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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
22nd February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese:—

To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Acting Air Commodore Sidney WALLINGFORD,
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Wing Commander Eric Maple LEWIS (N.Z.1022).
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

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

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Lindsay MEYNELL
(N.Z.24105), Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Air Ministry, 22nd February, 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.

Flying Officer Godfrey Arnold MORRISON (150107),
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 550 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin one night in January, 1944. When nearing the target area the aircraft was intercepted by fighters. The bomber came under heavy cannon and machine-gun fire and the mid-upper and rear gunners were killed at the outset of the fight. Flying Officer Morrison succeeded in evading the attackers but his aircraft had been repeatedly hit. One engine was out of action, and the intercommunication system, the compasses and the air speed indicator were useless; all the controls also sustained some damage. In spite of this, Flying Officer Morrison executed a successful bombing attack and afterwards flew the badly damaged aircraft to base. This officer displayed skill and courage of a high order and his iron determination to complete his task successfully set a very fine example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Group Captain Leslie William Clement BOWER
(26130), Royal Air Force.

This officer has completed numerous sorties and has invariably displayed leadership and skill of a high order. His determination to complete his tasks successfully has always been evident and was well illustrated during a recent sortie. Before reaching the target his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but he went on to complete his attack. On the return flight the aircraft was again hit by fire from the ground defences. Much damage was sustained, including one engine which was put out of action. Group Captain Bower displayed great skill in his endeavour to reach home but, just before the English coast was reached the damaged engine burst into flames. Group Captain Bower crossed the coast, however, but was compelled to make a landing in difficult circumstances. As the aircraft touched down it became enveloped in flames and a petrol tank burst. Group Captain Bower was rendered unconscious but was dragged clear by a comrade. This officer displayed great courage and resolution throughout.

Acting Squadron Leader William Papillion KEMP
(N.Z.403550), Royal New Zealand Air Force,
No. 227 Squadron.

During operations in North Africa this officer took part in very many sorties, involving attacks on targets ranging from El Alamein to Tunisia; his successes in that theatre include the destruction of a small supply ship and a Junkers 88. More recently, Squadron Leader Kemp has completed many sorties over the Aegean Sea and has achieved excellent results. In January, 1944, he took part in an attack on an enemy vessel escorted by 2 armed ships. During the operation, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which rendered all the electrical equipment unserviceable. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Kemp, who had sustained a wound in the foot from a piece of shrapnel, continued to attack until the operation was successfully completed, all 3 ships being hit and set on fire. Although in much pain and suffering from the loss of blood Squadron Leader Kemp refrained from informing his leader of his injury. Displaying great fortitude and resolution he maintained formation throughout the homeward flight. Not until base was reached was anyone aware of his hurt. Squadron Leader Kemp displayed great courage and devotion to duty setting an example of a high order.