

compelled to break off the attack. Although his aircraft was damaged, Flight Lieutenant Whittome carried out his protective duties to a successful conclusion. He has completed 100 operational missions and has always shown the greatest efficiency and devotion to duty. Sergeants Mills, Turnbull and Wharton displayed determined, courageous and effective gunnery throughout.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

529934 Aircraftman 1st Class Kenneth Edgar William CLIFTON.

In May, 1941, this airman was the air gunner of an aircraft engaged in a reconnaissance flight over Ramadi in the course of which the pilot was shot and fell across the controls. Aircraftman Clifton felt the aircraft lurch and looking forward saw the observer trying to regain control. He immediately scrambled forward and assisted by the observer, succeeded in removing the pilot from his seat. Although Aircraftman Clifton had not received any flying training, he took over the controls and flew the aircraft back to his base where he accomplished a safe landing at the third attempt, without damage to the aircraft. This airman displayed great courage and resource.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned airmen in the London Gazette as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct in connection with Civil Defence:—

1285736 Acting Corporal Charles Walter LYNES.  
188771 Leading Aircraftman Daniel John WRIGHT.

*Air Ministry,  
11th July, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Group Captain Basil Edward EMBRY, D.S.O., A.F.C., is appointed an Air Aide-de-Camp to the King, vice Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Pughe LLOYD, M.C., D.F.C. 1st June 1941.

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

Temporary Warrant Officer.  
1st Mar. 1941.

560442 John Edwin MORRISON (45944).

Temporary Flight Sergeant.  
22nd May 1941.

590620 Charles Dancaster OWEN (45945).

Sergeants.

14th Mar. 1941.

580186 Henry James TALBOT (45946).

8th May 1941.

525559 James Gordon McCATHIE (45947).

17th May 1941.

621788 Donald BOYD-STEVENSON (45948).

620467 Arthur COWIE, D.F.M. (45949).

550962 James GRANEY (45950).

10th June 1941.

581020 Gilbert Kenneth MUIRHEAD, D.F.M. (45951).

580945 Arthur Albert Bernard CLEAVER (45952).

15th June 1941.

533784 Joseph Arthur DEWHIRST (45953).

19th June 1941.

580486 Alfred CODY, D.F.M. (45954).

Temporary Sergeant.

1st Mar. 1941.

566142 Ernest Frederick TESSIER (45955).

Acting Pilot Officer on probation Cameron Archibald Gustave FERGUSON (43033) is confirmed in his appointment and graded as Pilot Officer. 6th May 1941. (Seniority 12th Oct. 1940.)

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

1st Apr. 1941.

William Alfred Louis JOHNSON (43620).

George KENNEDY, D.F.M. (43175).

Ralph Joseph RAPHAEL (43476).

Archibald Philip WALSH, D.F.C. (43421).

1st May 1941.

Ronald Arthur GREENHILL (42377).

22nd June 1941.

(Seniority 2nd May 1941.)

Alan Laurence LAW (44777).

The undermentioned Flying Officers are promoted to the war substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant.

3rd Sept. 1940.

Charles Stanley THOMAS (37897).

25th May 1941.

Anthony Desmond Joseph LOVELL, D.F.C. (40402).

27th June 1941.

(Seniority 27th June 1940.)

John Wilfred Waldron HURNDALL, D.F.C. (25116) (Lt. 14th/20th H.).

The Hon. Derek William Charles KEPPEL (25117) (Lt. 13th/18th H.).

27th June 1941.

John Richard James RAIL (40429).

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the war substantive rank of Flying Officer. 20th Apr. 1941.

John Everard Hadfield MARSHALL (42622).

Percy Ainsworth Ward THOMAS (42910).

Pilot Officer Harry Trevor GILBERT, D.F.C. (42833) is promoted to the war substantive rank of Flying Officer. 20th Apr. 1941. (Substituted for notification of 27th June 1941, p. 3683, col. 1.)

The undermentioned are transferred to the Technical Branch. 24th Apr. 1940.

*Group Captain.*

Hugh Granville WHITE (05017).

*Squadron Leader.*

William GILL (13087).

Pilot Officer on probation Frank HARTNELL (42950) is transferred to the Administrative and Special Duties Branch. 25th June 1941.

Flying Officer Thomas Richard GOODBODY (40219) takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date 1st