

much blood and was in intense pain, it was only when the aircraft was about to be landed that Sergeant Mellin would consent to leave his post. His exemplary conduct and great fortitude were worthy of the highest praise.

Air Ministry, 23rd April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the Japanese:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Richard Ashley ATKINSON, D.F.C. (70030) Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Frances Blomfield CHAPMAN (Aus. 1349), Royal Australian Air Force (since missing).

Squadron Leader Gilbert Robert THURSTON (Aus. 460), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Terence Lawless DUIGAN (Aus. 400082), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Michael SEYMOUR (Aus. 406062), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Vernon Eric TOWNSEND (Aus. 407015), Royal Australian Air Force.

Pilot Officer Alan Wildy HAWKESFORD (Aus. 406484), Royal Australian Air Force.

Pilot Officer William Anthony WHEELER (Aus. 404841), Royal Australian Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus. 400573 Flight Sergeant Gordon THOMSON, Royal Australian Air Force.

Aus. 27130 Sergeant Frederick Ross LIEBELT, Royal Australian Air Force.

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

Air Force Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Vaughan EAST (Aus. 572) Royal Australian Air Force.

Pilot Officer Albert Scott LITTLE (Aus. 407970) Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 23rd April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel of the Royal Australian Air Force who have been mentioned in despatches:—

Wing Commander.

L. C. M. HOLSWICH (Aus. 77).
R. S. MACDONALD (Aus. 812).

Squadron Leader.

J. R. FAVIELL (Aus. 2684) (acting).
Flight Lieutenant.

H. A. ROBERTSON (Aus. 667).
L. D. WINTEN (Aus. 526).

Warrant Officer.

C. R. SAWARD (Aus. 4796).
Leading Aircraftmen.

H. OAKE (Aus. 26510).
R. QUARTLY (Aus. 14888).
P. K. WITTY (Aus. 26515).

Aircraftman 1st Class.

J. F. GARVEY (Aus. 56764).

Air Ministry, 23rd April, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) W. D. BUTLER (26008) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.). 5th Feb. 1943.

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

C. W. POULTER (39755). 1st Feb. 1943.
J. H. LAPSLY, D.F.C. (33320). 3rd Feb. 1943.

D. I. C. EYRES (37090). 6th Feb. 1943.

Flg. Off. D. H. A. MOORE, D.F.M. (46081) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 1st Feb. 1943.

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

J. J. CURTIS (45205). 17th Jan. 1943. (Seny. 14th Aug. 1942.)

G. H. BRIGGS (2nd Lt. Coldstream Gds.) (45270). 23rd Jan. 1943.

- C. F. WHITING (45888). 31st Jan. 1943.
- A. L. ROBERTS (46776). 1st Feb. 1943.
- T. R. MEGGITT (45359). 28th Feb. 1943.
- (Seny. 19th Feb. 1943.)
- G. BREW (46215). 7th Mar. 1943.
- J. H. CLOUGH (2nd Lt. 5th W. Yorks R.) (45421). 8th Mar. 1943.
- R. M. TEALE, A.F.C. (45728). 15th Mar. 1943.
- R. E. WILLIAMS (45548). 22nd Mar. 1943.
- 23rd Mar. 1943.
- B. V. MANDERS (43930).
- G. A. MACMAHON (45485). (Seny. 12th Mar. 1943.)
- E. T. BUTCHER (45646). 27th Mar. 1943.
- (Seny. 27th Jan. 1943.)
- I. P. BISHOP, D.F.C. (45492). 31st Mar. 1943.
- (Seny. 26th Mar. 1943.)
- Plt. Off. J. R. VALENTINE (31183) to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 26th Mar. 1943.
- Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—
- 1st Nov. 1942.
- L. R. AUST (48957).
- D. ROBERTS, D.F.M. (48820).
- S. M. HOBSON (49285). 6th Dec. 1942.
- A. K. HEATON (49295). 8th Dec. 1942.
- G. E. DICKSON (51168). 15th Dec. 1942.
- G. E. LILLE (49340). 25th Dec. 1942.
- G. A. M. GALLOP (50517). 4th Jan. 1943.
- R. L. WELLINGTON (49108). 11th Jan. 1943.
- J. H. THAIN (49685). 1st Feb. 1943.
- R. LODGE, D.F.M. (49651). 2nd Feb. 1943.
- H. E. DAVIS (50102). 1st Mar. 1943.
- J. A. BROWNE (49835). 4th Mar. 1943.
- 5th Mar. 1943.
- F. J. T. BROOKS, D.F.M. (50467).
- J. H. COOK, D.F.M. (49998).
- O. G. LIGHTON (49591).
- 8th Mar. 1943.
- R. J. CALVERT (50181).
- R. CROMAR (49843).
- R. J. EDMONDS, D.F.M. (50442).
- 9th Mar. 1943.
- B. F. DUBOIS (49733).
- E. J. TRICKEY (50001).
- W. LYLE (49945). 10th Mar. 1943.
- 11th Mar. 1943.
- D. BOWIE, D.F.M. (50225).
- T. H. COLLINSON (49728).
- D. J. CUTTS (50224).
- R. D. RAYMENT (50657). 12th Mar. 1943.
- 14th Mar. 1943.
- J. FORT (49575).
- J. G. FYFE (49577).
- H. J. THOMAS (50096). 15th Mar. 1943.
- R. C. YOUNG (49995). 17th Mar. 1943.
- W. L. BRECKELL (49661). 19th Mar. 1943.
- J. R. COLE (50221). 19th Mar. 1943.
- J. E. KELT (49766). 21st Mar. 1943.
- C. J. BUTLER (49797). 25th Mar. 1943.
- 29th Mar. 1943.
- C. G. BEAN (50182).
- G. D. REYNOLDS (50843).

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. D. E. SHAW (13042) (ret.) to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) 1st Dec. 1941. (Subs. for notifn. of 1st Oct. 1942 (p. 4256, col. 1).)

Flt. Lts. (tempy.) granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

1st Feb. 1943.

- S. CONWAY (43208).
- R. SAUNDERS (43719).
- F. H. BOLTON (43721).
- F. W. PAGE, M.B.E. (43788). 2nd Feb. 1943.
- E. C. ASHLEY (45192). 7th Feb. 1943.
- 11th Feb. 1943.
- W. H. WESTGATE, M.B.E. (44275).
- C. LONGSTAFF (45030).
- 15th Feb. 1943.
- I. R. BLAIR (43723).
- A. N. JARVIS (44006).
- C. A. DENNE (43570). 16th Feb. 1943.
- 21st Feb. 1943.
- R. L. St. G. SAUNDERS (43766).
- H. K. NEWTON, M.B.E. (43991).
- W. WILSON (45239).
- J. McINTOSH (43572). 26th Feb. 1943.