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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
16th June, 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 Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Air Commodore Arthur Henry Cobby, D.S.O., D.F.C., G.M., Royal Australian Air Force.

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

Wing Commander James Franklin Lawson (Aus.1059), Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Blake Raymond Pelly (Aus.260226), Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader John Arthur Campbell (Aus.2112), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader William Arthur Bradley (Aus.2966), Royal Australian Air Force.

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

Flight Lieutenant Norman Albert Hodges (Aus.1082), Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Frederick John Daniel Syer (Aus.252703), Royal Australian Air Force.

Flying Officer Norman Eric Fraser (Aus.1137), 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 following awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal, in recognition of brave conduct:—

Awarded the George Medal.

Aus.425616 Flight Sergeant Thomas Henry Dennis, Royal Australian Air Force.

Aus.126653 Leading Aircraftman Alexander Charles McAlister, Royal Australian Air Force.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).

Aus.38108 Leading Aircraftman William Paul Thomas, 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:—

Aus.24918 Sergeant Eric George Arndt, Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 16th June, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander James Fraser BARRON, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. (N.Z.401749), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 7 Squadron:

One night in May, 1944, this officer participated in an attack on an airfield at Nantes. By his appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him and the skill and precision with which he executed his attack, Wing Commander Barron contributed in a large measure to the success achieved. Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order this officer has taken part in many attacks on dangerous and difficult targets. He is an outstanding captain whose example of skill, bravery and determination has impressed all.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader John Mervyn DENNIS, D.F.C. (41783), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 7 Squadron.

One night in May, 1944, this officer captained one of a formation of aircraft detailed to attack the railway junction at Chambly. In the operation, Squadron Leader Dennis displayed notable skill and, regardless of the enemy's defences, pressed home his attack with great accuracy. His brilliant work was a prominent factor in the great success achieved. This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has set a rare example of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant William Edward Montague EDDY (126609), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and fortitude in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Clifford Stanley CHATTEN (149529), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

One night in May, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Brunswick. On the outward flight the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter but it was cleverly evaded. When nearing the target area, however, another fighter was encountered. As a result the bomber was severely damaged. The nose part was smashed. The air pressure thus caused blew out the windows at the side and most of the windscreen around the pilot's cupola. The navigational equipment, the wireless apparatus and the mid-upper turret were rendered useless, while 2 members of the crew were wounded. The cold was intense. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Chatten was determined to complete the task for which he had flown so far. In the face of much anti-aircraft fire, and an attack by yet another fighter, he executed a successful bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft back to this country. This officer displayed skill, gallantry and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Flying Officer Peter Gerald West (150199), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 164 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of one of a small formation of aircraft detailed to attack a ground target one morning in May, 1944. His objective was the destruction of a light gun position which menaced the success of the operation as a whole. In the execution of his task, Flying Officer West displayed such precision and resolution that the enemy gunners were unable to fire a single shell in defence of their position. His main task was accomplished but seeing the guns of another emplacement further west, Flying Officer West pressed home an attack on this position on which he expended the remainder of his ammunition. As he turned for home his aircraft was hit by a shell. Flying Officer West was severely wounded in the arm and leg, both limbs being rendered useless. His radio-telephone was put out of action. Nevertheless, this gallant pilot displayed the greatest coolness. With his good arm he lifted his maimed one above his head in an effort to decrease the flow of blood and set course for home. In this position he flew the aircraft to this country. Soon after crossing the coast he successfully effected a crash-landing in a field near a main road. This officer displayed courage, endurance and devotion to duty beyond praise.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Walter BRAY, D.F.C. (113927), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 205 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed very many sorties and has continued to display the highest standard of skill and resolution. One night in May, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leverkusen. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, causing damage to the port wing and engine nacelle. Considerable vibration ensued but, in spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Bray executed an accurate attack. The vibration became so pronounced that it became necessary to put the affected engine out of action. Height was being gradually lost and the aircraft became extremely difficult to control but Flight Lieutenant Bray flew on to reach this country. His tenacity was typical of that he had shown throughout the many sorties in which he has taken part.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric SPRAWSON (70638), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 106 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties and has set a fine example of skill, gallantry and resolution. One night in March, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. Whilst over the target area the aircraft sustained damage. The wireless apparatus was wrecked and the inter-communication system was put out of action but Squadron Leader Sprawson continued his bombing run and pressed home his attack. On another occasion in May, 1944, this officer took part in an attack on Brunswick. Before reaching the target his aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Although the bomber sustained damage the engagement ended with the destruction of the attacker.

Squadron Leader Sprawson then went on to the target which he attacked successfully. On the return flight the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained further damage but Squadron Leader Sprawson flew it safely to base. His achievements have been worthy of the greatest praise.

Flight Lieutenant George Frank LAMBERT (63419), Royal Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and determination of a high order. He has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Turin, Frankfurt and Cologne. His keenness has always been evident and his determination to bomb his targets successfully has won much praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas RAWLINSON (163670), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 429 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a notable tour during which he has attacked Berlin on 6 occasions. He has displayed the greatest keenness throughout, and his determination to make every sortie a success has won high praise. He is a model captain whose gallant example has been reflected in the fine spirit of his crews.

