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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

16th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to approve 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 Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Augustine PATTERSON (N.Z.40660), R.N.Z.A.F.
Flying Officer Colin Thomson Bertram FITZGERALD (N.Z.39150), R.N.Z.A.F.

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of distinguished service in operations against the Japanese to the undermentioned:—

N.Z.401520 Sergeant Laurence HUGHES, R.N.Z.A.F.

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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:—

R.284266 Leading Aircraftman John Edward GELINEAU, R.C.A.F.

Air Ministry, 16th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Douglas George HAYWARD (42565), R.A.F., 148 Sqn.

This officer is now on his third tour of operational duty. He has displayed a high degree of skill and courage and throughout a long operational career

his devotion to duty has been unflinching. Within the past year Wing Commander Hayward has participated in attacks against a wide range of targets in the Balkans, Italy, Austria and Southern Germany. This officer has displayed the greatest keenness and his example has won the highest praise.

Acting Wing Commander James Dean SOMERVILLE, D.F.C. (Can/C.1999), R.C.A.F., 409 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed outstanding efficiency, great courage and determination, qualities which have been well reflected in the fine fighting spirit of the squadron he commands. He has completed very many sorties and has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft at night. He has set a fine example of loyal and devoted service.

Major John Edward GASSON, D.F.C. (279804V), S.A.A.F., 92 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties. On several occasions towards the end of 1944, he led formations of aircraft in attacks against enemy strong points with excellent results. On one occasion in December, 1944, Major Gasson came down to a very low level, alone, to locate an enemy gun position. Although considerable fire was directed at his aircraft, he rejoined his flight which he led into the attack and all three guns were destroyed. On two other occasions, Major Gasson led his flight with great skill in close support of operations by our ground forces. This officer has displayed exceptional gallantry and determination in the execution of his attacks on the enemy. Much of the success of the squadron can be attributed to his undoubted ability.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Alfred OXBY, D.F.C., D.F.M. (138413), R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

As observer, this officer has displayed skill of the highest order. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has assisted in the destruction of 21 enemy aircraft. These successes are an outstanding tribute to his great ability, praiseworthy courage and iron determination.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer James CASTAGNOLA, D.F.C. (169585), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.

As captain of aircraft this officer has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed the greatest keenness. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with skill and resolution and his successes have been well proved by the good photographs he has secured. Flying Officer Castagnola took part in the final attack on the German battleship Tirpitz; he also flew with distinction in an attack against the Kembs Barrage.