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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 15th December, 1942.*

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

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

Wing Commander John Raymond Jeurwine (33116), Royal Air Force.

When the order for evacuation was given at Bandoeng, the squadron air crews proceeded to Tjilijap and awaited embarkation. Wing Commander Jeurwine, undaunted by the non-appearance of the ship detailed, immediately set to work to save as many of his squadron as possible from falling into the hands of the Japanese. He refused to believe that all channels of escape were closed. Wing Commander Jeurwine set out in a car to search the neighbouring ports and coast line for a suitable craft. Two lifeboats were discovered on the upper deck of a bombed ship, which he decided to use as a last resort. During his absence a party, detailed by him, set out to procure the necessary provisions and navigational equipment for the voyage. Wing Commander Jeurwine, being unable to find any other suitable craft, decided to use the lifeboats and ordered them to be lowered and made ready. During the voyage his ingenuity and sound knowledge of seamanship enabled the craft to be kept seaworthy in spite of the ever recurring mishaps to the boat and its gear. The many repairs to the broken rudder were carried out only by his resourcefulness and refusal to accept defeat. The repairs necessitated working overboard and Wing Commander Jeurwine insisted on sharing the risks of a shark-infested sea. His continual cheerfulness, courage and ability to bolster up morale was an inspiration to the whole crew, who realised that he alone would be able to bring the voyage to a successful conclusion.

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

Flying Officer Frank Conway (77842), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

While on duty as Master of launch 177 on the 19th August, 1942, Flying Officer Conway observed another small vessel being attacked by enemy aircraft. From that moment Flying Officer Conway acted with the greatest possible coolness and initiative. He immediately informed Base of what was happening and proceeded to obtain the assistance of a naval craft and in

company with that vessel, proceeded to the scene of the attack. The burning vessels were the launches 122 and 123 and during the time the launch 177 was speeding to their assistance she (launch 177) was made the object of five separate attacks by enemy aircraft. During these attacks the launch 177 fought back with all her guns and proceeded steadily towards the launches in distress. The attacks by enemy aircraft had ceased by the time launch 177 had arrived in the vicinity of launches 122 and 123 and the work of rescuing the personnel was proceeded with, smoothly and efficiently. Flying Officer Conway did not permit trying circumstances or great personal danger to deter him from carrying out his duty and it was largely due to his great personal courage, determination and devotion to duty that so many lives were saved.

Flying Officer Allan William Russell Triggs. (Aus.400500), Royal Australian Air Force.

On the night of 11th August, 1942, Flying Officer Triggs was captain of a Wellington aircraft engaged on patrol duties in the vicinity of the Bay of Biscay. The port engine failed and it was necessary to bring the aircraft down on to the sea in complete darkness at a point some 110 miles from land. This was achieved successfully and without injury to the crew although the second pilot, who was found to be under water, had to be lifted out through the escape hatch on to the wing by Flying Officer Triggs. The dinghy releases having failed, Flying Officer Triggs tore off the cover and pulled out the dinghy which at once became inflated. He saw the crew get safely aboard and then, as the emergency pack was seen floating away, Flying Officer Triggs swam out and retrieved it. The crew was eventually rescued after having been at sea for 124 hours. Flying Officer Triggs showed courage and splendid leadership throughout the ordeal and proved an inspiration to the members of his crew.

Pilot Officer Sydney Spencer Bates (115092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Whilst on duty as Master of launch 123 on the 19th August, 1942, in company with launch 122, Pilot Officer Bates observed that launch 122 was being attacked by some six enemy aircraft and had been set on fire. In spite of the great risk incurred, Pilot Officer Bates at once went to the assistance of launch 122, and was himself attacked by enemy aircraft, but although under attack, proceeded calmly with the rescue of the survivors of launch 122. Unfortunately launch 123 was also set on fire and suffered casualties and had to be abandoned, the crew jumping into the sea. Pilot Officer Bates' devotion to duty and persistence in the face of danger were undoubtedly

the cause of the saving of the lives of the surviving personnel of the other launch. Pilot Officer Bates has served at his present base for some six months and his keenness throughout has been an inspiration to officers and men alike and the example he set to his crew on this particular occasion merits the highest praise.