Flying Officer William George BRASNETT (Can/J. 23408), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Thomas Hugh PARNELL (129401), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As pilot and navigator of aircraft respectively these officers have taken part in several attacks on shipping. On a recent occasion they attacked a number of enemy vessels off the French coast. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire the attack was pressed home with skill and daring and a hit was obtained on one of the ships. Some hours later they successfully attacked another enemy vessel. These officers displayed a high degree of courage and determination throughout.

Flying Officer Gwilym Beynon ELLIS (157683), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

One night in May, 1944, Flying Officer Ellis piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Hasselt. On the outward flight the aircraft was engaged by a fighter and sustained damage before the enemy aircraft was driven off. Although one engine was useless and the port mainplane had received damage, Flying Officer Ellis went on to the target which he attacked with his usual determination. This officer, who is now on his second tour, has displayed exceptional keenness, great skill and courage.

Pilot Officer Stanley Enos CAMPBELL (Can/J.85691), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As air gunner, this officer has taken part in very many attacks on a variety of well defended targets including eleven on Berlin. On one occasion in an operation against the German capital his aircraft was engaged by a fighter. Although the enemy attacked with much persistence, Pilot Officer Campbell directed the necessary combat manoeuvres with great skill. Finally, Pilot Officer Campbell delivered a well placed burst of fire and the attacker dived towards the ground enveloped in flames. He defended his aircraft with great coolness and confidence, qualities which have made him a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Pilot Officer Frederick Walter COLE (170662), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, 6 of them being attacks on the German capital. He has invariably displayed great skill and perseverance and his example has been most commendable. Recently he took part in an attack on Hasselt. When over the target area his rear gunner warned him of the presence of an enemy aircraft. Pilot Officer Cole promptly manoeuvred to a position from which his gunners were able to deliver most effective bursts of fire which caused the enemy aircraft to fall away in a steep dive. Pilot Officer Cole then went on to attack his target. Although his aircraft was hit by shrapnel which tore away a large part of the port aileron, he pressed home a determined attack. This officer displayed devotion to duty of a high order.

Pilot Officer James Colin STIRLING (175706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 145 Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a keen and resolute fighter. He has taken part in numerous attacks on mechanical transport and locomotives with much success. His fine fighting spirit was well in evidence on one occasion when, single-handed, he engaged a force of some 12 enemy aircraft, one of which he shot down. He has destroyed at least 2 more hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Garnet George Archie WHITEHEAD (161399), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

N.Z.421067 Flight Sergeant Marcus Louis LANGLEY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1466012 Flight Sergeant Ernest George PARISH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

As pilot and navigator of aircraft respectively these airmen have participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping and have set a fine example of skill and dash. In May, 1944, they took part in an attack on a heavily armed convoy and obtained a hit on one of the vessels. Flight Sergeant Langley also used his machine guns to good effect on 2 minesweepers. Some days later these airmen were again in action against enemy shipping. At the outset of the fight Flight Sergeant Langley was wounded in the throat, arms and thigh. In spite of this he pressed home his attack and afterwards flew the aircraft to base. He displayed courage and fortitude of the highest order. Flight Sergeant Parish also proved himself to be a cool and resolute member of aircraft crew. On the return flight he tended to his wounded pilot and did everything within his power to assist him in his endeavours to reach this country. He proved a tower of strength.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1807113 Sergeant John William CARRIGAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a tour of operations during which he has taken part in attacks on a variety of targets important to the enemy's war effort. Throughout, he has displayed high qualities of zeal and resolution and his engineering skill has played a worthy part in the successes obtained. During a recent sortie his aircraft was hit by bullets from a fighter and caught fire. Coolly and resourcefully, Sergeant Carrigan helped to extinguish the flames and afterwards assisted in navigating the aircraft home in addition to executing his normal engineering tasks. His exemplary conduct at all times has been most commendable.

Can/R.68020 Flight Sergeant Harold Lewis GRAYSON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As flight engineer this airman has taken part in very many sorties involving attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg and various centres in the Ruhr area. He has at all times displayed a high standard of skill and has proved himself to be a cool and resolute member of aircraft crew. His fearlessness and strong sense of duty have set an excellent example.

Government House, Canberra, 16th June, 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 Service Order.

Group Captain Redmond Forrest Michael GREEN (Aus.146).

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Arthur John CLELAND (Aus.411004).
Squadron Leader Arthur Alexander THOMSON (Aus.281731).

Acting Squadron Leader Geoffrey Charles AHERTON (Aus.408030).

Acting Squadron Leader Bruce Edward BROWN (Aus.402342).

Flight Lieutenant John Sanger AUSTIN (Aus.400363) (since deceased).

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Archibald DICKSON (Aus.407115).

Flight Lieutenant Michael HELSHAM (Aus.411780).

Flight Lieutenant Dare Maxwell HOLYMAN (Aus.407190).

Flight Lieutenant Richard Lancelot LEWIS (Aus.406166).

Flight Lieutenant John Keith MCCARTHY, A.F.M. (Aus.2876).

