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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
10th March, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian 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 Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Wing Commander Daniel John ROONEY (Aus.250317),
Royal Australian Air Force.

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

Flying Officer Dudley Lloyd DRYSDALE (Aus.1136),
Royal Australian Air Force.

Flying Officer Victor Harold GOLDFINCH (Aus.1099),
Royal Australian Air Force.

Flying Officer Wilfred Volsteedt GREENHAM
(Aus.1088), Royal Australian Air Force.

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese, to the undermentioned:—

Aus.11693 Flight Sergeant (now Warrant Officer)
Joseph Edward HARLE, Royal Australian Air Force.

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal, in recognition of brave conduct, to the undermentioned:—

Air Commodore Arthur Henry COBBY, D.S.O.,
D.F.C., Royal Australian Air Force.

Aus.132390 Aircraftman 1st Class Sydney Lewis
WARREN, Royal Australian Air Force.

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Aus.62546 Corporal Albert Leslie FOWLER, Royal
Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 10th March, 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.

Acting Squadron Leader John Robert BALDWIN,
D.F.C. (122337), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 198 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Baldwin has led his squadron on very many sorties, during which 30 enemy aircraft have been shot down. Much of the great success achieved can be attributed to Squadron Leader Baldwin's superb leadership, fine tactical ability and iron determination. His sterling qualities were amply demonstrated on one occasion in January, 1944, when he led a small formation of aircraft in an attack on a force of some 30 Focke Wulf 190s, 9 of which were shot down, Squadron Leader Baldwin being responsible for 2 of the successes. His example was inspiring.

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur REECE, D.F.C.,
A.F.C. (44128), Royal Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed many sorties during which he has attacked such well defended targets as Cologne, Hamburg and Berlin with success. Squadron Leader Reece is a courageous and resolute captain, whose personal example has inspired all. On one occasion he was selected to attack a target near Turin. In spite of intense light anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader Reece displayed great determination, making 4 runs over the target to ensure accurate bombing. On the homeward flight, the propeller of one of the engines had to be feathered, but Squadron Leader Reece flew safely to a home based airfield where he effected a masterly landing. This officer has rendered most valuable service.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas David HAIG, D.F.C. (33540), Royal Air Force, No. 576 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties on his second tour of operations and continues to show the same determined qualities which have earned him many successes. One night in February, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. Early on the outward flight one of the bomber's engines became defective but Squadron Leader Haig held to his course. Some time later a fighter was encountered but it was skilfully evaded. Soon afterwards the bomber was intercepted by another enemy aircraft. Once again this captain proved his skill by manoeuvring to a position which enabled his rear gunner to deliver a burst of machine-gun fire which struck the attacker and caused its destruction. Squadron Leader Haig then resumed his course and eventually pressed home a successful attack on his target. He set a fine example of skill, courage and resolution.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Charles Stirling MACDONALD (Can/C.1634), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed great skill, determination and devotion to duty. On a recent occasion, Wing Commander MacDonald led a small formation of aircraft on a sortie during which 7 enemy aircraft were shot down, 2 of which were destroyed by Wing Commander MacDonald. The success achieved on this brilliantly executed operation reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of this officer.

Squadron Leader Frederick Thomas GARDINER (72100), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 254 Squadron.

In February, 1944, this officer led the squadron in an attack on shipping. By his great skill and inspiring leadership, Squadron Leader Gardiner contributed in a large measure to the success obtained. He has completed one tour of operations and his fine fighting qualities and unflinching devotion to duty have set a worthy example.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Henry FOKES, D.F.M. (88439), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 257 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties during which he has shot down at least 10 enemy aircraft. He is a fine leader and has invariably pressed home his attacks with skill and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Howard PIPER (68149), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Piper has participated in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide variety of targets. On one occasion he was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. When nearing the target area, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. At the outset, Flight Lieutenant Piper's turret was hit by the enemy's bullets and his guns were put out of action. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Piper so skilfully directed his captain's combat manoeuvres that, although 8 attacks were endured, the attacker was completely frustrated. On several other occasions in fights with enemy aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Piper's gunnery skill has played a good part in driving off the attackers.

Flight Lieutenant Lionel Hamilton SCARGILL (101093), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

In February, 1944, this officer completed a reconnaissance over various targets in Germany, returning with most valuable information. Throughout he displayed great skill and determination and his effort was worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer Norman Llewellyn BAMFORD (149134), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 85 Squadron.

As observer, Flying Officer Bamford has taken part in a large number of sorties at night and has assisted in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. He has at all times displayed great keenness and devotion to duty, setting a praiseworthy example.

Flying Officer William Vincent BLAKE (Can/J.14132), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in February, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. On the outward flight, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and before the enemy aircraft could be evaded, the bomber sustained much damage. Soon afterwards, 3 more fighters were encountered but they were successfully evaded. A little later, the bomber was hit by fire from the ground defences. More damage was sustained, rendering the intercommunication system inoperative and cutting off the supply of oxygen to the rear of the aircraft. Although the aircraft became difficult to control, Flying Officer Blake continued to the target which he successfully attacked, afterwards flying the damaged aircraft to an airfield in this country. This officer displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order.

