

Tempy. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

T. P. Raban. 10th May 1941.

E. G. Smith. 10th June 1941.

E. T. Reynell. 5th Aug. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Sub-Lt. (Sp.) I. G. Curtis to be Tempy. Sub-Lt. (Sp.) with orig. seny. of 10th Feb. 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Lts. with seny. as stated:—

F. A. Ranicar. 10th May 1941.

C. H. Bender. 14th May 1941.

G. L. Coles. 29th May 1941.

H. G. R. Falconar.

M. W. Hampson.

6th June 1941.

L. P. F. Lee.

F. M. Brackenridge.

11th July 1941.

To be Tempy. Lt.:—

.A. H. Cherry. 19th July 1941.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berwick.

Major John Lockhart Keane, Blackbull Hotel, Duns, to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Berwick.—Dated 13th August, 1941.

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Air Ministry,

19th August, 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 Flight Lieutenant Francis David Stephen SCOTT-MALDEN (74690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 603 Squadron.

This officer has been continuously engaged in operational flying since June, 1940, leading his flight and sometimes the squadron. During the last six weeks, he has taken part in 38 offensive operations over enemy territory. A fine leader, Flight Lieutenant Scott-Malden has at all times displayed great keenness and determination in his engagements with the enemy. He has destroyed three and damaged many of their aircraft.

Flying Officer Frances Evelyn George RASHLEIGH (41064), No. 202 Squadron.

One evening in July, 1941, following a report that one of our aircraft had crashed on the French Moroccan coast, Flying Officer Rashleigh took off to locate the aircraft and render assistance. Sighting the wrecked aircraft at Sidi Dilemie, he flew low over the spot three or four times and observed four groups comprising some two hundred Arabs. While making another circuit, the three members of the crew of the wrecked aircraft detached themselves from the largest group and commenced waving. Flying Officer Rashleigh indicated that he would land near where they were standing—on the edge of a small undulation. Coming to ground on the shallow side of the rise, out of view of the

majority of the Arabs, he finished his run to within thirty yards of the crew who immediately dashed for the aircraft. The Arabs then opened fire and Flying Officer Rashleigh, with the crew scrambling aboard, immediately turned the tail of his aircraft towards the hostile party and opened the throttle causing a cloud of dust which obscured them from view. He then took off safely and returned to base with the rescued crew. This officer showed great skill and initiative throughout a daring exploit.

Pilot Officer Herbert Scott SEWELL (86667), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 54 Squadron.

This officer has participated in most of the operational sweeps carried out by the squadron. He has displayed great keenness to engage the enemy and has destroyed at least four of their aircraft. Pilot Officer Sewell has set a very fine example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

906496 Sergeant Peter Alec TANTON, No. 15 Squadron.

In July, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which participated in a daylight attack on a factory at Lille. On the approach to the target, the outer starboard engine of his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Sergeant Tanton continued his run and dropped his bombs with the formation but later became separated. When nearing the French coast Sergeant Tanton's aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter who slightly wounded the rear gunner and holed the starboard petrol tank. The inner starboard engine now failed owing to lack of fuel. In spite of these great hardships Sergeant Tanton coolly and skilfully enabled his rear gunner to engage and shoot down the attacker. Sergeant Tanton then flew on to a home base where he decided to land. With only the two port engines functioning, the aircraft would not maintain flying speed with the undercarriage or flaps lowered but, with exceptional skill and judgment, the undercarriage was put down a moment before impact with the ground and a remarkable landing was effected without further damage to the aircraft. This captain of aircraft displayed splendid skill and coolness throughout and was mainly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and crew.

Air Ministry.

19th August, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Military Medal.

532737 Sergeant Victor Clement CORDERY.

747865 Sergeant George Cyril STARKEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (missing).

In April, 1941, Sergeants Cordery and Starkey were members of the crew of an aircraft which, whilst at its moorings, was attacked by a formation of seven Junkers 87's flying in line astern. When the leading pilot