L. G. Stern,  
W. L. E. Morse (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
J. F. Showell Rogers,  
To be Tempy. Lts. 16th Mar. 1941.

R. M. Stott (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
J. A. Taplin (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
W. G. Reid (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
J. A. I. Frazer,  
R. G. Schooley,  
J. P. W. Wood,  
O. R. Oakes,  
N. G. M. Munro (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
S. C. Hellis (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
J. Farquharson,  
F. C. L. Lennard (Actg. Tempy. Lt.),  
To be Tempy. Lts. 10th Apr. 1941.

*Air Ministry,  
18th April, 1941.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Patrick GREEN (90134), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 91 Squadron.

This officer has shown marked powers of command, organisation and initiative. He has personally led a great number of sorties and, on several occasions, his fine fighting spirit has led to the destruction of the enemy. He has personally destroyed at least two enemy aircraft and his devotion to duty has contributed largely to the outstanding success of his squadron.

Pilot Officer Raymond Alexander ESLER (85012), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in March, 1941, this officer was the observer of an aircraft detailed to attack the German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the harbour at Brest. In view of the extreme darkness he was not able clearly to identify the ships although he could pick out the position where they were reported to be. After searching for some time, in the face of intense anti-aircraft and searchlight activity, he directed his pilot to run in at 8,500 feet from which height he dropped a stick of bombs and made a reconnaissance. Determined to obtain proof that the ships were there, this operation was

repeated twice from altitudes of 8,500 and 7,000 feet and this proof was obtained. On other occasions this officer obtained first class bombing results on Venice, Cologne, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven. The success of these missions was due to his great coolness, perseverance and courage.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Frederick Desmond HUGHES (74706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 264 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

967911 Sergeant Fred GASH, No. 264 Squadron.

Flying Officer Hughes and Sergeant Gash as pilot and air gunner respectively have participated in numerous engagements against the enemy, both by day and night. During these flights four enemy aircraft have been destroyed, of which two were shot down at night.

*Air Ministry,  
18th April, 1941.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander John Nicholas Haworth WHITWORTH, D.F.C. (26249), No. 78 Squadron.

Squadron Leader James Brian TAIT, D.F.C. (33291), No. 51 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Geoffrey Twyford JARMAN (29211), No. 77 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Cosme Lockwood GOMM (34123), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Edward BAILEY (42093), No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Derek Edmund DAVIES, A.F.C. (72987), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

Flying Officer David Jackson PENMAN (40343), No. 44 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Aylmer POWNALL (36248), No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Ian Adam STEWART (78534), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frank Geoffrey WOODWARD (70753), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 50 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Robert Clifford ALABASTER (81065), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry Trevor GILBERT (42833), No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth John LAWSON (82721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Dennis MURRAY (41050) (deceased)—with effect from 28th October, 1940.

Pilot Officer Michael John Dunn O'LEARY (77614), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Donald PEVELER (42764), No. 51 Squadron.