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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF  
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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and for the following awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Flying Officer Donald James Dines (120751) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One evening in August, 1943, Flying Officer Dines was the observer of an aircraft which, owing to engine failure, came down on the sea. The pilot sustained injuries to his head and Flying Officer Dines, displaying initiative, took command of the crew. As a result of his untiring efforts the dinghy was eventually recovered from the wreckage. Then, in order to save an airman who was a non-swimmer, Flying Officer Dines swam over to a petrol tank which had broken loose and succeeded in getting the airman on to it temporarily. He eventually inflated the dinghy and assisted all the crew, including the non-swimmer, into it safely. By this time Flying Officer Dines was almost exhausted but he immediately took control of the emergency rations and flares. All were rescued several hours later. The lives of Flying Officer Dines' comrades were undoubtedly saved by his courage and coolness in extremely difficult circumstances.

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Flying Officer Robert Dunlop, M.B., B.Ch. (138359), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).*

992138 Corporal Charles Valentine Burton, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One afternoon in July, 1943, an aircraft crashed on landing and caught fire. The pilot and a passenger, who were the only occupants, were both thrown out of the cockpit and trapped beneath the wreckage of a wing. Corporal Burton, assisted by two other airmen, attempted to rescue the occupants but all were driven back by the heat. Undeterred, Burton made another attempt alone and this time succeeded in partially lifting the burning wreckage of the wing and he then dragged the pilot clear. Flying Officer Dunlop, a medical officer, had arrived at the scene of the accident and on being informed that the passenger

was still under the wreckage, attempted to release him. Whilst this was being done an explosion occurred but Flying Officer Dunlop continued his rescue efforts and dragged the passenger clear of the aircraft. This officer and airman displayed considerable bravery.

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Honorary Flight Lieutenant Eric George Ackermann, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

For three years Flight Lieutenant Ackermann has been employed on special duties both in this country and the Mediterranean area. He has completed his tasks often under most difficult and dangerous conditions and the results have been worthy of great praise.

Captain Colin Ernest Lewer Allen (278524V), South African Air Force.

One night in July, 1943, an aircraft, with a crew of four, collided with a stationary aircraft and two trucks when taking off. The bomber, which was carrying six 250lb. bombs, burst into flames. Captain Allen, the squadron medical officer, after instructing an orderly to bring a nearby ambulance to the aircraft, proceeded to the scene of the accident. Before he was able to get to the wreckage he saw one member of the bomber's crew stumble away to safety. Then the starboard petrol tank exploded. On reaching the aircraft Captain Allen saw the pilot, who was injured and in a dazed condition, in the nose of the aircraft endeavouring to locate the observer. After removing the pilot, Captain Allen groped in the nose of the bomber but was unable to find the observer. He continued his search around and over the port wing, which was well ablaze, in an endeavour to find the two remaining members of the crew. Fully aware of the danger from the possible explosion of the bombs, Captain Allen remained in the vicinity and finally, with an assistant, he removed the body of the gunner which was found lying partly under the wing beside the blazing fuselage. Shortly afterwards three of the bombs exploded. Captain Allen displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Flying Officer Geoffrey Howard Dhenin, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (138354), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).*

1387153 Corporal William John Lush.

One night in October, 1943, an aircraft, which had sustained damage during an attack against Hanover, crashed near an airfield. The aircraft