

1315796 Flight Sergeant Frederick Lewis RICHARDS, No. 192 Squadron.  
 966471 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) John ROBERTSON, No. 97 Squadron.  
 Can/R.65749 Flight Sergeant Cecil ROBINSON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.  
 901620 Flight Sergeant Frank George ROSHER.  
 Aus/407933 Flight Sergeant Alexander Moorma SANDERS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.F.) Squadron.  
 632221 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Charles SAW, No. 97 Squadron.  
 655919 Flight Sergeant Robert David SEARLE, No. 207 Squadron.  
 755924 Flight Sergeant Leonard SHIEL, No. 50 Squadron.  
 1179338 Flight Sergeant Paul Neville SIDDONS, No. 44 Squadron.  
 Aus/408723 Flight Sergeant Keith James STEVENS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.  
 548385 Flight Sergeant Douglas Frank SUCKLING, No. 97 Squadron.  
 646187 Flight Sergeant Walter THACKRAY, No. 103 Squadron.  
 Aus/416298 Flight Sergeant William Vincent VIRGO, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.  
 Can/R.62400 Flight Sergeant George Edgar WILLIAMS, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.  
 1281911 Flight Sergeant Frederick Arthur WONHAM, No. 61 Squadron.  
 1166133 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Wilfred WOODHOUSE, No. 57 Squadron.  
 551194 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) John Millar WYLIE, No. 158 Squadron.  
 1238692 Acting Flight Sergeant Albert Ephraim BIRD, No. 35 Squadron.  
 1309295 Acting Flight Sergeant Thomas Joseph McINTYRE, No. 83 Squadron.  
 615448 Acting Flight Sergeant William Douglas PADDY, No. 83 Squadron.  
 1290295 Sergeant Thomas Johnston ADAMSON, No. 78 Squadron.  
 Can/R.64131 Sergeant Hugh John ANDERSON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.  
 657698 Sergeant Cecil Meigel ARRIETA, No. 10 Squadron.  
 1245322 Sergeant Roland John ATKIN, No. 156 Squadron.  
 1281912 Sergeant Peter Raymond BAINES, No. 7 Squadron.  
 1051869 Sergeant William Thomas BATSON, No. 50 Squadron.  
 6281332 Sergeant Ivor BLAIR, No. 90 Squadron.  
 904681 Sergeant Lovell Herbert BLIN, No. 97 Squadron.

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

#### Air Ministry, 11th June, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant conduct:—

#### Military Medal.

Aus/414561 Sergeant Thomas Eric HEWITT, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.  
 After his aircraft had been disabled during a vigorous attack from 3,000 feet, Sergeant Hewitt was ordered to escape by parachute. Alighting in "no man's land" this airman sustained a painful injury to his ankle. He was unaware of his position and was fired at when he moved. The next day he saw his crashed aircraft about a mile away. In great pain and crawling mostly at night, he reached the aircraft 4 days later having evaded several enemy patrols. After attempting to destroy everything possible in the aircraft, Sergeant Hewitt then managed to reach some huts from where he was rescued by our patrols 6½ days after abandoning his aircraft. This air gunner displayed great initiative, courage and fortitude.

#### Air Ministry, 11th June, 1943.

#### AWARDS OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration, conferred on the personnel indicated, in recognition of

valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

#### CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND.

*Polish Cross of Merit (Second Class).*  
 Warrant Officer Reginald William George PILLER (363182).  
 909497 Sergeant Cecil Ernest Francis BENZON.

#### Air Ministry, 11th June 1943.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs):—  
 D. GALLANDERS, D.F.M. (45446). 3rd Mar. 1943. (Seny 12th Feb. 1943.)  
 I. J. BADGER, D.F.C. (45975). 10th Mar. 1943.  
 D. A. BRIGGS, D.F.C. (45465). 11th Mar. 1943. (Seny. 26th Feb. 1943.)  
 24th Mar. 1943.  
 G. A. COOKE, D.F.C. (46316).  
 E. F. HART, D.F.C. (45488). (Seny. 12th Mar. 1943.)  
 R. BROWN, D.F.M. (45695). 25th Mar. 1943.  
 E. BINKS, D.F.M. (45489). 28th Mar. 1943. (Seny. 5th Mar. 1943.)  
 K. J. BOLTON (45525). 6th Apr. 1943. (Seny. 22nd Jan. 1943.)  
 C. P. HALL (50896). 17th Apr. 1943.  
 C. A. HARRAP (2nd Lt. R.H.A.) (45597). 19th Apr. 1943.  
 F. A. BLACK (46219). 27th Apr. 1943.  
 J. TURPIN (45722). 1st May, 1943.  
 F. E. F. PRINCE (47405). 15th May, 1943.  
 Plt. Offs. to be Flg. Offs. (war subs):—  
 R. R. CUNDY (Lt. Cheshire R.) (49776). 16th Mar. 1943.  
 C. E. HARRISON (21331). 24th Apr. 1943.  
 Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs):—  
 C. J. OSMOND (47685). 1st Oct. 1942.  
 F. E. HEWITT (46668). 6th Nov. 1942.  
 J. J. JARMAN (47359). 20th Dec. 1942.  
 E. G. F. BUTCHER (49943). 10th Mar. 1943.  
 L. S. DEARLING (49829). 11th Mar. 1943.  
 B. ARCHER (50186). 13th Mar. 1943.  
 R. K. BAILEY (49730). 17th Mar. 1943.  
 M. J. T. CANE (50217). 27th Mar. 1943.  
 P. W. WEBB (50919). 9th Apr. 1943.  
 A. W. LITTLE (50587). 13th Apr. 1943.  
 R. H. M. BALL (49815). 17th Apr. 1943.  
 A. R. BURCHETT (50040). 23rd Apr. 1943.  
 P. L. D. CUMMINS (51283). 25th Apr. 1943.  
 J. HOBBS (50604). 27th Apr. 1943.  
 B. DENMAN (50231). 6th May, 1943.  
 J. H. WRIGHT (50580). 14th May 1943.  
 F. E. WHITEHOUSE (51166). 25th May, 1943.  
 B. H. SKINNER (50804). 26th May, 1943.

##### TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) J. J. MURPHY (29173) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.) 1st Oct. 1942.  
 Flg. Off W. P. SPINKS (35206) to be Flt. Lt. 7th July, 1941. (Seny 6th Apr. 1941.) (Subs. for notifn. of 2nd Apr. 1943 (p. 1521, col. 1).)  
 Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs):—  
 L. M. COURtenay (48545). 20th Nov. 1942.  
 29th Jan. 1943.  
 E. T. HUTCHINGS (49011).  
 L. H. HENRY (49067). (Seny. 11th Dec. 1942.)  
 R. MURPHY (49240). 7th Feb. 1943.  
 1st Mar. 1943.  
 O. A. GILL (49197).  
 G. H. HERSEY (49186).  
 J. EDWARDS (49102). 19th Mar. 1943.  
 1st Apr. 1943.  
 C. A. L. COOPER (49707).  
 T. J. PARTRIDGE (49738).  
 J. A. F. MORGAN (49819). 8th Apr. 1943.  
 S. GRAHAM (49160). 10th Apr. 1943.  
 J. B. FELTON (49739). 14th Apr. 1943.  
 15th Apr. 1943.  
 H. J. C. BAKER (49849).  
 W. C. BIGGS (49850).  
 R. KAY (49198).  
 R. J. O. MAYBURY (49552). 18th Apr. 1943.  
 21st Apr. 1943.  
 F. R. S. HOLBEN (48413).  
 W. G. R. JONES (48541).