

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Edward Lewis PICKLES (Aus.413248), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 100 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Pickles has displayed outstanding courage and determination in many attacks on major and heavily defended targets in Germany. One night in July, 1943, he was pilot and captain of a bomber ordered to attack Hamburg. While proceeding to make the attack, the aircraft was engaged by enemy fighters and two of Pilot Officer Pickles' crew were killed and a third seriously injured. Nevertheless this officer displayed masterly airmanship and succeeded in evading his assailants, and flew his aircraft safely back to this country.

*Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa,
 5th October, 1943.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Barry Haig MOFFIT, A.F.C. (Can/C.1770), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 5 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Warrant Officer 2nd Class Charles Edmond SPENCE (Can/R.54574), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 5 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.149596 Corporal Harold KNELSON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 5 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

*Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa,
 5th October, 1943.*

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

F/Lt. B. B. A. CASEY (Can/C1061) (deceased).
 F/O. J. D. HOOPER (Can/J.10747).
 Can/R.79152 F/Sgt. P. A. CORBETT.
 Can/R.74841 F/Sgt. L. A. HUNT.
 Can/R.61597 Sgt. W. BEDWELL.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the undermentioned as having been commended for valuable service in the air:—

F/Lt. C. C. CROSSLEY (Can/C.1654), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 5th October, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Wt. Off.

516276 Ralph Taverham WARE (52938). 18th June 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

569585 Graham Stanley HULSE (52935). 29th May 1943.

653477 Ernest MAXWELL (52872). 4th Aug. 1943.

616801 Leonard Edward MORAN (52937). 8th Aug. 1943.

568521 Arthur COLLINS, D.F.M. (52908). 10th Aug. 1943.

570703 James Edward PALMER (52907). 12th Aug. 1943.

Sgts.

575012 Gerald Longfield RAMSAY (52871). 28th June 1943.

567647 Reginald Ivor MANNING (52870). 14th July 1943.

648082 Kenneth Judah ALBURY (52910). 24th July 1943.

31st July 1943.

619217 John Henry BUNTON (53011).

531209 Edward Eric FLETCHER (52570).

528226 James ADAMSON (55221). 6th Aug. 1943.

567334 Charles Anthony CLARKESON (52911). 8th Aug. 1943.

649579 John Henry DEAN (52914). 15th Aug. 1943.

650182 Franklyn Maurice Melbourne SMITH (52915). 16th Aug. 1943.

Cpls.

570300 Robert Byron BINGHAM (52508). 17th July 1943.

531392 Alexander Thomas GILL (55220). 23rd July 1943.

Ldg. Acn.

17th July 1943.

623237 Percy Sidney COBLE (52756).

571860 Bernard Tom Frederic FULLER (52509).

576722 Roy Edward MONK (52571). 31st July 1943.

Acn. 2nd Cl.

514000 John Robert BRANNAN (52826). 27th Aug. 1943.

Air Cdre. F. L. HOPPS, C.B.E., A.F.C., to be Actg. Air Vice-Mshl. 28th July 1943.

Flt. Lt. K. MACGREGOR (Lt. R.A.) (43976) relinquishes his tempy. commn. on return to Army duty. 31st July 1943.

Amendments.

In notifi. of 27th July 1943 (p. 3385, col. 1) concerning J. H. RATCLIFFE (52041) for RATCLIFFE read RATCLIFF.

In notifi. of 3rd Aug. 1943 (p. 3485, col. 1) concerning H. T. HAGGER (52514) for HAGGER read HAGGAR.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

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

Wt. Off.

348415 Sidney George CLEMENTS (52680). 12th Aug. 1943.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency) 12th Aug. 1943:—

Flt. Sgts.

564831 John Nicholas BEAN (52685).

561508 William Claud COWLING (52678).

562388 Duncan Mervyn GARTERY (52675).

562175 Arthur Derrett May KITCHEN (52451).

563676 Lawrence Owen PALMER (51011).

561874 Roy Frederick PLUCKNETT (52682).

560372 Stanley Herbert PURCHASE (52684).

Sgts.

513846 Charles Henry William CHAMPNESS (52679).

567152 Frederick William MEAGER (52673).

Cpl.

575408 George YOUNG (52671).

BALLOON BRANCH.

Flg. Off. F. T. SIBBONS (48870) is transfd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. 21st July 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Wt. Off.

315175 Robert Constant STROUD (52639). 5th Aug. 1943.

To be Actg. Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency) 5th Aug. 1943:—

Wt. Off.

590254 John Arthur TAYLOR (52641).

Sgt.

534359 John Kenneth BURRELL (52640).

Cpl.

646760 Kenneth William Graham GAMBLE (52642).

Amendment.

In notifi. of 11th May 1943 (p. 2100, col. 2) concerning Gwffrey Henry HAYNES (51314) for Gwffrey read Geoffrey and for Actg. Plt. Off. read Plt. Off.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermtd. relinquish their commns. in class CC on appt. to emergency commns. in the R.A.F.V.R. 1st Mar. 1942:—

Sqn. Ldr. F. L. HARRISON.

Flt. Lts.:—

A. P. BOARDMAN.

A. C. BROWN.

G. T. LEWIS.

Flg. Off. D. H. WILSON.

Plt. Offs.:—

W. E. FOSTEKEW.

V. G. WHITBY.