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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.I.

7th January, 1944. The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the posthumous award of the GEORGE CROSS to the undermentioned:—

R.179314 Leading Aircraftman Kenneth Geral-SPOONER (deceased), Royal Canadian Air Force. Gerald

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The KING has been graciously pleased on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

R.73178 Warrant Officer Class I Norman Donald SMITH, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 7th January, 1944.

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.

Distinguished Service Order. Acting Wing Commander Donald Frederick Edgar Charles DEAN, D.F.C. (42997), Royal Air Force, No. 35 Squadron. This officer has commanded his squadron with notable success over a long period. He has frequently taken part in operations over distant and dangerous targets in Germany including Berlin, Cologne and Duisburg. He has, at all times dis-played the highest courage and keenness whilst his enthusiasm and ability have been reflected in the excellent operational work performed by the whole squadron. squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Robert McFARLANE, D.F.C. (111222), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron. This officer has commanded the squadron since July, 1943, and has shown exceptional powers of leadership. He has done much to raise the standard of operational efficiency to a high level which has been accomplished by the emulation of his own personal example. Wing Commander McFarlane is now serving in his second tour of operational duty and has taken part in attacks on most of the

enemy's heavily defended objectives. His sterling services are worthy of high praise.

Squadron Leader Sidney BAKER, D.F.C. Acting (115867), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Squadron. Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed a large number of operational missions many of them in a most re-sponsible role. He has a fine operational record and his ability and devotion to duty have at all times been highly commendable. Squadron Leader Baker has taken part in most of the recent attacks against such targets as Hanover, Leipzig and Berlin and as flight commander his leadership and co-operation have been of the utmost value to his squadron. squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader David Mowbray BALME, D.F.C. (118095), Royal Air Force Volunteer Re-serve, No. 207 Squadron. Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has continued to set the highest example of bravery and devotion to duty. He has attacked targets in the Ruhr area and in Berlin, with out-standing success, and has also completed missions to other distant and difficult objectives. As a flight commander, Squadron Leader Balme has been unsparing in his efforts to train his crews to the highest degree of efficiency.

the mgnest degree of efficiency. Acting Squadron Leader Colin Francis CAMPBELL, D.F.C. (102986), Royal Air Force Volunteer Re-serve, No. 109 Squadron. Squadron Leader Campbell has been engaged on operational work which has demanded great skill. His appreciation of the responsibilities with which he has been entrusted, combined with his great determination to complete his tasks have contri-buted much to the success of operations in which he has participated. he has participated.

ne nas participated. Acting Squadron Leader Brian Hugh Douglas FOSTER, D.F.C. (67635), Royal Air Force Volun-teer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has successfully bombed some of the most heavily defended targets in enemy territory. His coolness, determination and courage have been of the highest order. An ex-cellent captain of aircraft he has consistently pressed home his attacks with the utmost vigour and has frequently, without hesitation, made several runs over the target to ensure accuracy of aim. of aim.

Acting Squadron Leader Eugene Hugh O'NEILL, D.F.C. (Aus.400030), Royal Australian Air. Force, No. 109 Squadron. Since he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Squadron Leader O'Neill has completed many operational sorties against some of