

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 WOMPHEY (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.

31st March, 1942.

#### 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).