

953982 Flight Sergeant James Ian Cunningham WADDICAR, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

1014907 Sergeant Ronald WATSON, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

527989 Sergeant Thomas Noel Castree PROSSER, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

1052356 Sergeant William WILDEY, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

These airmen were members of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack Bremen on the night of 27th June, 1942, Sergeant Griggs acting as captain. The objective was successfully bombed but, over the target area, the aircraft sustained much damage from anti-aircraft fire. One of the starboard engines was hit and put out of action. Shortly afterwards, the bomber was subjected to an attack by an enemy fighter, fire from which caused further damage. Almost immediately a second fighter opened fire and Sergeant Wildey, the 1st wireless operator, was wounded in the arm. The first fighter then returned to the attack but was met with a long and vicious burst from Sergeant Waddicar's guns which sent the enemy aircraft spinning towards the ground, where it exploded on impact. Some time later, after crossing Holland, Sergeant O'Hara, the navigator, who had skilfully guided his captain thus far, observed 2 enemy fighters closing in. Sergeant Watson, who was tending the injured wireless operator, immediately attempted to man his turret but it was jammed. With the assistance of Sergeant O'Hara, who held his legs, he managed to reach his guns and he then delivered an effective burst at the leading fighter, which caused it to dive towards the sea completely out of control. Meanwhile, Sergeant Waddicar, with commendable ingenuity, had temporarily repaired one of his guns which had failed and opened fire at the second aircraft from close range. The attacker dived away and exploded before hitting the water. The bomber was not yet out of danger, being subjected to machine gun fire from the sea. A few minutes later another fighter appeared opening fire with a long burst but Sergeant Waddicar's return fire, caused it to break off the engagement. Sergeant Griggs, displaying fine airmanship, eventually flew his severely damaged aircraft safely back to base where he made a crash landing. Throughout the operation, these airmen displayed unflinching courage, great fortitude and splendid team work in foiling the attacks of 5 enemy fighters, 3 of which were shot down. Their conduct upheld the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Air Ministry,  
21st July, 1942.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

564935 Kenneth William PENDREY (49145). 4th Apr. 1941.

581557 Frank Bernard LITTLE, D.F.M. (49146). 1st May 1942.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.

12th May 1942.

550225 William Herbert BENGREE (49150).

533633 David Samuel LORD (49149).

Flt. Sgts.

557549 Howard Thomas LERRY (49135). 14th Jan. 1942.

650478 Stanley Henry MARTIN (49148). 1st May 1942.

553267 Peter Sutherland THOMAS (49133). 15th May 1942.

524154 George William BAXTER, D.F.M. (49157). 23rd May 1942.

551541 Ronald Edward GOODWIN (49147). 30th May 1942.

564500 John Harold ELSHAW, D.F.M. (49134). 9th June 1942.

Tempy. Flt. Sgt.

581440 Douglas Andrew CRANSTON (49158). 9th May 1942.

Air Ch. Mshl. Sir Hugh C. T. DOWDING, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G., A.D.C., is placed on the ret'd. list at his own request, 15th July 1942.

Air Vice-Mshl. Sir Patrick H. L. PLAYFAIR, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., M.C., is placed on the ret'd. list and retains the rank of Air Mshl., 20th July 1942.

Gp. Capt. (Tempy. Air Cdre.) A. N. GALLEHAWK, A.F.C., is placed on the ret'd. list and retains the rank of Air Cdre. 11th Mar. 1942.

Flt. Lt. A. A. JONES (07182) is transf'd. to the Tech. Br. 30th Apr. 1942.

Flt. Lt. L. D. FOLEY (41007) is transf'd. to the Balloon Br. of the R.A.F.O. and is retained on the active list under K.R. and A.C.I., para. 3543-27th June 1942.

The commn. of Plt. Off. (prob.) J. C. KING (47583) is terminated. 6th July 1942.

##### Amendments.

In notfn. of 9th Dec. 1941 (p. 6992, col. 1), concerning Hamilton Irving TINGLEY (46847) for Plt. Off. read Flt. Off.

In notfn. of 20th Jan. 1942 (p. 348, col. 1), concerning William Richard MORRIS (47463) for Plt. Off. read Flt. Off.

In notfn. of 26th May 1942 (p. 2292, col. 1), concerning George Frederick LINCOLN (48724) for Plt. Off. read Flt. Off.

##### TECHNICAL BRANCH.

To be Flt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

365522 William MANSON (49026). 15th Dec. 1941. (Seny. 5th June 1941.)

20th May 1942.

359610 Wallace Wyndham WEBB (48701). (Seny. 15th July 1941.)

363938 George Frederick COBB (48036). (Seny. 8th Feb. 1942.)

365183 Edward Walter BILBO (48810). 27th May 1942. (Seny. 27th Apr. 1942.)

347412 Wilfred BIRCHALL (48718). 2nd June 1942. (Seny. 21st Apr. 1942.)

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

509125 Kenneth Welbourne LYON (48138). 21st Mar. 1942. (Seny. 2nd Mar. 1942.)

362785 Ernest Arthur BUNN (48806). 26th May 1942. (Seny. 27th Apr. 1942.)

Actg. Wt. Offs.

363284 Arthur Percival THOMAS (48720). 9th May 1942. (Seny. 21st Apr. 1942.)

517441 Sidney Raymond HATHAWAY (48757). 20th May 1942. (Seny. 26th Apr. 1942.)

Flt. Sgts.

361989 Henry George HAMMOND (48934). 6th Jan. 1942. (Seny. 28th Nov. 1941.)

366454 George TOOGOOD (49115). 24th Feb. 1942. (Seny. 1st Jan. 1942.)

362156 Albert Henry SWATTON (48721). 9th May 1942. (Seny. 21st Apr. 1942.)

27th May 1942.

630050 Harry Worboys ADAMS (48066). (Seny. 28th Nov. 1941.)

365087 William David Thomas SUTCLIFFE (48760). (Seny. 27th Apr. 1942.)

563760 George Henry POET (48907). 29th May 1942. (Seny. 5th May 1942.)

510048 Alexander Ritchie LOW (48924). 5th June 1942. (Seny. 13th May 1942.)

Sgts.

519879 Donald Walter CLARK (48513). 27th Apr. 1942. (Seny. 3rd Mar. 1942.)

366203 Charles Edward SAWYERS (48665). 15th May 1942. (Seny. 17th Oct. 1941.)

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

20th May 1942.

(Seny. 13th Nov. 1941.)

560172 Edgar Charles HOWES (48705).

564031 Colin Mackintosh MACDONALD (48714).

359550 George VICKERS (48704). (Seny. 18th Dec. 1941.)

(Seny. 3rd Mar. 1942.)

565492 George William COCKERELL (48712).

564135 Terence Kenealy CRISP (48708).

515693 Thomas Henry BLAKE (48734). (Seny. 19th Mar. 1942.)

565888 Andrew Gibson FINDLAY (48702). (Seny. 28th Mar. 1942.)

565698 Charles Stuart FOWLER (48732). (Seny. 13th Apr. 1942.)

27th May 1942.

366438 John Edward TOMPKINS (48262). (Seny. 28th Feb. 1942.)

561620 Frederick ROMAN (48809). (Seny. 27th Apr. 1942.)