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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
17th October, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished services in Abyssinia and Eritrea:—

*To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Acting Air Commodore William Sowrey,  
D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

*Air Ministry,  
17th October, 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 Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Richard John WELLS,  
D.F.C. (39918), No. 108 Squadron.

This officer has led his unit with great success. In attacks on Tripoli, 6 ships were sunk and hits were obtained on many others. Widespread damage was caused at various

other places. At Messina, in particular, the whole railway sidings, including many trucks, were destroyed while the power house and a large adjoining area were completely burned out. Throughout the short period of less than a month, Wing Commander Wells organised and directed all the sorties which were carried out by his unit and participated in 15 of them himself. He has at all times displayed outstanding leadership, courage and determination.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander John Sterling McLEAN  
(32230).

This officer has participated in 29 operational sorties. He has at all times shown the greatest courage and determination, often in the face of heavy enemy attacks, and has destroyed at least 2 and damaged another hostile aircraft. His leadership and organising ability are of a very high standard.

Wing Commander Robert Gordon YAXLEY,  
M.C. (33130), No. 252 Squadron.

This officer commanded a detachment of fighter aircraft which recently carried out a series of sorties with the object of assisting in the safe passage of our convoys in the Mediterranean. Attacks were made on certain aerodromes and seaplane bases which resulted in a loss to the enemy of at least 49 aircraft and a further 42 damaged. The successes achieved undoubtedly contributed largely to