

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.406195, Flight Sergeant Cyril Raymond DAVIES, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Aus.406311, Flight Sergeant Christopher Harold SIMMONS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

As navigator and wireless operator respectively, these airmen have participated in a large number of sorties, including shipping reconnaissances and operations against airfields in Crete. They have displayed great skill throughout and have contributed materially to the successes obtained. Their diligence and determination have set a fine example.

1151611, Sergeant Donald FOSTER, Royal Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

This airman has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed great determination and devotion to duty. In the earlier air operations in the Western Desert, Sergeant Foster attacked many targets with success. Later, in the attack on the Mareth Line, he undertook numerous sorties over the battle area with good results. In June, 1943, Sergeant Foster took part in air operations against Pantellaria. During the flight the engine of his aircraft failed but he skilfully flew the bomber to an airfield and landed it safely.

1319207, Sergeant Wilfred James BARBER, Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

1087496, Sergeant James William Edward LAWRENCE, Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

During an air operation, these airmen displayed courage and fortitude worthy of high praise.

Air Ministry, 10th August, 1943.

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

Military Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Grainger Ker THOMPSON (70672), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

During operations in Burma, in March, 1943, this officer displayed marked courage and initiative in the face of the enemy. In addition to his duties as the Commanding Officer of the Royal Air Force section of a Column, he took an active part in all engagements with the enemy and was always to the fore with his tommy gun, steady and indifferent to his personal safety. His example had a marked effect on all ranks in the Column, whilst his detailed knowledge of the enemy and their methods was of the greatest assistance to his superiors.

Air Ministry, 10th August, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Gawain Thomas Alexander DOUGLAS, Lt. I.A. (52548) to be Plt. Off. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F. 17th Nov. 1941.

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

Wt. Offs.

581530 Peter Douglas RICHARDSON (52546). 23rd Dec. 1942.

580729 Leonard Joseph Charles WILDIG (52562). 26th Feb. 1943.

580206 William MORGAN, D.F.M. (52541). 11th Apr. 1943.

590695 John WINSTANLEY (52550). 29th Apr. 1943.

590678 Charles Frederick James WATTS (52540). 12th May 1943.

562715 John Edward GIBBS, D.F.M. (52559). 26th May 1943.

590220 Alfred Richard HOWELL (52542). 28th May 1943.

565046 John WHELAN (52561). 5th June 1943.

581295 Andrew Abbie ORROCK (52547). 6th June 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

654090 Philip CROSSLEY (52543). 3rd Jan. 1943.

644450 Elwyn Cooper ROBERTS (52544). 15th Feb. 1943.

530540 Ernest ELLISON (52560). 7th Mar. 1943.

642980 Ronald Bell EDGAR (52564). 25th Mar. 1943.

550412 George Anthony GAMBLE, D.F.M. (52565). 20th Apr. 1943.

523270 Kenneth Stirling FREEMAN, D.F.M. (52558). 25th Apr. 1943.

550974 Leslie Percival CARTER (52545). 27th May 1943.

Sgts.

568378 Roy Gordon Peter STRONG (52567). 5th Apr. 1943.

19th June 1943.

614729 Edward James BROWN (52566).

527435 Frederick Brynmor JAMES (52167).

539788 James CAMPBELL (52568). 1st July 1943.

Cpl.

538916 Dennis Frederick NAYLOR (55090). 14th May 1943.

Flt. Lt. C. F. WHITFIELD (44781) is transf'd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 14th July 1943.

Wg. Cdr. W. R. SADLER (05184) is seconded for Special Duty. 7th July 1943.

Wg. Cdr. J. J. RAINE (37022) ceases to be seconded for Special Duty. 1st Apr. 1943.

Flg. Off. W. A. ALLINSON, D.F.M. (46307) takes rank and precedence as if his appt. as Flg. Off. bore date 1st Sept. 1942. Reduction to take effect from 5th June 1943.

The commn. of Plt. Off. (prob.) J. W. RIDLEY (49337) is terminated. 28th July 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

507053 Wt. Off. Stanley Claud POCKETT (52083). to be Flg. Off. on prob. (emergency). 17th June 1943.

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

17th June 1943.

513631 Charles PRIESTLEY (52091).

564984 Colin SINCLAIR (52096).

24th June 1943.

560041 Albert BUIK (52142).

512897 George Gordon COX (52143).

Flt. Sgts.

17th June 1943.

568969 William Albert BEAMISH (52098).

525740 Norman James GUEST (52087).

550727 Walter Robert HEARN (52088).

520984 Charles Verdun SMITH (52093).

522415 Michael William STALL (52095).

571949 John Vernon TALBOT (52092).

24th June 1943.

514982 Thomas John BURDETT (52141).

564324 Gilbert Ratcliffe HADFIELD (52137).

517574 Arthur George HARRIS (52146).

545618 Leslie Richard HARRIS (52149).

523862 Alexander Munro KING (52147).

562291 Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh SCOTT (52140).

Sgts.

17th June 1943.

522213 Sydney Bertram LAW (52089).

567376 Edward Daniel MURRAY (52090).

24th June 1943.

520469 Bernard Leslie GOULT (52144).

622623 Richard Charles HEATH (52145).

553235 Leslie John STREET (52148).

Cpl.

536944 Walter SLATER (52094). 17th June 1943.

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

Flt. Sgts.

24th June 1943.

564174 Frederick COSKER (52135).

564179 George John Crawford HARVEY (52138).

560820 Tudor Glyn JONES (52125).

566161 Charles Thomas RILETT (52139).

563319 Norman David YOUNG (52124).

564620 James Henry FOWLER (52136). 4th July 1943.

Sgts.

542835 William Alfred Charles JACKSON (52062). 10th June 1943.

567486 John BUSHBY (52134). 24th June 1943.

Cpl.

639247 Charles COLLIS (52097). 17th June 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Wt. Offs.

17th June 1943.

352953 Joseph William COURT (52085).

359814 George Edmund JACKSON (52104).

357799 Sidney James KNELL (52086).