

- 905146 Sergeant Herbert Reginald HIGGINS, No. 35 Squadron.
 981426 Sergeant Gwyn MARTIN, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.
 905009 Sergeant Alexander Douglas MORRIS, No. 40 Squadron.
 903084 Sergeant Arthur Percy OVERALL, No. 106 Squadron.
 519349 Sergeant Mark Antony SACHS, No. 35 Squadron.
 544436 Sergeant Arnold WELDON, No. 150 Squadron.

*Air Ministry,
 2nd September, 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:—

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Francis Victor BEAMISH, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Group Captain Beamish commanded a Royal Air Force Station from October, 1940, to March, 1941, and during that period carried out 71 operational sorties in which he destroyed an enemy fighter, probably destroyed three other hostile aircraft and damaged others. Since his appointment to Group headquarters he has taken part in further sorties and has probably destroyed two more enemy aircraft. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Group Captain Beamish are of the highest order and he has set a magnificent example.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader James RANKIN, D.F.C. (37210), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 92 Squadron.

This officer was appointed to command the squadron in February, 1941, and, under his leadership, it has destroyed fifty-three enemy aircraft. Of this number Squadron Leader Rankin has himself destroyed at least thirteen; in addition he has damaged three enemy aircraft. He has on several recent occasions led the wing with great success and has at all times displayed the greatest keenness to engage and destroy the enemy.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Arthur Hay DONALDSON, A.F.C. (34150), No. 263 Squadron.

This officer has shown himself to be an excellent leader and has carried out seven offensive operations against the enemy over Northern France and Belgium. During these operations he has destroyed and damaged a number of aircraft on the ground and inflicted considerable damage to buildings and dispersal pens. Once while returning to base with his squadron, he attacked six anti-aircraft barges, one of which was sunk and three damaged. Squadron Leader Donaldson has by his leadership, gallantry and initiative in action, set an excellent example and is largely responsible for the successful operations carried out by his squadron.

Pilot Officer Donald Charles DOUGALL (CAN/J. 3710), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 92 Squadron (Missing).

This officer has performed consistently good work since joining this squadron and has shown great keenness to engage and destroy the enemy. He was shot down recently when warning his leader, whose radio apparatus had failed, that enemy aircraft were about to attack. The warning was given by visual signals and necessarily took some time after he had sighted the enemy. He showed the greatest devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety. Pilot Officer Dougall has destroyed one enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1165532 Sergeant Richard Harwood JAMES, No. 29 Squadron.

One night in March, 1941, Sergeant James was observer air gunner of an aircraft which attacked a Heinkel III flying in the direction of the Humber. The cannons jammed after the first burst of fire and the Heinkel climbed to 15,000 feet. Although without oxygen Sergeant James, for a period of at least 40 minutes, struggled with his guns changing the ammunition pans. When he had finished he fell to the floor of the aircraft completely exhausted, but his great determination and stamina enabled the Heinkel to be destroyed with the one gun which had been cleared. Sergeant James has shown keenness and extreme devotion to duty and has set an exceptionally high standard. He has taken part in the destruction of three enemy aircraft and in the damaging of another.

751630 Sergeant Douglas Bryon WARK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

One night in August, 1941, this airman was wireless operator air gunner of an aircraft which, while returning from its target, was attacked by two Junkers 88's; the navigator, rear gunner and Sergeant Wark were all wounded. When the enemy aircraft approached again Sergeant Wark, although in great pain, fired a burst at 100 yards range and the enemy aircraft disintegrated. Sergeant Wark then proceeded to repair his damaged wireless set and gave his pilot bearings which enabled him to bring the aircraft safely back to this country. Sergeant Wark displayed coolness and outstanding courage and, but for his efforts, the aircraft and crew would doubtless have been lost.

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RULES PUBLICATION ACT, 1893.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1930.

The Minister of War Transport hereby gives notice under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that he proposes after the expiry of at least forty days from this date in pursuance of the power conferred upon him by the Road Traffic Act, 1930, to make Regulations amending Regulations 63 and 87 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1941.

And notice is hereby further given that on account of urgency the said Minister has under section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, made the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1941, to come into force forthwith as Provisional Regulations and to continue in force until