

died within a few moments. Flying Officer Reeve sustained a fractured vertebra and both his ankles were dislocated. Despite these painful and serious injuries he helped to drag his injured companions through a hedge and some 20 yards further on into a field where they were safer from the danger of exploding petrol tanks. The high courage and fortitude displayed by Flying Officer Reeve set a splendid example.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
10th July, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry Baron Humphrey Dickinson (82889), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Dickinson has displayed outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty. When intense and almost continuous enemy air attacks were commenced against Malta, he volunteered for special duties and performed dangerous work while the attacks were in progress. Flight Lieutenant Dickinson displayed remarkable powers of leadership and indomitable courage. The utmost confidence has been placed in his sound judgment and initiative in duties which entailed great risk.

Acting Warrant Officer David Bishop (562435), Royal Air Force.

Warrant Officer Bishop, who is employed on armament duties in Malta, has displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty throughout a long and trying period. He has rendered invaluable service, showing an absolute disregard for his own safety which has been of the greatest benefit to his superior officer whose services have been fully taxed during the constant air raids of the past 5 months.

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

1351434 Corporal George Henry Freeman, Royal Air Force.

Corporal Freeman, a member of the Royal Air Force Regiment, is employed as non-commissioned officer in charge of an anti-aircraft flight at a relief landing ground. In April, 1942, he was in a machine-gun emplacement when a Spitfire crashed about 400 yards away from him and burst into flames. Corporal Freeman, having a bicycle at hand, hastened to the scene of the crash where he found the pilot lying in the blazing wreckage. He immediately went into the flames, dragged the pilot clear of the burning aircraft and, with the assistance of another

airman, extinguished his burning clothing. Corporal Freeman sustained burns to his hands and face. He displayed courage and initiative of a high order.

628449 Corporal James Jones (since deceased), Royal Air Force.

Corporal Jones has displayed high courage and devotion to duty whilst employed on work of a special character in Malta. He has shown a complete disregard for his own safety.

*Air Ministry,  
10th July, 1942.*

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 Philip James STANBURY (104436), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 501 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties, comprising fighter sweeps, escorts to bomber aircraft and attacks both on shipping and land targets. He has led his flight with skill and judgment, while his determination to engage the enemy, whatever the circumstances, has set a worthy example.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

989723 Flight Sergeant William Birdsall JAMES, No. 51 Squadron.

One night in August, 1941, Flight Sergeant James was the pilot of an aircraft engaged on a sortie over enemy territory. During the operation, his aircraft was damaged by enemy fire while he himself received 2 shrapnel wounds in the thigh. When his aircraft could no longer be flown, owing to the damage sustained, Flight Sergeant James ordered his crew to leave by parachute and, without thought for himself, gave his own to the wireless operator/air gunner whose parachute had been rendered unserviceable. Despite his wounds, and disdaining the odds against him, Flight Sergeant James remained at the controls. Displaying superb courage and skilful airmanship, he succeeded in making a crash-landing in the prevailing darkness. His complete disregard of danger and his forethought for his comrades, all of whom descended safely, set an example worthy of the highest praise.

Can/R.77522 Flight Sergeant Murray Laurence SWANSON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Can/R.65465 Flight Sergeant Knowles Eugene CROSBY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in June, 1942, Flight Sergeants Swanson and Crosby were captain and wireless operator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Essen. Whilst over the