Flight Lieutenant Hugh Dundonnell MACKENZIE (Aus.404347).

Flight Lieutenant Charles Stuart WALSH (Aus.406065).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Selwyn McKenzie CLARK (Aus.406004).

Flying Officer Sydney Roy CARTER (Aus.405373).

Flying Officer Alfred Ferguson CATT (Aus.407223).

Flying Officer John Bruce LEMCKE (Aus.412154).

Flying Officer Alan Alexander MACKAY (Aus.412638).

Flying Officer George Robert MAUGHER (Aus.17037).

Pilot Officer Raymond Stanley HARBER (Aus.32803).

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.415400 Flight Sergeant (now Flying Officer) Edward Charles CLARK.

Aus.421681 Flight Sergeant Ronald Stanley JORDAN.

Aus.402707 Flight Sergeant Leslie Allen LANGDON.

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

Wing Commanders.

W. S. ARTHUR, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus. 565).

T. A. CUMMINS (Aus. 250995).

D. MARSHALL (Aus. 285339).

Squadron Leaders.

E. L. CHAUNCEY (Aus. 261826).

J. F. CRAMER-ROBERTS (Aus. 251501).

L. M. HOGAN (Aus. 281940) (deceased).

F. R. MCGRILL (Aus. 575).

R. A. SPINNEY (Aus. 261143).

Acting Squadron Leaders.

J. V. ANGUS (Aus. 262693) (deceased)

C. B. HARLEY (Aus. 263118).

J. K. MANNING (Aus. 262660).

Flight Lieutenants.

J. A. CORRIGAN (Aus. 270374).

C. G. HARVEY (Aus. 3492).

I. R. KINNROSS (Aus. 250731).

D. H. MACLEAN (Aus. 404652).

J. D. RIMES (Aus. 411523).

D. R. STONE (Aus. 3406).

T. S. YOUNG (Aus. 11006).

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

H. T. F. BOLTON (Aus. 275374).

T. O. BUTCHER (Aus. 120555).

R. A. ROBINSON (Aus. 266301).

Flying Officers.

J. C. BIRT (Aus. 415392).

J. L. HANNAGAN (Aus. 296651).

W. E. HENRY (Aus. 403740).

F. A. MILLER (47966) R.A.F.

E. B. MORRIS-HADWELL (Aus. 1433).

E. R. STALEY (Aus. 401679).

P. J. WHITE (Aus. 5804).

Pilot Officers.

R. J. HARPER (Aus. 408651).

A. E. L. MACKENZIE (Aus. 413882).

Warrant Officers.

D. A. ALLAN (Aus. 406908).

E. P. GOOD (Aus. 14580).

A. R. HARRINGTON (Aus. 4791).

J. P. McDONALD (Aus. 2985).

R. J. NASH (363177) R.A.F.

Flight Sergeants.

C. G. DAVIES (Aus. 205916).

W. R. DAVIS (Aus. 35745).

D. F. FORDE (Aus. 6258).

A. C. HERON (Aus. 3920).
 A. E. L. MCKENZIE (Aus. 413882).
 A. REDHEAD (Aus. 33304).
 H. W. WATERS (560455) R.A.F.

Sergeants.

Aus. 15898 W. D. BELL.
 Aus. 64368 H. G. O. LAND.
 Aus. 39274 C. V. READE.
 Aus. 21236 W. J. SCHOFIELD.

Corporals.

Aus. 11066 H. J. CLAY.
 Aus. 35170 L. G. DUSTING.
 Aus. 33960 J. H. HAWKINS.
 Aus. 43791 F. MACRAE.
 Aus. 35107 R. S. PASSFIELD.

Acting Corporal.

Aus. 82094 J. ROBERTS.

Leading Aircraftmen.

Aus. 40085 L. F. J. EDMONDS.
 Aus. 72199 S. MARSH.
 Aus. 15942 L. J. MILLIGAN.
 Aus. 47207 L. O. SIMS.
 Aus. 35433 L. SMITH.

Aircraftman 1st Class.

Aus. 62575 W. E. NAVIN.

Air Ministry, 16th June, 1944.

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

of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
 CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

Medal for Valour.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey William SHAW (168982), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
 STATES OF AMERICA.

Legion of Merit (Officer).

Wing Commander Tristram Barnard de la Poer BERESFORD, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33156), Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Air Commodore Alexander GRAY, C.B., M.C., Royal Air Force.

Major Eric Cowley SAVILLE, D.F.C. (103255), South African Air Force (since deceased).

Flying Officer Donald Philip McINTYRE, D.F.C. (Can/J.5998), Royal Canadian Air Force.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 8th June, 1944 (Birthday Honours list). Following names to be added to list of mentions in despatches:—

Flight Lieutenant R. MARCINKUS (89580), R.A.F.V.R. (deceased).

Can/R.139719 Corporal R. G. MYLREA, R.C.A.F.

Can/R.77551 Corporal J. OWENS, R.C.A.F.

(p. 2615, col. 2) regarding the Rev. I. H. BRODIE (88640), R.A.F.V.R., delete "deceased."

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