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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the under-mentioned:—

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Squadron Leader Frank George Mogg (90028),  
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Auxiliary Air Force.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).*

576550 Leading Aircraftman Peter Nigel Rowland,  
Royal Air Force.

One night in May, 1942, an aircraft crashed on the edge of an aerodrome and immediately burst into flames. Squadron Leader Mogg (the station medical officer), accompanied by Leading Aircraftman Rowland, hastened to the scene and found that three members of the crew had been thrown clear of the main part of the wreckage and killed; a fourth member had managed to extricate himself from the tail turret. A wireless operator was, however, trapped in the blazing fuselage, being entangled by his harness and flying clothing which was burning. Showing complete disregard for their own safety, Squadron Leader Mogg, clad only in overalls over his pyjamas, and Leading Aircraftman Rowland went into the blazing wreckage to rescue the unfortunate airman. By lying flat on the floor and using a greatcoat as a shield Leading Aircraftman Rowland was able to afford some protection for the medical officer whilst the latter administered morphia to the injured operator. Leading Aircraftman Rowland afterwards assisted Squadron Leader Mogg in cutting the airman free and in extricating him from the aircraft. During the time that this officer and airman were working in the wreckage two oxygen bottles exploded within a few feet of their heads and there was grave danger that others might have done so at any time. Squadron Leader Mogg was badly scorched and sustained burns to his hands and wrists but, despite this, he accompanied the dying wireless operator during the journey by ambulance to hospital some 6 miles away. He then fainted and had to receive medical attention. Leading Aircraftman Rowland was also burned on the hands and wrists. Both rescuers displayed gallantry of a high standard.

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Aus.400689 Sergeant Robert Wilson Baxter, Royal  
Australian Air Force.

Sergeant Baxter was the captain of a bomber which had made a successful raid on Germany. When nearing base the port engine, which had been hit by fire from the enemy's ground defences, caught alight. Sergeant Baxter proceeded to land the aircraft but, in the semi-darkness, he was unable to observe that the runways on the aerodrome were obstructed. The aircraft caught fire on impact with the obstruction. Five of the crew, including Sergeant Baxter, got out through the pilot's escape hatch but the wireless operator, who tried to escape through a lower hatch, became trapped. The aircraft was now burning furiously; ammunition and pyrotechnics were exploding and the petrol tanks were liable to explode at any moment. Sergeant Baxter, showing complete disregard for his own safety, re-entered the aircraft and remained inside for at least 5 minutes before he succeeded in releasing the wireless operator and pushing him through the pilot's escape hatch. He only managed to get clear himself just before the petrol tanks exploded. During his efforts to release his companion Sergeant Baxter sustained extensive second degree burns to his hands and face for which treatment in hospital was necessary. The unselfish heroism displayed by this airman undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).*

561487 Acting Flight Sergeant Herbert George  
William Cagby, Royal Air Force.

An aircraft was set on fire during an enemy air attack on an aerodrome in Malta. Whilst a second wave of bombers were diving to attack Flight Sergeant Cagby, displaying complete disregard for his own safety, removed about fifty 40 lb. bombs from the vicinity of the aircraft. His courageous and prompt action prevented an explosion and thereby saved valuable property. He has, on many other occasions, displayed courage and devotion to duty which has set a fine example.

636720 Sergeant William Royston Smith, Royal Air  
Force.

Sergeant Smith has displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high standard during intense and almost continuous enemy air attacks on Malta. He has shown complete disregard for his personal safety and set an excellent example.