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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.