

detailed to attack Essen. On the outward flight, one engine of the bomber became overheated but Sergeant Coupar flew on to the target and bombed it. Shortly after crossing the Dutch coast, on the return journey, the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter, sustaining much damage. The wireless apparatus was rendered unserviceable, the intercommunication and hydraulic systems were put out of action, causing the bomb doors to open and the undercarriage to hang in the down position. In spite of this, Sergeant Coupar coolly and skilfully evaded the attacker and set course for base. During the remainder of the homeward flight, Flight Sergeant Charters, who had been wounded in the chest, displayed great fortitude, remaining at his post to continue his navigational duties. Sergeant Coupar eventually flew the damaged bomber to an airfield where he effected a successful crash-landing. Both these airmen displayed great courage and skill in harassing circumstances.

Air Ministry, 16th April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to approve the following awards:—

Air Force Cross.

Wing Commander Arthur Brodie SEARLE (Can/C.785), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Squadron Leader Anthony Allan Joseph SHELFON (Can/C.1263), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Squadron Leader Ian SOMERVILLE (Can/C.4799), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Louis Billings ELWIN (Can/J. 3098), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Roland Henry FOSSETT (85247), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Flight Lieutenant Stanley Reginald HINKS (41180), Reserve of Air Force Officers.
Flight Lieutenant Charles Leonard Treggerthen SAWLE (Can/C.1489), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Clifford Frederick WILLIAMS (Can/J.4867), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Pilot Officer Charles Sydney AISTROP (Can/J.13484), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Pilot Officer Harold Lawrence SNIDER (Can/C.12583), Royal Canadian Air Force.
Warrant Officer First Class Charles Cyril DREW (Can./56434), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Force Medal.

Can/R.72428 Sergeant William Harold McCUTCHEON, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 16th April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned, as having been commended for valuable service in the air:—

Wing Commander

G. A. Hiltz (Can/C.805), R.C.A.F.

Squadron Leaders.

R. H. Hyndman (Can/C.1628), R.C.A.F.
J. C. J. B. Mirabelli (Can/C.1575), R.C.A.F.
H. M. Wilson (Can/C.1405), R.C.A.F.

Flight Lieutenants.

B. F. Fitz-Gibbon (41571), R.A.F.
T. P. Harnett (41347), R.A.F.
J. J. Jordan (Can/C.1092), R.C.A.F.
A. R. Morrisette (Can/J.4102), R.C.A.F.
E. N. Jepps (110873) (Acting), R.A.F.V.R.

Flying Officers.

A. N. Marshall (46303), R.A.F.
G. M. Winter (Can/J.10431), R.C.A.F.

Air Ministry, 16th April, 1943.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) F. BEAUMONT is granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.). 8th Feb. 1943.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—

Gp. Capt. (tempy.):—
R. B. COUNCELL. 3rd Feb. 1943.
F. J. St. G. BRAITHWAITE, O.B.E. 10th Feb. 1943.
D. J. WAGHORN, A.F.C. 14th Feb. 1943.

J. A. H. LOUDEN. 17th Feb. 1943.

W. J. CRISHAM. 17th Feb. 1943.

J. A. P. HARRISON. 18th Feb. 1943.

Wg. Cdrs. (tempy.):—

B. K. BURNETT, D.F.C., A.F.C. (36010). 1st Feb. 1943.

D. G. MORRIS, D.F.C. (29099). 5th Feb. 1943.

N. E. MORRISON, A.F.C. (26186). 14th Feb. 1943.

R. L. KIPPENBURGER (29016). 24th Feb. 1943.

R. E. de T. VINTRAS (26127). 24th Feb. 1943.

W. N. McKECHNIE, G.C. (26144). 25th Feb. 1943.

F. J. MANNING (34118). 27th Feb. 1943.

J. D. MILLER (32015). 27th Feb. 1943.

J. F. HOBLER (34060). 28th Feb. 1943.

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

A. C. GRAHAM (45041). 13th Dec. 1942. (Seny. 4th Dec. 1942.)

J. E. RUSSELL (45121). 31st Dec. 1942. (Seny. 18th Dec. 1942.)

J. J. GALE (45149). 14th Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st Jan. 1943.)

D. BRUCE, A.F.M. (45272). 20th Jan. 1943. (Seny. 8th Jan. 1943.)

H. H. LE VACK (45748). 20th Feb. 1943.

A. J. J. KIRK (45979). 1st Mar. 1943.

L. W. GOODMAN, D.F.C. (2nd Lt. R.A.) (45423). 8th Mar. 1943.

A. L. COLLETT, A.F.C. (45448). 16th Mar. 1943. (Seny. 5th Mar. 1943.)

Flg. Off. G. F. ROBERTS (45256) to be Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 7th Feb. 1943. (Seny. 15th Jan. 1943.) (Subs. for notifi. of 12th Feb. (p. 753, col. 1).)

Plt. Off. R. H. WALLER (Lt., Indian Army) (49982) to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 29th Dec. 1942.

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

M. C. HUGHES (49239). 28th Dec. 1942.

E. I. WILLIAMS (51034). 23rd Jan. 1943.

W. DERBYSHIRE (49322). 31st Jan. 1943.

A. P. REEN, D.F.M. (49996). 3rd Feb. 1943.

F. R. FORD (49734). 5th Feb. 1943.

R. W. ORBELL (50234). 12th Feb. 1943.

H. C. L. WHITE (49590). 5th Mar. 1943.

J. ASHWORTH (49946). 13th Mar. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Air Vice-Mshl. (tempy.) H. H. McL. FRASER is granted the rank of Air Cdre. (war subs.). 25th Feb. 1943.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.):—

Air Cdrs. (tempy.):—

G. D. DALY, D.F.C. 1st Feb. 1943.

C. N. H. BILNEY, O.B.E. 4th Feb. 1943.

O. E. CARTER, A.F.C. 12th Feb. 1943.

Gp. Capt. (tempy.):—

C. P. BROWN, C.B.E., D.F.C. 19th Feb. 1943.

A. F. LANG, M.B.E., A.F.C. 24th Feb. 1943.

Wg. Cdrs. (tempy.) granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—

G. N. E. TINDAL-CARILL-WORSLEY (26070). 14th Feb. 1943.

C. STEPHENSON (24193). 24th Feb. 1943.

The undermentioned Flg. Offs. (since promoted Flt. Lts.) are granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (tempy.). 1st Dec. 1941:—

T. J. W. S. PEARCE (35293).

R. NICHOLLS (35350).

E. R. J. TAYLOR (35302).

A. H. PERRY (35277).

A. G. EVENDEN (35226).

J. W. FAULKNER (35265).

F. H. PEARCE (35275).

A. S. SUMMERS (35839).

E. T. BEADLE (35369).

A. J. HASKELL (35296).

A. S. ROBBINS (35281).

E. F. WESTWOOD (35288).

R. S. ROBERTSON (35282).

E. DRACUP (35261).

R. J. CHEDD (35254).

R. W. HANCOCK (35364).

W. M. MATTHEWS (35273).

E. J. GRIBBEN (35388).

A. MATTHEWS (35237).

N. GARDNER, D.F.M. (35363).

P. J. CAINS (35357).

E. G. CLARKE (35345).