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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 2nd March, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Can/R. 54730 Sergeant Francis Martin BAILY, Royal Canadian Air Force.

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:—

1333209 Sergeant John Edward PARKER, Royal Air Force.

Can/R. 152815 Aircraftman 2nd Class Earl Glenwood MACHAN, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 2nd March, 1943.

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 Frederick Denzil James THOMPSON, D.F.C. (120392), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Thomas Gilbert MAHADDIE, D.S.O., A.F.C. (44456), No. 7 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

517088 Flight Sergeant Charles STEWART, No. 7 Squadron.

One night in February, 1943, Wing Commander Mahaddie, Flight Lieutenant Thompson and Flight Sergeant Stewart were captain, navigator and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and attacked by an enemy fighter. The bomber sustained much damage. The aileron control cables were severed, causing the aircraft to fall into a steep diving turn and the wireless apparatus and the inter communication system were rendered unserviceable. By skilful use of the engines, Wing Commander Mahaddie regained control and set

course for home. With great promptitude, Flight Sergeant Stewart inspected the damage and, after reporting the position to his captain, rendered first aid to the wireless operator who had sustained a severe wound in the hand. Flight Sergeant Stewart then did all in his power to assist his captain in flying the aircraft back to base which was gained at the estimated time due to the superb navigation of Flight Lieutenant Thompson. In the face of trying circumstances, these members of aircraft crew displayed great courage, skill and initiative.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Desmond Malcolm ROLPH SMITH (36249).

This officer has completed a large number of hours operational flying, involving some long and arduous flights over mountainous areas, often in extremely adverse weather. Throughout he has displayed great skill, fortitude and unflagging devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant John Stuart TAYLOR (60090), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 145 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Taylor is a skilful and tenacious fighter. One day in January, 1943, he led his section in an attack on 10 Macchi 200s, regardless of the fact that these were supported by another formation of enemy fighters. During the engagement 2 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 1 of them by Flight Lieutenant Taylor. This officer, who has set a most inspiring example, has destroyed 3 and shared in the destruction of 2 more enemy aircraft.

Captain Charles Leonard FOULDS (P.103337), South African Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous reconnaissances over the Western Desert and Libya, displaying sound judgment and great skill throughout. His fine leadership, courage and unflinching devotion to duty have proved an inspiration to the flight he commands.

Flying Officer Cedric Rossall HESKETH (N.Z.11404), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 145 Squadron.

One day in January, 1943, this officer participated in an engagement against a force of enemy aircraft. During the fight his commanding officer's aircraft developed engine trouble. Flying Officer Hesketh, displaying great determination, covered the disabled aircraft until its pilot brought it safely down on to the sea. He then attacked the enemy force and shot down 2 aircraft within 2 minutes. Throughout he displayed great courage and tenacity.