

1108744 Sergeant John Hamer VICKERS, No. 614 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this airman was the air gunner of an aircraft which attacked the docks at Bizerta. During the operation his aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences and Sergeant Vickers was wounded in the foot, while his parachute and the aircraft dinghy were set on fire. Despite his injuries he left his turret, which he operated by hand as the hydraulics were unservicable, and threw the parachute and dinghy out of the aircraft, thus extinguishing the fire and enabling the aircraft to be flown back to base safely.

*Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Group Captain Harold Arthur FENTON, D.F.C.

Wing Commander Geoffrey David Leybourne HAYSON, D.F.C. (39736).

Acting Wing Commander Thomas Michael HORGAN, D.F.C. (40114).

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Geoffrey Flindell Wood, O.B.E. (32034), No. 70 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Kay MOORE (Aus.400595), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John BARRACLOUGH, A.F.C. (40662), No. 209 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Richard HORNBY (78444), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Leonard ELLIOT (88421), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Robert KOFOED (N.Z.404380), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip Clayton SAWYER (61235), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frederick Victor CAMPBELL (N.Z.411367), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth Swift CAMPBELL (Aus.404371), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer James CLARK (Aus.402439), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Basil Howard GRAY (N.Z.41477), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Douglas MACKELLAR (Aus.402664), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric Wilfred SARGENT (114047), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

Flying Officer William Meredith STERNS (Can/J.5306), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alan WHARTON (Aus.404556), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Lieutenant James Arthur LITHGOW (P.79528), South African Air Force, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant Montague Mortimer YUDELMAN (P.205628), South African Air Force, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan AUSTIN (123302), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer David Wilson CAIRNS (129223), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 250 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Douglas NEALE (974536), No. 148 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.407149 Flight Sergeant Ronald Oliver FULLER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Aus.404376 Flight Sergeant Sydney Bruce GRAY-BUCHANAN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

770397 Flight Sergeant Frederick LEVITT, No. 55 Squadron.

1058700 Flight Sergeant Arthur William VAREY, No. 126 Squadron.

7359874 Sergeant Cedric Charles CHAMBERS, No. 148 Squadron.

1255178 Sergeant Jack FEATHERSTONE, No. 39 Squadron.

Can/R.87652 Sergeant James Shepard HOLLAND, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

1108339 Sergeant Douglas MacTaggart MARTIN, No. 148 Squadron.

958514 Sergeant James George MILLER, No. 39 Squadron.

1117436 Sergeant George Edward MUSK, No. 148 Squadron.

1295358 Sergeant Reginald Arthur Herbert SNOW, No. 37 Squadron.

N.Z.411466 Sergeant Maurice SPINLEY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

Aus.400497 Sergeant Neil Gordon STEWART, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

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

*Air Ministry, 16th February, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The Reverend J. F. COX, M.C., M.A., and the Reverend J. A. JACOB, M.A., Assistant Chaplains-in-Chief, R.A.F., are appointed temporary Honorary Chaplains to the KING. 30th Jan. 1943.

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F. 6th Jan. 1943:—

Peter PETTMAN, Lt. (tempy. Capt.), R.W.K. (50851).

Michael Frederick ANSTEY, Lt., R. Berks. R. (50845).

Thomas Edwin BENNETT, Lt., R. Berks. R. (50846).

Joseph Balfour FOREMAN, Lt., R.A. (50847).

Angus Josslyn GORE-BOOTH, Lt., I. G'ds. (50848).

Sydney Knowles HULME, Lt., R.A. (50849).

James Douglas MAYNE, Lt., R.A. (50850).

Derek Brian Manners PRICE, Lt., Gen. List. (50852).

Robert Thomas John WRIGHT, Lt., R.A. (50853).

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

Wt. Off.  
565648 Stanley Thomas HARPHAM (50801). 29th Oct. 1942.

Flt. Sgts.  
617502 Herbert Charles ANTLEY (50802). 1st May 1942.

535284 Samuel Ernest QUINN (50717). 17th June 1942.

548039 John Lawrence Stephen TAYLOR (50805). 26th Sept. 1942.

636767 James William Ison DAY (50595). 16th Oct. 1942.

550489 William Wilson BROWN (50803). 4th Nov. 1942.

567699 Harold Western NIGHTINGALE (50859). 18th Nov. 1942.

363845 Sydney Walter BANNISTER (50800). 23rd Nov. 1942.

642612 Bruce Honeyborne SKINNER (50804). 26th Nov. 1942.

551721 Charles Albert IRELAND (50806). 17th Dec. 1942.

652227 Douglas PALMER, D.F.M. (50860). 28th Dec. 1942.

Sgts.  
568182 Thomas Roy SHORTMAN (50035). 23rd Oct. 1942.

547941 Herbert William CHESTER (50232). 20th Nov. 1942.

Cpls.  
569446 Clive John BUTLER (49797). 25th Sept. 1942.

568437 George Glendower Frederick BICKERSTAFF (50718). 9th Oct. 1942.

647346 Donald Edward TYRER (50617). 1st Jan. 1943.

I.dg. Acm.  
538901 Ralph Henry Mons BALL (49815). 17th Oct. 1942.

28th Nov. 1942.  
567929 Gordon HAMPTON (50204).

571641 William Henry MINNS (50205).

590467 William John HILLS (50475). 19th Dec. 1942.

Air Vice-Mshl. J. C. SLESSOR, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., to be actg. Air Mshl. 5th Feb. 1943.

Air Cdre J. W. BAKER, C.B., M.C., D.F.C., to be actg. Air Vice-Mshl. 7th Feb. 1943.

Air Cdre. F. P. DON, O.B.E., is placed on the retd. list at his own request and retains the rank of Air Vice-Mshl. 2nd Feb. 1943.