Acting Warrant Officer Joseph Graham Michael Davis, B.E.M. (567944), Royal Air Force.

Warrant Officer Davis was on duty in the armament section when he was advised that a Wellington aircraft was on fire on a landing ground nearby. Knowing that the aircraft had a number of high explosive and incendiary bombs on board he led a party of 4 to the scene with the intention of removing the bombs from the aircraft and rolling them away to safety. When he reached the Wellington he found the rear of the fuselage and the entire starboard wing on fire and realised that the fuel tanks or bombs might explode at any moment. Disregarding this grave danger, Warrant Officer Davis entered the aircraft and, after ascertaining that all bomb fuses were in the safe position, he connected the accumulators to the bomb release gear and jettisoned the entire load. He then left the aircraft and, with his 4 assistants, was ready to roll the bombs clear. He found that by this time the burning starboard wing was about to collapse; he accordingly ordered his men to stand away. Shortly afterwards the petrol tanks burst and the bombs exploded. The action of Warrant Officer Davis in causing the bombs to be on the ground when they exploded minimised the effect of the explosion. Had they detonated while inside the aircraft considerable damage might have been caused to other aircraft in the vicinity from burning fragments scattered by the explosions. This possible catastrophe was averted by the gallant action of Warrant Officer Davis.

*Air Ministry, 15th December, 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 Wing Commander Charles Brian Fabris KINGCOME, D.F.C. (33319).

This officer has completed an extremely large number of sorties and has led the wing on numerous occasions. He has rendered outstanding service and has destroyed at least 11 and damaged many more enemy aircraft. Wing Commander Kingcome, who is a born leader, has at all times displayed high courage and devotion to duty.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Harry Lennox Innes BROWN (37060), No. 616 Squadron.

Since the war began Squadron Leader Brown has taken part in a large number of operational sorties both in this country and in the Middle East. During the campaigns in Greece and Crete he performed excellent work and destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. Throughout his operational career he has displayed exceptional keenness and leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Waldo Harry Bentley HILES (121330), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

In November, 1942, this officer captained a heavy bomber, detailed to attack Stutgart. At one point on the outward flight, Flight Lieutenant Hiles brought his aircraft down to 200 feet while his gunners attacked a goods train and put it out of action. He then flew on to his objective and bombed it. During the return journey, attacks were made on targets on the ground, including four separate attacks on goods trains and, in each instance, locomotives were set on fire; Flight Lieutenant Hiles also attacked an enemy aircraft on an airfield. This officer, who has completed a large number of sorties has invariably displayed outstanding skill and daring.

Flying Officer Kenneth MUNRO (Aus. 408168), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft this officer has displayed exceptional determination. He has participated in several sorties and, in spite of hazards and difficulties, has always attempted to complete his

allotted task. On a recent occasion, when returning from Genoa, he skilfully overcame a difficult situation and landed his aircraft safely. In November, during a flight to Turin one engine in his aircraft tailed whilst still some distance from the target. With admirable resolution, he continued his mission, bombed his target and eventually accomplished the return journey safely. Throughout his operational career, this officer has displayed indomitable courage and unswerving devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Frederick Briden McCULLOCH (62688), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties, involving attacks on enemy airfields, installations, factories and railway communications. He has invariably displayed great skill, keenness and resource.

Flying Officer Norman TAYLOR (101500), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In November, 1942, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft launched by catapult from a ship in convoy in the Atlantic Ocean, to engage a Focke-Wulf 200. Displaying great skill, Flying Officer Taylor intercepted and drove off the enemy aircraft before it could deliver an attack on any of the ships in the convoy. Despite adverse weather and in the face of strong opposing fire, he succeeded in destroying the enemy aircraft from close range. His courageous and skilful work earned the admiration of officers of the ships in the convoy who witnessed the operation.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer George Alexander TURNER (115613), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1132613 Sergeant Arthur LIDDLE, No. 107 Squadron.

