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20th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

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

Acting Squadron Leader Kenneth Martin Scammell (87837), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Squadron Leader Scammell is Commanding Officer of a Bomb Disposal Squadron and Bomb Disposal Adviser to a Group Headquarters. Since the arrival of the squadron on the continent in August, 1944, the personnel of this unit have cleared mines and booby traps from 8 airfields, in addition to numerous other sites and buildings used by units in this Group. Casualties amongst personnel have been surprisingly light when the nature and amount of work is taken into consideration. In November, Squadron Leader Scammell assumed command of the parties detailed to clear an airfield in Belgium. The airfield was opened after 8,000 mines of all types had been removed from its surface without a casualty. During the whole of this operation Squadron Leader Scammell not only superintended, but also took an active part in clearing the mines and dealing with any new types which were detected. This officer has consistently shown himself to be a good organiser with initiative and imagination and his personal example and devotion to duty have encouraged his men to face a dangerous task with energy and enthusiasm.

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

Flying Officer Carl Edward Lynde (Can/J.43624), Royal Canadian Air Force.

One night in December, 1944, an aircraft crashed on landing. Fire broke out immediately in the cockpit and Flying Officer Lynde, the navigator, was enveloped in flames. By the time the aircraft had come to a standstill the complete structure was burning furiously. Flying Officer Lynde, having already jettisoned the top hatch, climbed out on to the port wing, the starboard side being ablaze. Finding the pilot had failed to get to safety, Flying Officer Lynde returned to the blazing aircraft, released the pilot's harness and dragged him to safety through the top hatch, receiving severe burns whilst so doing. His prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved the pilot's life.

Avr Ministry, 20th 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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Theodore Peter STEPHENSON, D.F.C. (45333), R.A.F., 268 Sqn.

In February, 1945, the squadron was detailed to execute a low level photographic reconnaissance covering a 3 mile stretch of the Rhine, commencing at Emmerich. Here, the area is very strongly defended. It was this part of the area which Squadron Leader Stephenson chose to reconnoitre himself. With great daring he made his run down the centre of the river past Emmerich at a very low level. Throughout the entire run his aircraft was a target for intense and continuous fire from enemy guns on both sides of the river. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Stephenson executed his task successfully. Such was his determination that, at one point, he flew under 8 high tension cables so that no part of the river bank thereabouts should be missed by his camera. The results obtained are a splendid tribute to this officer's great skill and bravery.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Kenneth James POWELL (37689), R.A.F.O., 180 Sqn.

This officer, on his second tour of operational duty has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. He has at all times displayed a high degree of skill and, throughout a meritorious operational career, his devotion to duty has been unflinching. His example of courage and determination in pressing home his attacks against heavily defended targets has been most commendable.

Flight Lieutenant Dennis Alfred NEWMAN (Can/J.6641), R.C.A.F., 103 Sqn.

Flying Officer Hugh BILBROUGH (158424), R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.

These officers were pilot and navigator respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart one night in January, 1945. When nearing the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Almost at the beginning of the fight, owing to an electrical failure, the mid-upper turret was rendered inoperative while, at the same time, the guns in the rear turret became jammed. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Newman manoeuvred with great skill and finally evaded the attacker. The port inner oil tank had been badly pierced

and this affected the running of the port inner engine. Attempts to feather the propeller were unavailing. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Newman continued to the target. During the bombing run another fighter was encountered but a successful run was made. As the target area was left, both the inner engines became unserviceable and some height was lost. Almost all the navigational aids had been rendered inoperative and the navigator, Flying Officer Bilbrough, was faced with a difficult task. Although compelled to work by the light thrown on to the compasses from a torch he plotted his way across enemy territory. Eventually the compasses became unserviceable. Nevertheless, using the stars as his guide, he navigated the aircraft to an airfield near the English coast where a safe landing was effected. That this sortie was successfully accomplished reflects the greatest credit on the skill, determination and devotion to duty shown by these officers.

