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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*30th October, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edgar Bernard Richard Lockwood (89584), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One night in July, 1942, a Wellington aircraft returned from a cross-country flight with one engine defective. Whilst circling the aerodrome the faulty engine stopped and the pilot proceeded to make an emergency landing. As the flare path was already in use by another aircraft which was also landing, the pilot of the Wellington decided to land on the port side but in so doing he over-shot the space available and ran into a building situated on the edge of the aerodrome. The aircraft and the building immediately caught fire. All the members of the crew were thrown clear with the exception of the wireless operator/air gunner who was ejected on to the roof of the building which was soon burning fiercely. Flight Lieutenant Lockwood, displaying initiative and complete disregard for his own safety, made his way on to the roof by kicking out the window panes of a door. He found the injured airman and then, carrying him in his arms, jumped from the roof only a few seconds before it collapsed. Flight Lieutenant Lockwood's gallant action undoubtedly saved the airman's life.

Pilot Officer Brian Anthony Coleborn (Aus.402186), Royal Australian Air Force.

Pilot Officer Coleborn was the observer of an aircraft which crashed in flames after being attacked by enemy fighters. Two members of the crew were wounded. Pilot Officer Coleborn assisted them to get clear of the wreckage and in so doing, he himself was badly burned. Nevertheless, displaying great courage and determination he walked for 30 hours, although without water, across the desert. He then gave accurate information as to the location of the aircraft which resulted in the subsequent rescue of the remainder of the crew. The steady courage and endurance of this officer undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the under-mentioned:—

816047 Sergeant James Reynolds, Auxiliary Air Force.

Sergeant Reynolds, who is employed in a technical capacity, was on duty in the flight office one day in July, 1942, when a Hudson aircraft crashed in flames some 400 yards away. Sergeant Reynolds was first to arrive at the scene of the crash. Displaying complete disregard for his own safety he made his way straight into the flames and plunged through a door in the wrecked fuselage in an attempt to rescue the crew inside. The ammunition was exploding in all directions and, just as he reached the turret, a violent explosion occurred which threw him out of the aircraft. He was found lying blinded in the midst of the burning debris and narrowly missed being run over by a fire tender. He recovered his sight two days later. Sergeant Reynolds displayed courage and devotion to duty of a very high standard and set a magnificent example. All the crew of the aircraft were, unfortunately, killed in the crash.

Aus.6012 Sergeant Raymond Gordon Wheatley, Royal Australian Air Force.

During an air attack on the Royal Australian Air Force Station at Sembawang, a hanger was hit by bombs and set on fire. Sergeant Wheatley took charge of the area and succeeded in removing 3 Buffalo aircraft to safety. The work was completed despite the grave danger which existed owing to the explosion of considerable quantities of ammunition and fuel stores. On another occasion at Palembang, 2 Blenheim aircraft crashed on the runway, one of them bursting into flames. Sergeant Wheatley succeeded in removing to safety 3 occupants of the second aircraft which was only a short distance from the one on fire. Bombs from the burning aircraft demolished both aircraft just as Sergeant Wheatley was removing the last occupant. On these and many other occasions, this airman displayed great courage, determination and leadership.

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

Can.R.101827 Sergeant Karl Edward Dzikowski, Royal Canadian Air Force.

This airman was the wireless operator/air gunner of a Ventura aircraft which crashed one day in July, 1942. Sergeant Dzikowski, although badly burned, returned to the aircraft and extricated another member of the crew. He dragged him 15 feet from the wreckage and then collapsed. Sergeant Dzikowski sustained further burns whilst performing this gallant rescue.