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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 26th March, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointments 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.

Air Commodore Francis William Fellowes LUKIS, O.B.E., Royal Australian Air Force.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Clifford John TREWIN (Aus.2377), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Angus Murray ARMITAGE (Aus.2646), Royal Australian Air Force.

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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 26th March, 1943.

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.25385 Aircraftman 1st Class Oscar Thomas RAMSAY, Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 26th 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:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Percy Charles PICKARD, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39392), No. 161 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of operational missions and achieved much success. By his outstanding leadership, exceptional ability and fine fighting qualities, he has contributed in a large measure to the high standard of morale of the squadron he commands.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Albert James PUTT, D.F.C. (77690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Henry Robert FIGG, D.F.M. (49631), No. 161 Squadron.

Flying Officer Richard Winter TAYLOR (Can/J.15535), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 161 Squadron (since missing).

These officers have completed a large number of sorties, invariably displaying outstanding skill and devotion to duty. The successes achieved reflect the greatest credit on their efforts which are worthy of high praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Christopher Francis GIBSON (39981), No. 138 Squadron (since missing).

This officer has at all times displayed high courage and outstanding devotion to duty. Early in the Battle of France he was grievously wounded but recovered to render excellent service, completing many operational missions. In addition he has accomplished good work in the training of air crews.

Acting Squadron Leader Alan Hunter Cachemaille BOXER (41545), No. 138 Squadron.

Within the last 2 months, Squadron Leader Boxer has successfully completed several long range sorties. On one of them, when some hundreds of miles from base, one engine of his aircraft failed. Despite this, he succeeded in flying the bomber home. Some time later, he completed the return flight from a distant target in similar circumstances. He is a most reliable and determined pilot.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Beck BAGGULEY (44775), No. 139 Squadron (since missing).

Flight Lieutenant Michael Myers WAYMAN (89359), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 139 Squadron (since deceased).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Kenneth HAYDEN (44407), No. 139 Squadron (since missing).

Flying Officer Gordon Sampson CLEAR (116769), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 139 Squadron (since deceased).

In March, 1943, these officers were members of aircraft crews detailed to attack the Molybdenum Plant at Knaben, Norway. Such a task, necessitating a flight over mountainous terrain covered by a blanket of snow which obscured all prominent features, demanded the highest degree of leadership and skill. At various points the formation had to fly through deep ravines and contend with most treacherous air currents. Despite this the correct target, hidden away in the mountains, was located and subjected to a telling attack from a low level. The success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of these officers whose high courage and faultless work were worthy of the highest praise.