One day in November, 1942, Flying Officer Turner and Sergeant Liddle were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an industrial plant at Ijmuiden. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. A shell, bursting in the navigator's cockpit caused much damage and wounded Sergeant Liddle on the face and in the arms, chest and leg. Despite this, Flying Officer Turner pressed home his attack and Sergeant Liddle, disregarding his injuries, released his bombs on the objective. In the face of many difficulties Flying Officer Turner, gallantly supported by his navigator, flew the damaged aircraft back to an aerodrome in this country and landed safely. Both these members of aircraft crew have completed several sorties and have invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Can/R.87920 Flight Sergeant William Ernest EGRI, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

During a recent sortie this airman was the rear gunner of a heavy bomber which was attacked by two Junkers 88s. In the face of strong attacks, Flight Sergeant Egri maintained a steady and accurate fire and probably destroyed one of the attackers and caused the other to break off the engagement. His aircraft had sustained much damage and a fire broke out but Flight Sergeant Egri assisted in extinguishing the flames with his gloved hands and a fire extinguisher. His hands were severely burned but he returned to his post and, although his turret was unserviceable, he rotated it manually to keep watch. Throughout a most harassing experience this airman's courageous example was worthy of high praise.

Can/R.85430 Flight Sergeant Frank Fletcher HAMILTON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Hamilton, as captain of aircraft, flew in a recent sortie to Genoa. Shortly after crossing the Alps on the outward journey, one engine in his aircraft ceased to function. Although the aircraft was losing height, he flew on and released his bombs over the target. On the return journey he displayed considerable skill in manoeuvring his aircraft through various passes in the Alps, when unable to fly higher than 6000 feet. Throughout his many operational sorties, this officer has consistently shown great courage and determination to reach his objective regardless of the difficulties encountered.

Can/R.95447 Flight Sergeant Delbert Dale SODERQUIST, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

During a recent sortie, the aircraft in which this airman was flying as mid-upper gunner was attacked by two Junkers 88s. Flight Sergeant Soderquist was wounded in the arm and his turret was damaged. In spite of this he maintained accurate fire, finally destroying one of the attacking aircraft and causing the other to discontinue the engagement. This airman has completed many sorties, and has always displayed similar fighting quality and courage.

*Air Ministry, 15th December, 1942.*

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flg. Off. R. R. HOLDER (37099) (since promoted) is transfd. to the Tech. Br. 24th Apr. 1940.

Plt. Off. B. L. HOWELL (31370) reverts to the Equip. Br. in his former rank of Flg. Off. 30th Nov. 1942.

Flt. Lt. P. E. DUNDEE (39415) is cashiered by sentence of General Court Martial. 27th July 1942.

#### Amendment.

In notifi. of 24th Nov. 1942 (p. 5101, col. 1) concerning J. C. F. HAYTER (36207) for 4th Oct. 1942 read 1st Oct. 1942.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be transfd. to the Tech. Br.:—

Plt. Offs. (prob.):—

F. W. G. PARSONS (48343). 26th Apr. 1942. (*Seny. 9th Mar. 1942.*)

L. F. SMITH (47637). 22nd Aug. 1942. (*Seny. 17th June 1942.*)

#### EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Wg. Cdr. R. A. G. ELLIOTT, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (14101), resumes the rank of Gp. Capt. on reverting to the ret'd. list at his own request. 16th Nov. 1942.

#### RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br.:—

Sqn. Ldr. C. A. GOATCHER (13182). 7th Dec. 1942.

Flt. Lt. W. HILL (70308). 27th Nov. 1942.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. R. H. FRANKLIN (41009) is transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. 5th Dec. 1942.

The notifi. of 4th Aug. 1942 (p. 3412, col. 1) concerning Sqn. Ldr. S. H. BELL (28141) is cancelled.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Off. on prob. A. G. BENNETT (121550) is transfd. to Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 27th Nov. 1942.

Plt. Off. on prob. W. G. J. SYMONDS (116509) is transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 30th Nov. 1942.