Flying Officer William Geoffrey EAGLE (143448), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 198 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties and has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft, 4 of which he shot down whilst operating in the Western Desert. In January, 1944, Flying Officer Eagle took part in a sortie during which he became separated from his formation owing to poor visibility. Whilst flying alone he attacked a force of 12 enemy fighters. His first burst of fire struck the leading enemy aircraft which exploded. He then attacked a second enemy aircraft hitting it with a burst of fire, causing it to collide with another of the enemy formation; all three enemy aircraft crashed into the sea. The remainder of the formation broke away and flew off. Thus, single-handed, Flying Officer Eagle routed the whole enemy force. His achievement was outstanding.

Flying Officer Edmund Alfred PEARMAIN (156337), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including 9 attacks on Berlin. He has invariably displayed great skill and determination in pressing home his attacks and thus has achieved many successes. One night in February, 1944, Flying Officer Pearmain took part in an attack on Berlin. Although 1 engine became useless when some 70 miles from the target, Flying Officer Pearmain continued his mission and made a successful attack. His action was typical of the resolution he has always shown to reach and bomb his target.

Flying Officer Lawrence William Fraser STARK (148445), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 609 Squadron.

This officer is a cool and resourceful fighter who has invariably displayed great keenness and determination. He has shot down 6 enemy aircraft in combat, whilst in attacks on enemy targets on the ground he has destroyed an aircraft and a locomotive; he has also attacked a number of small vessels such as tugs and barges with damaging effect.

Pilot Officer Richard Marcellus HIGGS (53148), Royal Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft, Pilot Officer Higgs has completed many sorties against well defended targets in Germany, including 6 attacks on Berlin. He has invariably displayed great skill and courage and his determination to complete his missions successfully has won high praise.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1212752, Flight Sergeant Benjamin John David BIRD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

As rear gunner this airman has participated in many sorties including attacks on such targets as Bochum, Nuremberg and Turin. Throughout he has set an excellent example of keenness and determination and has proved himself to be a reliable and vigilant member of aircraft crew. On 1 occasion his aircraft was attacked 8 times by a fighter. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Bird succeeded in driving it off in the end. On another occasion, when his aircraft was intercepted by a fighter, Flight Sergeant Bird coolly withheld his fire until the enemy aircraft came into close range then, with a well directed burst shot it

down into the sea. Again in January, 1944, he engaged an enemy fighter with successful results. His achievements have been most commendable.

1319244 Flight Sergeant Gerald CARREL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When nearing the target a Junkers 88 was encountered. As the enemy aircraft came into the attack, Flight Sergeant Carrel opened fire and then directed his captain in the necessary combat manoeuvres. Two more attacks were repelled and finally a well directed burst of fire from Flight Sergeant Carrel's guns struck the enemy aircraft, which caught fire and fell to the ground. A few minutes later another fighter was encountered but, although the enemy aircraft attacked with great persistence, it was finally driven off. During these combats, Flight Sergeant Carrel displayed great coolness and resolution and his excellent work contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft.

1550890, Flight Sergeant William Ferguson POLLOCK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

As air gunner, this airman has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on targets in the Ruhr and numerous other centres. On 1 occasion in an encounter with a fighter, Flight Sergeant Pollock sustained wounds in the legs. In spite of this, he insisted on remaining at his post until the sortie was completed. On recovering from his injuries, Flight Sergeant Pollock returned to his flying duties with undiminished keenness and zest. He has set a worthy example.

577155, Flight Sergeant Thomas Lawrence SALTER, Royal Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets important to the enemy's war effort. Throughout his long tour he has displayed noteworthy devotion to duty and his technical skill has, on more than 1 occasion, contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft. He has rendered excellent service.

1452572, Sergeant Robert William JOY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

As air gunner, Sergeant Joy has participated in very many sorties, including 8 attacks on the German capital. On the last of these he assisted in the destruction of an enemy fighter. He is a most vigilant and determined member of aircraft crew and has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

1439962, Sergeant Arthur George WRIGHT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron.

This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig one night in February, 1944. Long before reaching the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter, but a telling burst of fire by Sergeant Wright drove off the enemy aircraft. Shortly afterwards the bomber was intercepted by another fighter. Sergeant Wright quickly informed his captain of the presence of the enemy aircraft and prompt evading action was taken. The fighter attacked with much persistence but finally Sergeant Wright drove off the attacker with a long and accurate burst of fire from close range; when last seen the enemy aircraft was falling to the ground with large quantities of black smoke pouring from it. Twice on the return flight the bomber was attacked by fighters but, on each occasion, Sergeant Wright's good shooting and concise evading directions to his captain were responsible for frustrating the attackers. His cool, skilful and confident work in the face of the enemy set an example of a high order.

Government House, Canberra, 10th March, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the Japanese:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander James Andrews HEPBURN (Aus. 247).

Wing Commander William George LEER, A.F.C. (Aus. 173).

Wing Commander Thomas Vincent STOKES (Aus. 250279).

