

the target area, anti-aircraft fire was encountered and Sergeant Chretien was wounded in the neck. Although bleeding profusely, he bravely remained at his post, ordered his bombs to be released and skilfully piloted his aircraft from the fire zone. On the return flight Sergeant Carlon, with great forethought, tended and assisted his wounded captain whilst skilfully navigating his aircraft on its course. When nearing base Sergeant Chretien, who had been resting, resumed the controls and despite his injuries succeeded in landing the aircraft safely. Both these airmen displayed high courage and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 10th November, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander John Bernard RUSSELL (37125), No. 172 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Desmond Ernest HAWKINS, D.F.C. (40700), No. 240 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Graham POCKLEY, D.F.C. (Aus.608), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Samuel John HARRISON (90039), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 120 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Denis Frank SPOTSWOOD (37733), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 500 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Jack BRANDT (39849), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 67 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Karun Krishna MAJUMDAR, Indian Air Force, No. 1 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Maxwell OWEN (86642), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 210 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard Charles PIPKIN (62260), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron.

Flying Officer Raymond Neville Robert GETTEMAN (67634), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Fraser SWAIN (Aus.400607), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 200 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ernest Paul WALSH (Aus.400361), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 202 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1057897 Flight Sergeant Valentine Dixon CROFT, No. 269 Squadron.

962566 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Gilbert Frederick FERN, No. 236 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry 10th November 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F.:—

George Frederick YATES, 2nd Lt. R.A.C. (49880), 25th Sept. 1942.

George Stanley CORRY, 2nd Lt. R.A.C. (49879), 29th Sept. 1942.

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

564406 George Geoffrey WOODWARD (49837), 25th June 1942.

507159 Stanley FINE (49944), 28th Aug. 1942.

516585 Jack ASHWORTH (49946), 13th Sept. 1942.

Tempy. Wt. Off.

518334 Wilfred Arthur WILKINSON (49914), 14th Aug. 1942.

Flt. Sgt.

532110 Ronald CHANDLER (49840), 3rd Sept. 1942.

Sgts.

5th Aug. 1942.

513081 Colin Herbert James HUNT (49307).

565948 John William RIDLEY (49337).

10th Sept. 1942.

540764 Edward Geoffrey Frederick BUTCHER (49943).

534430 William LYLE (49945).

Cpls.

567557 David Ernest GREEN (49306), 5th Aug. 1942.

569432 Hugh Cecil Lovat WHITE (49590), 5th Sept. 1942.

Ldg. Acn.

539260 Michael Alphonsus CLANCY (49206), 1st Aug. 1942.

Amendment.

In notfn. of 25th Aug 1942 (p. 3710, col. 1) concerning 534103 Cecil Arthur STREATHER (49291), for Tempy. Flt. Sgt. read Flt. Sgt. and for 1st July 1942, read 29th June 1942.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Amendments.

In notfn. of 31st Mar. 1942 (p. 1459, col. 2) concerning 354533 Wt. Off. A. A. COLLICK, D.S.M. (47437), for Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

In notfn. of 12th May 1942 (p. 2077, col. 1) concerning 346958 Wt. Off. E. R. TERRY (48334) for Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Amendments.

In notfn. of 9th Dec. 1941 (p. 6993, col. 2) concerning 508411 Wt. Off. T. W. JORDAN (46890) and 354268 Wt. Off. E. A. WATTS (46864) respectively, for Actg. Plt. Off. read Plt. Off. and for Actg. Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

Amendment.

In notfn. of 5th May 1942 (p. 1974, col. 2) concerning 9597 Wt. Off. W. H. OSBORNE (47941) for Actg. Plt. Off. read Flg. Off.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Mrs. Beryl BOLTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (5825), to be Medical Off. (emergency) with the relative rank of Flt. Lt. for employment with the R.A.F. 8th Oct. 1942.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Sister Miss I. E. W. LEWER resigns her appt. 21st Aug. 1942.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. D. M. TOMLINSON (70679) is transf'd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 23rd Oct. 1942.

Flt. Lt. C. J. LAUBSCHER (70384) relinquishes his commn. on appt. to the S.A.A.F. 15th Oct. 1942.

Flt. Lt. G. CRUMP (70153) resigns his commn. 19th Oct. 1942.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Flt. Lts. in class CC:—

Geoffrey Stockwell OGDEN, 7th Oct. 1942.

Robert DICKS, 15th Oct. 1942.

Gordon Harry LAWRENCE to be Plt. Off. in class CC, 3rd Oct. 1942.

Flt. Lt. W. G. DAVIES relinquishes his commn. in class CC on cessation of duty, 13th Oct. 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

740285 Frederick George CLIFFORD (131893), 27th Aug. 1942.

Flt. Sgts.

1052245 Robert HERRIES (131249), 19th May 1942.

904354 Geoffrey Hart BORHAM (129217), 11th June 1942.

902375 Philip Edwin GATEHOUSE (131888), 8th July 1942.

748055 William Easton FOOT (131123), 9th July 1942.

758186 Arthur Willson COOK, D.F.M. (131140), 16th July 1942.

31st July 1942.

1050139 William Rowland BIGGIN (131854).

1000269 William Henry DANDY (131853).

937598 Ian Thompson STAFFORD (131490), 8th Aug. 1942.

749393 Robert William SMITH, D.F.M. (131882), 23rd Aug. 1942.

1162264 Philip Michael HILL (131895), 3rd Sept. 1942.

16th Sept. 1942.

994131 Eric JENKINS, D.F.M. (131885).

748270 William John SMITH (131886).

938212 Eustace Douglas REVITT (131878), 20th Sept. 1942.