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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, 4th June, 1943.

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:—

Can./R.82276 Leading Aircraftman William Edward Billings, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 4th June, 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:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Alan Christopher DEERE, D.F.C. (40370).

This officer has displayed exceptional qualities of skill which have played a large part in the successes of formations he has led. His fearlessness, tenacity and unswerving devotion to duty have inspired all with whom he has flown. Wing Commander Deere has destroyed 18 enemy aircraft.

Acting Wing Commander James Edgar JOHNSON, D.F.C. (83267), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has led a wing on a large number of occasions and has displayed outstanding skill and gallantry. During an operation, one morning in May, 1943, his formation was heavily engaged by a large force of enemy fighters. In the ensuing combats 4 enemy aircraft were destroyed without loss. The same afternoon he took part in a similar sortie and 3 enemy fighters were destroyed, 1 of them by Wing Commander Johnson. The next day, this officer took part in another successful sortie. By his skilful and courageous leadership, Wing Commander Johnson contributed materially to the success achieved. He has destroyed at least 13 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Raymond John PHILLIPS (115940), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

In April, 1943, this officer was the navigator of the leading aircraft of a bomber formation detailed to attack enemy air fields. Whilst over the target area the formation was subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer Phillips sustained a wound in the foot, which was almost severed. Although in considerable pain he continued to direct the formation to the target which was successfully bombed before he collapsed. Flying Officer Phillips displayed great fortitude and outstanding devotion to duty, contributing in a large measure to the success of the operation. His exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Joseph LYNCH, D.F.C. (103470), No. 249 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful fighter, whose courageous example has inspired the squadron he commands. Squadron Leader Lynch has taken part in many sorties and has led his formations with great determination. He has destroyed 12 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Waite WOOTEN, D.F.C. (42667), No. 118 Squadron.

This officer, who has taken part in very many sorties, has led the squadron and, occasionally the wing, with great skill and dash. His fine example and outstanding devotion to duty have been inspiring.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Alfred NEWBERY, D.F.C. (60104) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has rendered excellent service. On one occasion he attacked an E-boat, setting it on fire; he has also destroyed an enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Newbery is a most efficient flight commander, whose example of courage and determination has been worthy of high praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Wilfrid Ewart OULTON (26209), No. 58 Squadron.

Recently, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which attacked a U-boat. Later in the day another submarine was observed on the surface of the water. In the face of accurate anti-aircraft fire from the vessel, Wing Commander Oulton pressed home a vigorous attack. During a patrol some days later, he executed a destructive attack on yet another U-boat. Wing Commander Oulton has displayed great keenness and efficiency.

Squadron Leader Foss Henry BOULTON (Can./C.1090), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 416 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, including many low level attacks on targets in Northern France. He has invariably displayed great skill and courage and has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Gilbert Frederick OLDWORTH (89829), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 681 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Douglas PALTHORPE (Aus.406091), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 681 Squadron.

In March, 1943, these officers undertook an operational flight and achieved outstanding success. They have completed much operational flying displaying great skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Andrew BUCKHAM (Can./J.15426), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 416 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties and has proved himself to be a fine fighter