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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
31st March, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

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

Group Captain Cyril Douglas ADAMS, Royal Air Force.

One night in November, 1941, an aircraft, fully laden with petrol, bombs and several thousand rounds of ammunition, crashed shortly after taking off and came to rest in an orchard, where it burst into flames. Long grass in the vicinity became ignited from burning petrol and some trees caught fire. Group Captain Adams, who was in his car on the aerodrome at the time, immediately drove to the scene and was the first to arrive there. With complete disregard of his personal safety he entered the aircraft and searched for survivors. While so doing, ammunition was exploding in profusion and Group Captain Adams was well aware of the presence of a number of heavy bombs under the floor on which he stood. Despite the growing intensity of the heat and the imminent danger from the bombs, he extricated and took to a place of safety an airman who was seriously injured and then extinguished the flames on the airman's clothing. Group Captain Adams then covered the casualty with his own overcoat, returned to the aircraft and, finding no other survivors, successfully removed the body of a dead airman. By his gallant action, this officer undoubtedly saved the life of the injured airman.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:—

510249 Flight Sergeant Alfred John Maxwell MACDONALD, Royal Air Force.

One evening in December, 1941, following enemy action at a Royal Air Force Station in Malta, fires broke out in an area which included aircraft containing bombs and the bomb dump itself. A further aircraft commenced to catch fire and 2 other aircraft in the immediate vicinity were in danger of catching fire. Flight Sergeant MacDonald, with complete disregard for his own safety, attempted to extinguish the flames from the burning aircraft by means of a portable fire hydrant. By his untiring efforts and aided by another non-commissioned officer, Flight Sergeant MacDonald finally extinguished the fire. In accomplishing this, he undoubtedly saved the other 2 aircraft from destruction. Throughout, this airman showed coolness and courage and set a fine example to all within the scene of operations. Flight Sergeant MacDonald, who is in charge of the fire section at the station, has on several occasions displayed bravery in the execution of his duties.

1001131 Corporal David LOUITT, Royal Air Force.

One night in January, 1942, during an enemy air raid on a Royal Air Force Station in Malta, bombs set 2 petrol bowsers on fire. Corporal Louttit speedily reached the scene with the fire tender and, at

considerable danger to himself, succeeded in extinguishing the fires, thus preventing the flames from reaching aircraft standing nearby. He accomplished his task in a most efficient manner, in spite of the fact that bombs were still falling in the vicinity. Later in January, 1942, the station was again bombed and an aircraft was set on fire. Corporal Louttit again speedily got his fire tender into action and made great efforts to quell the flames. A small amount of petrol remained in the tanks and a bomb splinter had severed a petrol lead, allowing the fuel to run out and causing a mass of flames all round the aircraft. With his bare hands, Corporal Louttit stuffed rags into the broken pipe to prevent further spreading of the escaping fuel. He then carried empty containers to the aircraft, unscrewed the draining plugs of the tanks and drained off the remaining petrol from the tanks into the containers. The fire was then extinguished and a large portion of the aircraft was undamaged. At one time, Corporal Louttit was spraying froth on the flames while standing on a burning wing above the petrol tank and would only leave this highly dangerous position on specific orders from his superior officer. On both occasions Corporal Louttit showed complete disregard for his own safety and set a fine example to the members of his fire tender crew.

Air Ministry,

31st March, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Bar to the Air Force Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Albert John HOLMES, A.F.C. (19137), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Air Force Cross.

Acting Wing Commander George Francis Keiller DONALDSON (29068), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Wing Commander William Joseph SCOTT (28117), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Peter Elkins BENNETT (37592), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Fawcett Hagbert BUGGE (08241), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Eric Harold COLEMAN (28036), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Anthony Wilkinson HEWARD (39044), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Arthur Jackson HICKS (32026), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Basil Percy KING (37292).

Squadron Leader David KINNEAR (70367), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Charles William LINDSAY (70402), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Leslie Herbert MASON (22049), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader John Duncan Harcourt SLADE (27166), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Charles Douglas TOMALIN (37548).

Squadron Leader Frederick Basil TOMKINS (19174), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Maurice Robert Desmond TREWBY (29103), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Bertram Reginald TRIBE (70784), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Frederick Augustus WARDELL (28030), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Patrick Vaughan WILLIAMS (19177), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Alexander WREN (70755), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Niale Shane Trevor BENSON (70060), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley Gordon BETTY, D.F.M. (45040).

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Charles SYMONDSON (77106), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Albert BRETT (75993), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Ralph Kennedy CASSELS (41254).

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Frederick MUIR (70923), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant William Leigh Broughton PALMER (70519), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Bickerstaffe WOODS (75403), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edwin Charles OLDFIELD (43189).

Acting Flight Lieutenant David Anthony REDDICK (43522).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward WOMPFREY (43079).

Flying Officer Albert Victor HEATON (44417).

Flying Officer Maurice PAPWORTH (44542).

Flying Officer Arthur Humphrey TOMPKINS (88654), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Flying Officer John Keyford KEATES (113955), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Warrant Officer Jack WILLIAMS, A.F.M. (364374).

Air Force Medal.

740712 Flight Sergeant Victor Alfred CLOUDER Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

528894 Flight Sergeant Frederick Ronald PASSEY.

347560 Flight Sergeant William Horace SIMMONS.

950140 Sergeant Roy BARRACLOUGH.

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SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, to approve the following awards:—

Air Force Cross.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Daniel PRETORIUS (102599).

Major Stephen Lorraine BOSCH (102600).

Major Kenneth Sydney Powell JONES (102978).

Major Joffre Ivor NASH (102665).

Major Thomas Ross THERON (102605).

Lieutenant George William PARSONS (202920).

Lieutenant Matthys Johannes UYS (102734).

*Air Ministry,
31st March, 1942.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of brave conduct:—

Military Medal.

933744 Corporal Gordon Benjamin TAYLOR.

This airman displayed great courage during a very heavy air raid on the desert landing ground at Gorabub. Lying in a completely exposed position and unprotected by any breast-work, Corporal Taylor continued firing his Lewis gun at low-flying aircraft. Although bombs were dropping near and shrapnel and bullets were flying around, he steadfastly remained at his post until he was eventually blown from his position by the blast from a bursting bomb some 15 yards away. Corporal Taylor's conduct throughout a trying period set an inspiring example to all. It was confirmed later that a Messerschmitt 110 was brought down by gunfire from the ground.

*Air Ministry,
31st March, 1942.*

AWARDS OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred on the officers and airman indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

Order of Lenin.

Wing Commander Henry Neville Gynes
RAMSBOTTOM-ISHERWOOD, D.F.C., A.F.C.
(29116).

Squadron Leader Anthony Garforth MILLER,
D.F.C. (90088), Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Hartwell
ROOK, D.F.C. (90071), Auxiliary Air Force.

745249 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer)
Charlton HAW, D.F.M., Royal Air Force
Volunteer Reserve.

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