Flight Lieutenant Peter Searle AMBROSE (Aus. 407160).

Flight Lieutenant Henry Brown CRAIG (Aus. 402229).

Flight Lieutenant John Drew ENTWISTLE (Aus. 250796).

Flight Lieutenant Louis William HALL (Aus. 406717).

Flight Lieutenant Claude Robert Mascot SLADEN (Aus. 1765).

Flight Lieutenant William George Searle WHITE (Aus. 404192).

Flying Officer John West McMASTER (Aus. 405754).

Flying Officer Arthur Hilary MORTON (Aus. 406947).

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

Aus. 416212 Flight Sergeant (now Flying Officer) Clarence Reginald GREEN.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus. 416560 Flight Sergeant Ronald William Thompson FRANCIS.

Aus. 32903 Acting Sergeant Donald Arthur ROBERTS.

Government House, Canberra, 10th March, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Air Force Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Donald Lionel McGILVERY (Aus. 271354).

Flight Lieutenant John Archibald BONNINGTON (Aus. 271926).

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Graham CORNFoot (Aus. 250630).

Flying Officer Eric Tully WILLCOCKS (Aus. 416473).

Government House, Canberra, 10th March, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment to the Royal Red Cross:—

Associate of the Royal Red Cross.

Acting Matron Alice Jean WHEATLEY.

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

Squadron Leaders.

B. F. N. ISRAEL (Aus. 262817) (Acting).

L. D. MCKENZIE (Aus. 250653) (Acting).

C. H. MACKINNON (Aus. 250892) (Acting).

I. J. ROBERTS (Aus. 400008) (Acting).

J. YEAMAN (Aus. 266324) (Acting).

Flight Lieutenants.

R. B. ANDERSON (Aus. 409070) (Missing).

P. B. CREAGH (Aus. 405396).

R. G. MULLINS (Aus. 404799).

L. E. H. PARSONS (Aus. 250826).

J. W. STONE (Aus. 407689).

W. L. VON DOUSSA (Aus. 284198).

R. H. WOOLLACOTT (Aus. 407144) (Missing).

I. R. OLORENSHAW (Aus. 416062) (Acting).

Flying Officers.

G. ALLAN (Aus. 1272).

K. N. BISHOP (Aus. 255384).

T. McD. S. C. BURNETT (Aus. 403901).

H. K. GRAHAM (Aus. 120562).

T. B. MORGAN (Aus. 413404).

R. R. RICHARDS (Aus. 405095).

J. M. ROTHERY (Aus. 411388).

R. SNEYMOUR (Aus. 406879).

E. N. SHARPE (Aus. 254899).

J. M. UTBER (Aus. 401866).

R. MacF. WHITECROSS (Aus. 405334).

Pilot Officers.

F. K. FOSTER (Aus. 408827).

J. O. JENKINS (Aus. 410119).

F. C. JOHNSTON (Aus. 401965).

Warrant Officer.

A. G. WAITE (Aus. 406817).

Flight Sergeants.

Aus.412605 J. D. AIKEN.
 Aus.409675 B. EAST.
 Aus.413116 O. H. GRIFFITHS.
 Aus.410051 R. G. HARBECK.
 Aus.410054 R. HARRISON (Missing).
 Aus.412440 J. A. HEATH (Missing).
 Aus.409934 L. V. McMAHON (Missing).
 Aus.409271 N. B. MANN.
 Aus.3933 E. J. MILLER.
 Aus.410074 C. E. MINEHAM.
 Aus.21028 C. W. MORRISON.
 Aus.409316 D. F. NOLAN.
 Aus.413029 K. J. PAYNTER.
 Aus.2721 E. R. SARGENT.

Sergeants.

Aus.19422 G. R. McINTOSH.
 Aus.32811 A. E. PEPPERCORN.
 Aus.62080 K. L. BREAKSPEAR (Acting).
 Aus.39551 A. H. CLARK (Acting).
 Aus.61209 H. L. DUNCAN (Acting).
 Aus.23937 R. McKAY (Acting).

Corporal.

Aus.6978 E. CHADWICK.

Air Ministry, 10th March, 1944.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of

valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND.

Krzyz Walecznych (Cross of Valour).

Acting Air Commodore (Henry Iliff COZENS, A.F.C., Royal Air Force.
 Acting Group Captain Maurice Wilbraham Sandford ROBINSON, C.B.E., Royal Air Force.
 Flying Officer Gerald Albert MARIN (125745), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 Flying Officer Percival Charles STANDEN (148440), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 Pilot Officer Frank Henry TILLMAN (159697), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (since deceased).

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Legion of Merit (Commander).

Air Vice-Marshal Grahame George DAWSON, C.B., C.B.E., Royal Air Force.

Legion of Merit (Officer).

Air Commodore George Robert BEAMISH, C.B.E., Royal Air Force.
 Air Commodore William Edward George MANN, C.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.
 Acting Air Commodore Guy Lloyd CARTER, D.S.O., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.
 Acting Wing Commander James Edward DUNNING, O.B.E. (77542), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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