Plt. Off. on prob. K. HEATON (115750) is transfd. to Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 1st Dec. 1942.

#### Amendments.

In notifi. of 14th July 1942 (p. 3092, col. 2) for Christopher DIXON (124268) read Christopher Alexander Wilfred DIXON.

In notifi. of 20th Oct. 1942 (p. 4544, col. 2) concerning 1169024 Flt. Sgt. Gordon Harry BURGESS (130321) for 25th June 1942 read 26th June 1942.

#### BALLOON BRANCH.

Flying Officer R. SHIRTCLIFFE (85038) relinquishes his rank at his own request and is transfd. to the General Duties Br. in the rank of Pilot Officer. 31st Oct. 1942.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To relinquish their rank at their own request and to be transferred to the Gen. Duties Br. in the rank of Plt. Off.:—

Flg. Offs.:—

Sir David CUNYNGHAME, Bt. (83314). 1st Dec. 1941.

31st Oct. 1942.

H. L. BEVAN (86005).

S. V. A. JACKSON (89923).

R. K. MACLACHLAN (63204).

S. D. STRUBBS (80577).

Plt. Off. J. M. L. DRUMMOND (60439) is transfd. to the Gen. Duties Br. 31st Oct. 1942.

To be transfd. to the Tech. Br.:—

Flg. Off. J. R. HAZELL (85828). 1st July 1942.

Plt. Off. (prob.) T. BARNETT (111649). 8th Oct. 1942.

To be transfd. to the Accountant Br. with effect from and seniority of the dates stated:—

Flg. Offs.:—

G. N. STEPHENSON (60233). 5th Apr. 1942.

E. A. McGEACHY (88909). 15th Apr. 1942.

D. W. TWEDDLE (101117). 12th May 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.):—

A. J. PRITCHARD (101703) (since promoted). 15th Feb. 1942.

C. S. SMITH (104000). 23rd Feb. 1942.

J. TOFFE (114033). 26th Feb. 1942.

J. W. BERRY (103647). 4th Mar. 1942.

A. S. SMITH (109146). 8th Apr. 1942.

H. H. COUZENS (103706). 9th Apr. 1942.

L. M. CLAY (103693). 12th Apr. 1942.

Plt. Off. (prob.) D. DAVIDSON (103317), is transfd. to the Equip. Br. with effect from and seniority of 1st Apr. 1942.

Flg. Off. L. I. COCKERHAM (83864) is dismissed the Service by sentence of General Court Martial. 30th Nov. 1942.

#### Amendments.

The following notifs. are cancelled:—

29th Sept. 1942 (p. 4220, col. 2) concerning Flt. Lt. F. H. X. GWYNNE (74517).

17th Nov. 1942 (p. 4987, col. 2) concerning Flt. Lt. A. N. DAVID (74466).

#### EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Flg. Off. R. F. DENNIS (64762) is dismissed the service by sentence of General Court Martial. 26th Nov. 1942.

#### ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

Flg. Off. E. C. BACON (103349) relinquishes his rank at his own request and is transferred to the General Duties Br. in the rank of plt. off. 31st Oct. 1942

#### MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. R. M. MUNRO (72753) takes rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flt. Lt. bore date 2nd Nov. 1940. Reduction to take effect from 18th Mar. 1942.

#### DENTAL BRANCH.

#### Amendment.

In notifi. of 27th Oct. 1942 (p. 4650, col. 1) concerning Flg. Off. G. M. WOOLFORD (120084), for 20th Oct. 1942, read 29th Oct. 1942.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT.

Plt. Off. (prob.) W. D. JONES (105275) is transfd. to Admin. & Spec. Duties Br. 26th Nov. 1942.

#### Amendment.

In the notifi. of 3rd Nov. 1942 (p. 4759, col. 1) concerning Flg. Off. F. L. LOWY (85324) for 22nd Oct. 1942, read 25th Nov. 1942.

#### AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. J. G. CONSIDINE (90602) relinquishes his rank at his own request and is transfd. to the General Duties Br. in the rank of Pilot Officer. 31st Oct. 1942.

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