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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
13th October, 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 Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Acting Group Captain Bruce Panton MacFarlan (Aus.260105), Royal Australian Air Force.
Wing Commander Frederick Walter Sexton (Aus.250907), Royal Australian Air Force.
Squadron Leader Thomas Symington Carlyon (Aus.261495), Royal Australian Air Force.

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

Flight Lieutenant John Grantley Shelton (Aus.5945), Royal Australian Air Force.
Flying Officer Leslie William Gordon Bell (Aus.60751), Royal Australian Air Force.
Warrant Officer Alexander Steele Ross (Aus.300478), 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) to the undermentioned:—

Aus.3933 Flight Sergeant Ernest James MILLER, Royal Australian Air Force.
Aus.21028 Flight Sergeant Cecil William MORRISON, Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 13th October, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order:

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Harold BAVEYSTOCK, D.F.C., D.F.M. (139324), R.A.F.V.R., 201 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Baveystock continues to set the highest example of skill and leadership. His record, as captain of aircraft is one of consistent efficiency and devotion to duty, and his work has contributed much to the success of operations against the enemy's surface and under water craft.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Allan John HANCOCK, D.F.C. (120710), R.A.F.V.R., 129 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many operational sorties, during which he has destroyed two enemy aircraft, damaged others, bringing his total to seven destroyed. Flight Lieutenant Hancock is an inspiring leader.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Louis Graham NEILLY (Can/J.3202), R.C.A.F., No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Neilly has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination in air operations. In June, 1944, when detailed to attack a target, an engine failed shortly after take-off, but he continued and successfully completed his mission. On the return journey another aircraft was seen to fall into the sea. Displaying fine qualities of leadership Flight Lieutenant Neilly obtained its position and instituted a search which resulted in seventeen people being rescued. Flight Lieutenant Neilly has displayed a fine fighting spirit, and outstanding gallantry.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alfred William JENNINGS (145466), R.A.F.V.R., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Jennings is a skilful and courageous air gunner who has participated in many attacks against well defended targets. In April, 1944, when approaching Karlsruhe his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and a large part of the starboard mainplane was shot away. The captain ordered parachutes to be worn as the bomber was apt to become uncontrollable. Flight Lieutenant Jennings insisted in being permitted to return to his turret to give evasive directions and to be available to use his guns if necessary. He did this knowing well that his chances of escape were small should the bomber fall out of control. This officer displayed great courage in dangerous circumstances.

Flying Officer Arthur Lawrence BUTLER (Can/J.39809), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Butler has completed many operational sorties over enemy territory. In June, 1944, on a mission to Sautrecourt the aircraft in which Flying Officer Butler was rear gunner was attacked by enemy fighters on six occasions. This officer, showing outstanding coolness and fearlessness, gave the correct manoeuvres to the pilot, which enabled the enemy aircraft to be evaded. On another occasion on a mission to Metz, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88 before reaching the target. Again by giving correct instructions to the pilot the fighter was out-maneuvred and destroyed. Flying Officer