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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned —

Can/R.75958 Corporal Frederick Cyril Cox, Royal Canadian Air Force

Air Ministry, 21st July, 1944

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

Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Wing Commander Eric Colquhoun HAMBER (Can/C 1625), R C A F 426 (R C A F) Sqn

Wing Commander Hamber has completed numerous sorties and has displayed a high degree of determination and devotion to duty throughout. His successes pay an excellent tribute to his great skill and courage.

Acting Squadron Leader Frank BRIERLEY, D F M. (120738), R A F V R. 55 Sqn.

This officer has completed several sorties on his second tour of operations. He has displayed great skill, tenacity and devotion to duty and has achieved much success. On a recent occasion Squadron Leader Brierley successfully attacked a large quantity of oil stores. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire he obtained hits which set much fuel on fire. On this his hundredth sortie, Squadron Leader Brierley displayed commendable courage and great devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Ralph Campbell CHOPPING (70120), R A F V R 514 Sqn

This officer has completed very many sorties as pilot and captain of aircraft. He has displayed a high standard of skill and his determination to achieve success has been most commendable. On one occasion in May, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. Early on the outward flight severe icing conditions were encountered, causing the aircraft to vibrate violently. Control was temporarily lost and the bomber fell towards ground at an alarming rate. Squadron Leader Chopping ordered his crew to leave by parachute but himself remained at his post and struggled to regain control. He succeeded in so doing when down to some 2,000

feet and then went on to jettison his bombs in the sea. He afterwards flew the aircraft to an airfield and effected a safe landing. His coolness and resolution on this occasion was typical of that he has shown throughout his tour.

Flight Lieutenant Allan John Laird CRAIG (103561), R A F V R. 7 Sqn

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them demanding a high degree of skill and resolution. Throughout his tour he has displayed exceptional keenness whilst his good judgment and outstanding ability have contributed in a large measure to the success of many important missions in which he has taken part.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Odwyn JOHNSTON (125527), R A F V R 161 Sqn

This officer has displayed notable skill and devotion to duty throughout his tour of operations. On a recent occasion he piloted an aircraft detailed for a sortie. Whilst returning from his target his aircraft was engaged by enemy fighters which attacked with great persistence. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Johnston manoeuvred with great skill and finally evaded the attackers. In the fight the aircraft sustained damage. Although it became difficult to control, Flight Lieutenant Johnston flew it to base and effected a safe landing. This officer displayed courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Robert MOORE (102100), R A F V R 3 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked a wide range of targets, including shipping, airfields and industrial targets. Flight Lieutenant Moore has shot down a Messerschmitt 109. This officer has invariably displayed great dash and determination and is a fine leader.

Flight Lieutenant Wylie Hall SPAFFORD (Can/J 14328), R C A F 408 (R C A F) Sqn

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and gallantry in air operations against the enemy. He has completed many sorties during which he has attacked such strongly defended targets as Berlin, Frankfurt and Mannheim. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with vigour and has obtained much success. He is a most inspiring leader.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur WILDING (41642), R A F O 138 Sqn

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including attacks on Berlin and other more distant targets. He is a most efficient pilot whose example of gallantry and devotion to duty has impressed all.