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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
20th October, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of distinguished service in the Royal Air Force:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wilfrid Rhodes Freeman, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Air Ministry, 20th October, 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 Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Alfred George PARRY, D.F.C. (79162), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

On 25th September, 1942, this officer led a formation of bombers detailed to attack the Gestapo Headquarters on the occasion of the Quisling Rally at Oslo. On reaching the city, Squadron Leader Parry vigorously attacked his objective from roof-top height and obtained hits on the centre of the buildings despite interference by enemy fighters. Throughout the flight, which demanded a high degree of skill, Squadron Leader Parry displayed great leadership.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Joseph Roy George RALSTON, D.F.M. (47650), No. 105 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Warrant Officer James Lloyd ARMITAGE (936476), No. 139 Squadron.

In September, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Ralston and Warrant Officer Armitage were pilot and observer respectively of one of a formation of bomber aircraft detailed to attack a factory at Wiesbaden. The sortie involved a flight deep into German territory in daylight. Nevertheless, the objective was reached exactly as planned and subjected to vigorous bombing, hits being obtained. Throughout the sortie, both Flight Lieutenant Ralston and Warrant Officer Armitage displayed exceptional skill and determination. Both of them have completed many sorties.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Gordon Hugh EVERITT, D.F.C. (81032), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Robert Claude HAY (Aus. 407074), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

One night in August, 1942, these officers, as captain and navigator of aircraft respectively, were detailed to execute a special bombing sortie. In spite of difficulties, they accomplished their task successfully and brought back excellent photographs. Squadron Leader Everitt and Flying Officer Hay have completed many sorties and they have always displayed great skill and determination to make every mission a success. Their outstanding operational efficiency and devotion to duty have set a fine example.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flying Officer Horace Walter William BERRIDGE, D.F.C. (115634), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 219 Squadron.

Flying Officer Berridge is a highly efficient observer. He has at all times displayed great devotion to duty and set an example worthy of attainment. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has achieved much success.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader George HOWDEN (39738), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 68 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since the war began. He has completed numerous sorties and has destroyed at least two enemy aircraft and damaged several others. He is a most capable flight commander and much of the success his flight has achieved can be attributed to Squadron Leader Howden's skilful leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Albert WILKINS (45120), No. 50 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties in heavy bombers. On two nights in August, 1942, he captained an aircraft detailed for mine-laying operations of great importance. In spite of adverse weather, Flight Lieutenant Wilkins completed his task successfully. He has also participated in attacks on many highly defended targets and has invariably pressed home his attacks in a very determined manner. He has set an excellent example throughout.

Flying Officer Alec Norman BRISTOW (101502), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron. Pilot Officer Bernard Willis MARSHALL (104775), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

On 25th September, 1942, Flying Officer Bristow and Pilot Officer Marshall were pilot and observer respectively of one of a formation of aircraft detailed