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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
15th August, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of distinguished services in connection with the operations in Normandy:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Sydney Porter Walmsley, C.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.
Acting Air Vice-Marshal Harry Broadhurst, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.
Acting Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Charles Strafford, C.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.

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15th August, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointment to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished services in connection with the operations in Normandy:—

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

Air Vice-Marshal Brian Edmund Baker, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

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

Air Vice-Marshal Leslie Norman Hollinghurst, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.

Air Ministry, 15th August, 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 Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Gordon BARWELL, D.F.C. (77454), R.A.F.V.R., 125 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and his example of keenness, determination and devotion to duty has been worthy of the highest praise. He is a most able flight commander whose untiring efforts have been reflected in the operational efficiency of the formation

he commands. Squadron Leader Barwell has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 2 of them at night.

Flying Officer Colin Gowans FINLAYSON, D.F.C. (Can/J.13956), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer continues to display the highest qualities of skill, bravery and devotion to duty. As observer he has taken part in a large number of sorties, many of them of a difficult and dangerous nature. On one occasion, in May, 1944, he took part in a sortie far into enemy territory during which he assisted in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft. He has proved himself to be a most valuable member of the squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Ronald Walter WALLENS (70708), R.A.F.O., 277 Sqn.

In the early phases of the war, Squadron Leader Wallens took part in a large number of sorties during which he destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft. In a combat in September, 1940, he was wounded in the leg by a cannon shell. Since his return to operational duties he has undertaken many air/sea rescue sorties and has been responsible for saving a number of personnel from the sea. He has set a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Basil CHAMPNEYS (116920), R.A.F.V.R., 208 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many reconnaissances, often in the face of heavy anti-aircraft opposition and in adverse weather. In June, 1944, at a critical stage in the advance from Anzio to Highway 6, Flight Lieutenant Champneys executed a reconnaissance of the Valmontone defence line, obtaining information which proved invaluable to the ground forces. This officer has displayed skill, gallantry and determination of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Lloyd Rees DAVIES (63457), R.A.F.V.R., 25 Sqn.

This officer has completed a notable tour during which he has attacked many enemy airfields and railway communications with much success. He is a highly skilled and courageous pilot whose example has been inspiring. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft at night, 2 of them in one sortie.

Flight Lieutenant Clarence Muriel JASPER (Can/J.10611), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a most skilful and resolute pilot, whose determination to engage the enemy has always been evident. He has completed many sorties and has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft in the air and others on the ground.

Flight Lieutenant Oscar Archibald Joseph MARTIN (Can/J.7792), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As observer, Flight Lieutenant Martin has participated in many sorties both by day and night.