

publication of the names of the following personnel of the Royal Australian Air Force who have been mentioned in despatches:—

Wing Commander.

R. H. MORAN (Aus.83).

Flight Lieutenant.

J. P. R. SHIELDS (Aus.402065) (acting).

Flying Officers.

D. J. FORREST (Aus.406837) (since missing).

J. L. LEGGE (Aus.408854).

B. M. PAIN (Aus.409217).

C. L. TAAFE (Aus.401541).

Pilot Officers.

G. F. BOWRA (Aus.406050).

A. A. MACKAY (Aus.412638).

Flight Sergeants.

Aus.401641 D. O. DUNCAN.

Aus. 405533 J. PERKINS.

Sergeant.

Aus.408189 A. T. EDMUNDS.

Leading Aircraftman.

Aus.59717 M. H. P. MARTIN.

Matron, Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service.

M. D. DUTTON.

Air Ministry, 19th Oct. 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Wt. Offs.

535829 John Anthony ANDERSON (53137). 8th July, 1943.

357775 Patrick Joseph Frederick BAKER (53133). 15th July 1943.

523725 Ronald Frederick BUMSTEAD (53138). 24th July 1943.

580977 William George PRINCE (53134). 25th July 1943.

581350 John Kennedy NOWRIE (55227). 6th Aug. 1943.

566040 Arthur John TREBBLE (53147). 12th Aug. 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

525301 Geoffrey Bryan Stuart PETTS (52920). 12th Feb. 1943.

591259 James MCGARTH (55225). 6th Aug. 1943.

523618 James Bertram NICHOLSON (55230). 20th Aug. 1943.

567753 Maurice PENMAN (53149). 25th Aug. 1943.

Sgts.

16th July 1943.

618877 George William OLIVER (53152).

650101 Samuel Raymond CLARKE (53140).

648611 Antony HANSON (55222). 6th Aug. 1943.

653904 Richard Marcellus HIGGS (53148). 2nd Sept. 1943.

Tempy. Sgt.

547030 James Anthony COYNE (53136). 2nd Sept. 1943.

Cpls.

582977 Roy Clifford AXTEN (55224). 6th Aug. 1943.

570852 Thomas Manning Curzon BALL (55232). 20th Aug. 1943.

The undermtd. are transf'd. to the R.A.F.O. and called up for air force service:—

Sqn. Ldrs.:—

W. B. FLEMING (32222). 2nd Sept. 1943.

I. S. SMITH, D.F.C. (43048). 11th Sept. 1943.

T. B. MORTON (32250). 23rd Sept. 1943.

27th Sept. 1943.

S. A. D. PIKE (40344).

D. A. WILLIS, D.F.C. (40331).

Flt. Lts.:—

P. M. DOBREE BELL (42676). 2nd Sept. 1943.

E. H. THOMPSON (75670). 10th Sept. 1943.

11th Sept. 1943.

D. R. BAGNALL, D.F.C. (43021).

J. COMAR (43026).

H. H. J. MILLER, D.F.C. (43041).

J. B. ROBERTSON (43044).

G. S. WILLIAMS (43051).

J. H. J. SAUVAGE, D.F.C. (43045). 12th Sept. 1943.

J. L. W. ELLACOMBE, D.F.C. (43031). 20th Sept. 1943.

23rd Sept. 1943.

J. W. BUCHANAN (32240).

H. L. MARSHALL (43040).

R. E. FAWCETT (43032). 24th Sept. 1943.

27th Sept. 1943.

D. M. BRASS (40337).

F. J. KNIGHT (40304).

I. R. C. MACPHERSON, D.F.C. (40311).

J. R. J. RAIL (40429).

G. G. L. RATTIGAN (40345).

M. T. WAINWRIGHT (40346).

The undermtd. Flt. Lts. are transf'd. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br. of the R.A.F.O. and are called up for air force service:—

E. G. RANDS (40184). 16th Sept. 1943.

D. H. MACKAY (40310). 27th Sept. 1943.

Gp. Capt. E. C. EMMETT, M.C., D.F.C., is placed on the retd. list but continues to be employed on air force service. 5th Oct. 1943.

Flg. Off. G. C. BENSUSAN (Lt. P. Corps) (48593) relinquishes his tempy. commn. on return to Army duty. 8th Sept. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

550370 Actg. Flt. Sgt. Ronald Ewart WARDROP (52278) to be Plt. Off. on prob. (emergency). 4th Aug. 1943.

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

571379 George John AYLETT (52771). 26th Aug. 1943.

Actg. Flt. Sgt.

521171 Walter Robert HUGHES (52180). 23rd July 1943.

Sgts.

26th Aug. 1943.

542819 Cyril George DAY (52773).

621463 James William George SPACKMAN (52778).

651142 Hugh Shelley STAMMWITZ, B.E.M. (52816).

Cpls.

570255 John Sinclair GIBBS (51810). 4th June 1943.

26th Aug. 1943.

575115 Herbert Roy BECKETT (52781).

576137 James Edmund BODEN (52782).

575433 Roy BURROWS (52783).

575041 Russell CAIRD (52784).

575046 Dale DUNCAN (52785).

576110 John James SIMPSON HIRONS (52788).

576249 Frank JEFFERIES (52789).

576187 George William LACKENBY (52790).

575100 Edward SPICER (52794).

1060093 Alan THOMPSON (52795).

Ldg. Acn.

26th Aug. 1943.

576154 Leslie MASSEY (52791).

575398 Victor WILLIS (52796).

Acn. 1st Cl.

26th Aug. 1943.

576209 Ronald Edward James BARNETT (52780).

576141 Peter GRIMSHAW (52786).

576191 Neville Reginald George HARTWELL (52787).

576170 Douglas Howell Smith REES (52792).

576401 William Thomas REEVES (52793).

Flt. Lt. L. J. CRATCHLEY (44995) takes rank and precedence as if his appt. as Flt. Lt. bore date 19th Aug. 1943. Reduction to take effect from 19th Aug. 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy. Wg. Cdr.) A. E. GROOM, M.B.E., A.F.C., D.S.M. (13155) is placed on the retd. list and retains the rank of Wg. Cdr. 26th Sept. 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Flg. Offs. on prob. (emergency) 26th Aug. 1943:—

Wt. Offs.

350770 John Thomas BRIGGS, M.B.E. (52772).

340242 Leonard Charles MARKS (52775).

343495 Arthur Cecil SNOWBALL (52779).