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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 18th December, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese:—

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

Acting Group Captain Charles William Pearce, D.F.C. (Aus. 51), Royal Australian Air Force.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 18th December, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese:—

Aus. 6686 Corporal Andrew Benvie Ireland, Royal Australian Air Force.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 18th December, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished service with the Royal Air Force:—

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

Squadron Leader Edward Alexander Howell, D.F.C. (36027).

Air Ministry, 18th 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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

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

In September, 1942, this officer was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. In most hazardous circumstances he

displayed courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Roy Oldfield CALVERT, D.F.C. (N.Z.404890), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1375895 Flight Sergeant John MEDANI, No. 50 Squadron.

As pilot and navigator of aircraft respectively, Flying Officer Calvert and Flight Sergeant Medani have participated in numerous sorties, including attacks on heavily defended areas in Western Germany and daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan. During a recent sortie, Flying Officer Calvert's aircraft was subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire, sustaining much damage. The wireless operator was killed and both the pilot and navigator were wounded. The aircraft became difficult to control but Flying Officer Calvert, although he had a piece of shell splinter embedded in his left arm, set course for home. Flight Sergeant Medani, despite the severity of his wound and subsequent loss of blood, continued his duties until he collapsed. Even so, he succeeded in giving his pilot a final course which enabled him to reach an airfield in this country where he made a skilful crash landing in bad visibility. Both these members of aircraft crew displayed great courage and tenacity in the face of harassing circumstances.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Cedric Audley MASTERMAN, O.B.E. (37199), No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has led his squadron with great skill and dash. During a flight one day in November, 1942, a large formation of enemy aircraft was intercepted over the Sicilian Channel. In the ensuing engagement 7 of these were destroyed and several more probably destroyed. Throughout, Wing Commander Masterman, who destroyed an S.M.81, displayed outstanding leadership. Within 2 weeks, the squadron has destroyed 16 hostile aircraft in combat as well as others on the ground, while in attacks on shipping, trains, road columns and fuel dumps much damage and disorganisation was caused. His high courage and untiring devotion to duty have set an example worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Wing Commander Donald Teale SAVILLE (74738), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 104 Squadron.

Within 2 weeks of his arrival in Malta, this officer completed numerous sorties. By his splendid leadership and untiring efforts, he has contributed materially to the successes obtained