

ferceness of the fire, had to abandon the attempt. Although considerably shaken when he had made his own escape, he showed great bravery and devotion to duty.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

22nd September, 1944.

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

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

Flight Lieutenant Frederick Thomas KNIGHT, late Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Air Ministry, 22nd September, 1944.

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

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander James Brian TAIT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33291), R.A.F., 617 Sqn.

Since he was awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order this officer has completed many sorties against targets in enemy-occupied territory and Germany. On several occasions Wing Commander Tait has remained in the immediate vicinity of the target area, often in the face of heavy opposition, for a considerable time. His excellent leadership, gallantry and untiring devotion to duty have contributed materially to the successes achieved by the squadron he commands.

Distinguished Service Order.

Group Captain Donald Leslie THOMSON, D.F.C., R.A.F.

Group Captain Thomson has completed numerous sorties including attacks against the most heavily defended German targets. He has displayed excellent qualities of leadership and his perfect example of coolness and cheerful courage has been an inspiration to his squadron.

Acting Group Captain John Raymond JEUDWINE, O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.O.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has successfully completed numerous sorties against dangerous and difficult targets. He has continued to display the highest standard of skill and bravery and has executed his assignments with the greatest determination in the face of anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. He is a brilliant leader.

Acting Wing Commander Albert MARKLAND, D.F.C., D.F.M. (101028), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.

Wing Commander Markland has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations. He has displayed high powers of leadership, skill and determination, qualities which have been reflected in the operational efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Wing Commander Michael Hugh Constable MAXWELL, D.F.C. (36219), R.A.F.

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties. As commander of his squadron his high courage and sense of duty have been a great inspiration to all those under his command. His consistent good work has produced a high standard of efficiency in the squadron, which has destroyed numerous enemy aircraft during operations in Normandy.

Acting Squadron Leader Guy Maxwell BRISBANE, D.F.C., D.F.M. (44772), R.A.F., 10 Sqn.

In the course of two tours of operational duty this officer has participated in attacks against many heavily defended targets. He is a navigator of high merit and has displayed a marked capacity for leadership. His consistent good work and unflinching devotion to duty have been of the highest order.

Acting Squadron Leader Herbert Frank SLADE, D.F.C. (Aus.412725), R.A.A.F., 156 Sqn.

One night in July, 1944, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. During the bombing run the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, part of the port aileron

and the port wing were shot away rendering the aircraft difficult to control. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Slade regained a measure of control, completed his bombing run, and set course for home. When crossing the enemy coast the aircraft was again heavily engaged by anti-aircraft fire. Squadron Leader Slade dived slightly to evade the enemy fire. This caused a section of the wing, which was projecting vertically, to break off and the aircraft became more controllable. Finally an airfield was reached and Squadron Leader Slade effected a crash landing. This officer has completed a large number of sorties against many heavily defended targets in Germany. He has set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Eric BALDWIN, D.F.M. (47403), R.A.F., 139 Sqn.

One night in July, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Baldwin was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. On the bombing run the aircraft was hit in several places by anti-aircraft fire. One piece of shrapnel pierced the suction line to the blind flying instruments and rendered them unserviceable. Undeterred, Flight Lieutenant Baldwin continued the bombing run and completed a successful attack. Shortly after leaving the target area he was pursued by an enemy fighter. Flight Lieutenant Baldwin decided to take refuge in a cloud but with his blind flying instruments out of action he lost control of the aircraft, but evaded the fighter. After losing considerable height, control of the aircraft was regained and a safe flight to base was made. This officer has completed very many sorties. His courage, determination and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer Keith Hadland PERRY (162948), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. Shortly after leaving the target area his aircraft was hit by three anti-aircraft shells and burst into flames. The pilot's cockpit became a mass of flames and Flying Officer Perry was overcome by the smoke and fumes. The bomber dived steeply. When he recovered, only by superhuman efforts was he able to pull the bomber out of its dive. As the fires were still burning, Flying Officer Perry rallied his crew together and after they had extinguished the flames, he endeavoured to fly his badly damaged aircraft to base. The long sea crossing was accomplished at a height of 3,000 feet and only two engines were serviceable. Nevertheless displaying great coolness and courage this officer eventually effected a crash landing on an airfield in this country. Flying Officer Perry has completed very many operations and throughout he has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant George Esmond JAMESON, D.F.C. (N.Z.41479), R.N.Z.A.F., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Arthur Norman CROOKES, D.F.C. (135428), R.A.F.V.R., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

These officers have completed many sorties as pilot and observer respectively. They have displayed great skill and co-operation, qualities which were well displayed on one occasion in July, 1944, when they destroyed four aircraft in one sortie. Their devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William LeRoy FOOTE (Can./J.27659), R.C.A.F., 626 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can./R.217366 Flight Sergeant Robert Alexander SMITH, R.C.A.F., 626 Sqn.

This officer and airman were captain and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. En route the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. The rear gunner was killed, and Flight Sergeant Smith was blown out of his turret into the fuselage. He was, however, uninjured and returned to his turret. A fire started in the rear of the fuselage which betrayed the position of the bomber to the enemy and the aircraft was subjected to five successive attacks. Nevertheless