

off, the bomb aimer's parachute stowage and parachute were carried away and both propellers were missing. The aircraft went out of control into a spin. Regaining control, however, Flight Sergeant Ashplant gave his parachute to the bomb aimer and ordered the crew to abandon the aircraft. By a fine display of airmanship and determination he managed to make a crash-landing with the remains of his bomber, without personal injury. Flight Sergeant Ashplant, in an appalling situation, displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty and acted in accordance with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

*Air Ministry, 30th March, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Comander Peter Derek Rougier HUTCHINGS, A.F.C. (37102), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 608 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Charles COCHRANE (42195), No. 87 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William McMillan GILMOUR, D.F.M. (107773), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Shedden Sulyard CARY (115701), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stephen Walter DANIEL (46874), No. 72 Squadron.

Acting Captain Vernon Mearns Lill LINDSAY (P.103368), South African Air Force, No. 2 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Stanley Reginald CARTER (119525), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 608 Squadron.

Flying Officer Edwin Richard COWAN (66596), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (since deceased).

Flying Officer Stuart Alastair GILMAN (104362), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 500 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jack Pershing BERRY (Can/J.15759), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Wilfred Allan GILL (133034), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John MAY (134655), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Thomas Davy TINSEY (129721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William Jolliffe WHITEWOOD (134656), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

657019 Sergeant Joseph Chestnut BARKLEY, No. 150 Squadron.

1117237 Sergeant William KELLY, No. 150 Squadron (since deceased).

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

*Air Ministry, 30th March, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

520707 George Edwin DICKSON (51168). 15th June 1942.

580128 Guy Nelson WILKINSON (51121). 5th Aug. 1942.

565543 George Albert FORD (51164). 14th Nov. 1942.

564893 Frank Edgar WHITEHOUSE (51166). 25th Nov. 1942.

510091 Jack KETLEY (51158). 20th Jan. 1943.

590762 Donald Thomas TONKINSON (51064). 21st Jan. 1943.

565489 Carlton Lionel CLEMENTS (51169). 29th Jan. 1943.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.

566116 Kenneth Stanley THOMPSON (51118). 19th Aug. 1942.

565154 William Alfred FISHER, D.F.M. (51165). 1st Nov. 1942.

12th Nov. 1942.

580053 Maurice HALL (51170).

565723 Leslie Percival Henry COLE (51106).

566581 George Charles WOHTLERS (51125).

13th Nov. 1942.

564611 Peter William EDMONDS (51122).

562332 Frederick Thomas THORP (51123).

564408 Leslie Hazelgrove SAWYER (51163).

364051 Thomas Aelfryn HOWELLS, A.F.M. (51150). 5th Jan. 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

538694 Brian Thomas COLGAN (51060). 5th Nov. 1942.

547920 Richard William ROBINSON (51159). 6th Dec. 1942.

566797 Leslie George GRATTON (50608). 18th Dec. 1942.

515903 John Roy MARSHALL, D.F.M. (51160). 22nd Dec. 1942.

626613 William George BAKER (51161). 28th Jan. 1943.

619609 Denis James BROWN (51130). 1st Feb. 1943.

Sgts.

511875 Dennis Arthur FORKNALL (51065). 26th Sept. 1942.

591241 William Walter THWAITES (50176). 6th Nov. 1942.

591083 William John MALONE (51113). 14th Nov. 1942.

550564 Gordon Frederic AYTON (51167). 22nd Nov. 1942.

567366 Ernest Emile HURSEY (50676). 30th Dec. 1942.

518948 James COBB (51114). 13th Jan. 1943.

Tempy. Sgt.

550405 Harvey Horace THOMPSON (51124). 15th Nov. 1942.

Cpls.

4th Dec. 1942.

622236 Derek Cecil Noel SULLIVAN (51116).

591627 Alban Anthony DUCKETT (50790).

615921 Douglas Wallis STURGEON (51115).

650231 Norman MANIFOLD (50977).

571196 Victor George SPALDING (50787). 30th Dec. 1942.

627232 Aubrey William READ (50611). 2nd Jan. 1943.

9th Jan. 1943.

572807 George Hardy DAVIS (50614).

571113 Charles Alfred WINCH (50615).

Ldg. Acn.

576114 Edward Vincent HARLEY (50605). 18th Dec. 1942.

Air Mshl. Sir Arthur T. HARRIS, K.C.B., O.B.E., A.F.C., to be Actg. Air Ch. Mshl. 18th Mar. 1943.

Air Vice-Mshl. Sir Arthur CONINGHAM, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., to be Actg. Air Mshl. 8th Feb. 1943.

Air Cdre. H. S. KERBY, D.S.C., A.F.C., to be Actg. Air Vice-Mshl. 5th Mar. 1943.

Air Cdre. E. B. C. BETTS, D.S.C., D.F.C., to be Actg. Vice-Mshl. 14th Mar. 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. R. E. C. J. BEENVY (70842) is transferred to the Tech. Br. 4th Jan. 1943.

Flt. Lt. R. J. S. WOOTTON (42088) to take rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flt. Lt. bore date 21st Feb. 1942.

Flt. Lt. D. G. MARSHALL (33390) is cashiered by sentence of General Court Martial. 11th Mar. 1943.

Plt. Off. C. R. S. EVE (49601) (Lt. E. Surrey R.) relinquishes his tempy. commn. on return to Army duty. 8th Feb. 1943.

##### *Amendment.*

In notifi. of 9th Feb. 1943 (p. 703, col. 1) concerning 564552 Claude Owen BECK for 13th Aug. 1942 read 12th Aug. 1942.

##### TECHNICAL BRANCH.

To be Flg. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

28th Jan. 1943.

361879 Dennis Alfred CONNORS (50828).

507312 Francis William EVANS (50833).

350656 John Edward HARDS (50841).

358616 Douglas MACWHIRTER (50839).

354990 Robert WHALLEY (50822).

370221 Elliott FORSYTH (50866). 4th Feb. 1943.