

Air Ministry, 19th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

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

Air Force Medal.

1344013 Sergeant James David MUIR.

One night in December, 1942, Sergeant Muir was the pilot of a Wellington aircraft participating in a photo flash bombing exercise. One photo flash was released successfully and the second was about to be released when it exploded in the flare chute and killed the wireless operator. The aircraft became uncontrollable and a fire was started. Sergeant Muir being unable to maintain height, ordered the remaining crew to escape by parachute. This they did with the exception of the navigator who went to the rear of the aircraft to ascertain the precise condition of the wireless operator. After reporting to Sergeant Muir that he could not detect any pulse the navigator then left the aircraft. Sergeant Muir knew that a crash was inevitable but realising that the bomber was in the vicinity of two villages and being uncertain whether the wireless operator was alive or dead, he decided to remain in the aircraft in an endeavour to land clear of the villages. He succeeded in landing the bomber in a field. Sergeant Muir extricated himself just before the aircraft became enveloped in flames, but he was unable to release the wireless operator. Sergeant Muir displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty throughout this hazardous experience.

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GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) J. C. MACDONALD, D.F.C., A.F.C. (26183), is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.). 8th Dec. 1942.

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

W. E. M. PRICE (44970). 27th Sept. 1942.
A. H. BAIRD, D.F.C. (2nd Lt. Queen's R.) (44817). 2nd Nov. 1942.
A. F. WALLACE (45463). 23rd Dec. 1942. (Seny. 18th Dec. 1942.)
J. E. ATKINS, A.F.M. (46163). 1st Jan. 1943.
N. PICKARD, A.F.C. (45117). 2nd Jan. 1943. (Seny. 16th Sept. 1942.)

8th Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st Jan. 1943.)

R. W. P. MCFARLAND, D.F.M. (45150).

D. W. MANSBRIDGE (45151).

H. H. HENDERSON (2nd Lt. E. Lancs. R.) (45325). 15th Feb. 1943.

Plt. Off. D. F. LIDDLE (Lt. R. Fus.) (48794) to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 25th Oct. 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—

A. L. ROBERTS (46776). 1st Feb. 1942.
G. W. T. HOSSENT (46166). 3rd July 1942.
T. F. GALBRAITH (47127). 1st Oct. 1942.

1st Nov. 1942.

J. C. FAIRGRIEVE (49064).

E. J. STANTON (48863).

C. A. WATTS (49120).

J. H. ELSHAW, D.F.M. (49134). 9th Dec. 1942.

A. RAWLING (49172). 13th Dec. 1942.

T. F. BAYLIS (49252). 20th Dec. 1942.

G. W. SCAMMELL (49314). 1st Jan. 1943.

H. G. MCLEOD (49299). 3rd Jan. 1943.

E. W. F. HEWETT, D.F.M. (49250). 5th Jan. 1943.

6th Jan. 1943.

D. MOORE (49542).

L. WALTERS (49233).

7th Jan. 1943.

F. W. BRINDLEY (49271).

D. F. MCKEE (49236).

J. M. MUNRO (49272).

H. W. MARTIN, D.F.M. (49787). 13th Jan. 1943.

R. H. KNIGHT, D.F.C. (49269). 14th Jan. 1943.

A. P. TILBURY, A.F.M. (49750). 16th Jan. 1943.

J. S. BOTTOM (49657). 21st Jan. 1943.

W. C. SINCLAIR (49242). 23rd Jan. 1943.

R. V. T. KITTO, D.F.M. (49721). 24th Jan. 1943.

J. E. F. MITCHELL (49667). 28th Jan. 1943.

S. R. GENT (49885). 30th Jan. 1943.

D. E. MATTHEWS (49789). 31st Jan. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Sqn. Ldr. J. S. SMITH, M.B.E. (35097), to be Wg. Cdr. (tempy.). 1st Jan. 1943.

Flt. Lt. H. W. BARKER (35215), to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.). 1st Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

Flt. Lt. (war subs.) E. J. GRIBBEN (35388) to be

Flt. Lt. 12th Oct. 1942. (Seny. 12th June 1942.)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts.:—

J. R. STONE (35322). 12th June 1942.

A. T. JONES (35380). 15th Oct. 1942. (Seny. 19th June 1942.)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (tempy.) 1st Jan. 1943:—

R. H. GOMMO (44081). (Seny. 1st June, 1942.)

G. P. RUSSELL (46097). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

A. MCK. THOMSON (46999). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

W. W. WEBB (48701). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

J. S. C. GIBBS (48009). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

G. W. F. PENWARDEN (47161)

A. A. GRAY (48524).

W. G. ROBINSON (49070).

J. T. E. FARMER (46793).

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—

C. A. GROVES (45124). 28th Mar. 1942. (Seny. 16th Feb. 1942.)

F. W. G. PARSONS (48343). 1st Oct. 1942.

Plt. Off. (prob.) T. A. COOMBER (47857) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (war subs.) 1st Oct. 1942. (Seny. 28th Aug. 1942.) (Subs. for notifi. of 8th Jan. 1943 (p. 270, col.))

Actg. Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Plt. Offs. (prob.):—
29th July 1942.

L. W. COTTER (48072). (Seny. 1st Jan. 1942.)

G. E. CASS (49079). (Seny. 15th Jan. 1942.)

20th Dec. 1942. (Seny. 21st June 1942.)

F. J. DEACON (48302).

J. S. PALMER (48301).

W. D. HUNTER (49447). 14th Jan. 1943. (Seny. 30th Mar. 1942.)

The notifi. of 10th Mar. 1942 (p. 1117, col. 2) concerning S. J. BLACK, M.M. (46942) is cancelled.

The notifi. of 1st Jan. 1943 (p. 87, col. 1), concerning Plt. Off. A. M. THOMSON (46999) is cancelled.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flg. Offs. to be Flts Lts. (tempy.) 1st Jan. 1943:—

T. THOMPSON-HORAN (48630). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

H. N. BUBB (47856). (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

G. A. TANSLEY, A.F.M. (44767).

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—

G. H. PHILLIPS (48021). 25th Oct. 1942.

S. J. EASTON (48945). 17th Feb. 1943.

Actg. Plt. Off. (prob.) E. J. MASON (49130) to be Plt. Off. (prob.) 15th Sept. 1942. (Seny. 10th Jan. 1942.)

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Flg. Off. M. C. HART (31441), to be Flt. Lt. (tempy.) 1st Jan. 1943.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flg. Offs. (Gr.-Mrs.) to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.) 19th Dec. 1942:—

B. FELLOWS (23428).

T. H. A. LEAVER (23431).

L. C. F. TWELVES (23432).

H. E. VINCENT (23429).

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Sqn. Ldrs. (tempy.) granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

G. G. STEAD (29101). 9th June 1942.

C. C. D. WILLIAMS (24003). 28th Aug. 1942.

R. C. WARNER (24219). 1st Dec. 1942.

P. R. PATRICK (37610). 22nd Dec. 1942.

Flt. Lts. to be Sqn. Ldrs. (tempy.) 1st Jan. 1943:—

B. J. THOMAS (37661).

K. H. BURNS (40340).