

Middle East. Latterly, he has completed a large number of intruder sorties during which his brilliant navigation has contributed materially to the successes achieved. He has at all times displayed courage and determination and has won the complete confidence of all with whom he has flown.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Lieutenant Donald Pax TILLEY (102179), South African Air Force, No. 39 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1375076 Sergeant Wilfred Carter STEPHENS, No. 39 Squadron.

One night in September, 1942, Lieutenant Tilley and Sergeant Stephens were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy merchant vessel escorted by 4 destroyers. Skilfully guided to the target, by Sergeant Stephens, in bad weather, Lieutenant Tilley attacked the merchant vessel with great resolution. It was later discovered that the ship had been hit and had returned to port. This pilot and navigator have completed several attacks on enemy shipping and both have displayed great skill and courage in the performance of their duties.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z. 40607 Flight Sergeant Colin Leo Malcolm FORSYTH, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Forsyth has participated in numerous sorties. He is an outstanding air gunner, while his wireless skill has proved of the greatest assistance to his pilot. He has at all times displayed courage and determination in the performance of his duties.

Aus. 403378 Flight Sergeant Alan Vickory RITCHIE, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

This airman is a navigator of high merit. He has participated in many sorties and has always displayed great skill in reaching his allotted target. On one occasion, when returning from an attack on Mainz, his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and badly damaged. The rear gunner was killed and the wireless operator wounded. In the face of trying circumstances, Flight Sergeant Ritchie's subsequent navigation was of the greatest assistance to his pilot who was thus enabled to fly the damaged aircraft back to this country. On another occasion, Flight Sergeant Ritchie was wounded in the shoulder by a piece of shrapnel. Despite this he continued to navigate his aircraft on its course for base. His great courage and devotion to duty have set a splendid example.

973558 Flight Sergeant John WILLIAMS, No. 255 Squadron.

This airman is a skilful observer. His excellent work has contributed in a large measure to the destruction of 1 enemy aircraft and the damaging of others.

*Air Ministry, 30th October, 1942.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

D. H. McLEOD (46400). 9th Aug. 1942.

E. D. CABLE (46464). 14th Aug. 1942.

19th Aug. 1942.

S. C. DAWSON (46397).

N. V. JACKSON (46534).

S. F. OFFORD (46533). 3rd Sept. 1942.

13th Sept. 1942.

R. T. HAMER (46635).

B. C. HORSNELL (46660).

G. J. LYNES (46631).

R. K. GROVES (46703). 17th Sept. 1942.

20th Sept. 1942.

L. L. FORD (46736).

A. SHAW (47410).

P. W. STOKES (46735).

24th Sept. 1942.

K. CLEGG (46795).

W. LEARY (47406).

H. D. ROPER (46734).

25th Sept. 1942.

J. CURD (46848).

B. G. L. O'REILLY (47367).

27th Sept. 1942.

H. V. DOODSON (46813).

A. D. SCOTT (46971).

Wg. Cdr. R. A. B. STONE (16031) to be Gp. Capt. (tempy.). 1st Sept. 1942.

Flt. Lt. E. L. BARRINGTON, M.C., D.F.C. (ret.) (03130), to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.). 1st June 1942. (Subs. for notifi. of 28th Aug. 1942 (p. 3761, col. 1).)

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) G. A. REID (72750) is granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 1st July 1942.

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

P. A. LOWETH (42242). 11th May 1942.

W. N. WOOD (44554). 22nd Aug. 1942. (Seny. 19th Aug. 1942.)

7th Sept. 1942.

E. L. BEVERLEY (2nd Lt. Rifle Bde.) (44517).

W. M. BROOKE-TAYLOR (2nd Lt. R.E.) (44519).

G. KENNING (2nd Lt. R.E., T.A.) (44526).

A. R. LAUGHLAND (2nd Lt. R.A.S.C.) (44528).

R. Y. TYRRELL (2nd Lt. Inniskilling Fus.) (44532).

8th Sept. 1942.

F. N. BANTOFT (2nd Lt. R.A.) (44534).

J. H. M. SHAW (2nd Lt. R.A.T.A.) (44536).

H. R. RITNEY (44682). 21st Sept. 1942. (Seny. 11th Sept. 1942.)

*Amendment.*

In notifi. of 11th Sept. 1942 (p. 3963, col. 2) concerning Wg. Cdr. C. RYLEY, D.F.C. (26065), for 31st July 1942 read 29th July 1942.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flg. Off. (prob.) W. B. POYNOR (46453) confmd. in appt. 5th Sept. 1942.

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) W. MORGAN (13018) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 1st Sept. 1941.

Flt. Lt. (tempy.) S. J. FIELD (43437) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 28th Aug. 1942. (Subs. for notifi. of 9th Oct. 1942 (p. 4384, col. 2).)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (tempy.):—

1st Sept. 1942.

J. DAVIS (44318). (Seny. 1st Dec. 1941.)

L. TAYLOR (45558). (Seny. 1st Mar. 1942.)

1st Sept. 1942.

W. M. SIMMS (44438).

A. S. CLARKSON (47429).

W. A. H. THOMAS (44393).

Actg. Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Plt. Offs. (prob.):—

H. R. PARKER (48533). 27th May 1942. (Seny. 24th Mar. 1942.)

H. E. BENNETT (48846). 1st July 1942. (Seny. 26th May 1942.)

15th July 1942.

R. K. RAY (48949). (Seny. 29th Dec. 1941.)

P. J. JARVIS (48952). (Seny. 11th June 1942.)

W. J. DUNNE (47185). 22nd Aug. 1942. (Seny. 10th July 1942.)

The notifi. of 3rd Mar. 1942 (p. 1018, col. 1) concerning W. J. SEAR is cancelled.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Off. (prob.) R. A. GATES (45835) confmd. in appt. 16th May 1942 and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.) 6th June 1942. (Seny. 16th Apr. 1942.)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (tempy.). 1st Sept. 1942:—

R. MALLETT (44504).

A. SMART (47061).

C. S. STRATFORD (46437).

F. SCHOFIELD (46436).

J. N. BAMBOROUGH (44618).

Plt. Off. (prob.) R. W. ADAMS (47072) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (war subs.). 1st July 1942.

The following notifi. are cancelled:—

2nd Dec. 1941 (p. 6896, col. 1) concerning J. FERGUSON (46657).

23rd Dec. 1941 (p. 7248, col. 1) concerning H. E. FURBER (46886).

30th Dec. 1941 (p. 7380, col. 1) concerning E. R. ROLFE (46937).

17th Feb. 1942 (p. 779, col. 1) concerning C. F. MACEY (47197).

17th Mar. 1942 (p. 1217, col. 1) concerning T. R. S. LAWSON.