Flying Officer Thomas Ridgeway WILSON (Can/J.27745), R.C.A.F., 417 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Wilson has completed over 100 sorties, many of them against extremely well defended targets. On several occasions his aircraft has been damaged by anti-aircraft fire but he has invariably pressed home his attacks with excellent results. Recently, whilst leading a formation of aircraft on a reconnaissance patrol in the heavily defended Vicenza area, Flying Officer Wilson was wounded when his aircraft was struck by shrapnel. Although suffering from shock, partial blindness in one eye and loss of blood, Flying Officer Wilson led his formation a considerable distance back to base. On his first attempt to land, the undercarriage and flaps of his damaged aircraft would not operate. Showing great determination he made another approach and effected a successful crash-landing. Flying Officer Wilson displayed a high degree of courage and fortitude throughout.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

Can/R.205588 Flight Sergeant William Eugene CRABE, R.C.A.F., 170 Sqn.

This airman was the mid-upper gunner detailed for a sortie one night in February, 1945. Soon after leaving the target, the aircraft sustained severe damage. The rear gun turret was wrecked. Flight Sergeant Crabe went at once to attend to the trapped rear gunner. Assisted by another member of the crew he cut away the side of the turret. Then, tying a rope round himself, Flight Sergeant Crabe climbed into the wrecked turret. He was completely exposed to the slipstream and in danger of falling and was not wearing his parachute. Heedless of this and despite intense cold, this valiant airman toiled until he succeeded in freeing the gunner and getting him back into the fuselage. Unfortunately, his comrade was dead. Although his efforts were in vain, Flight Sergeant Crabe's brave and determined bid to save his co-gunner were worthy of the greatest praise.

Air Ministry, 20th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captains.

Hugh Spencer Lisle DUNDAS, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.A.F.
Wilfrid George Gerald Duncan SMITH, D.S.O.,
D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander.

Donald Morrell BRASS (40337), R.A.F.O., 612 Sqn.
Patrick Henry WOODRUFF, D.F.C. (39806), R.A.F.O.
(since deceased).

Acting Squadron Leader.

John Edward ORAM (109036), R.A.F.V.R., 40 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Anthony Peter Questil BLUEFT, D.F.C. (43539),
R.A.F., 112 Sqn.

Arthur JACQUES, D.F.C. (128978), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.
Peter Lawrence PARROTT, D.F.C. (41054), R.A.F.O.,
72 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader.

John Claud GRAHAM (41174), R.A.F.O., 206 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Peter John Bolton BAGSHAWE (47277), R.A.F., 250 Sqn.
John Edward BROWN (102071), R.A.F.V.R., 267 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Allan Rowland BALL (125905), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
with effect from 22nd August, 1943.
Norman BARRETT (142034), R.A.F.V.R., 267 Sqn.
Wilfrid DAWSON (127539) R.A.F.V.R., 517 Sqn.
Richard Holbrook FRY (114319), R.A.F.V.R., 104 Sqn., with effect from 10th June, 1943.
Archibald Reid GRAHAM (133101), R.A.F.V.R., 542 Sqn.
Eric John SAVILL (136063), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.
Arthur SWAIN (100591), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Samuel Edwin DRINKWATER (152159), R.A.F.V.R.,
455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

George Robert ADAMS (178580), R.A.F.V.R., 178 Sqn.
James FILSON (51743), R.A.F., 1435 Sqn.
Robert James GREENFIELD (169742), R.A.F.V.R., 93 Sqn.
John Frederick SAMSON, D.F.M. (53193), R.A.F.,
540 Sqn.
Leonard TRIGG (155619), R.A.F.V.R., 38 Sqn.
Jeffrey WATKINS (54972), R.A.F., 502 Sqn.
Denis Francis WHITE (157843), R.A.F.V.R., 241 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Leslie Frank BEECHER (186297), R.A.F.V.R., 37 Sqn.
Robert John Allan CHURCH (185356), R.A.F.V.R., 40 Sqn.
Richard Harry Bateman EAMES (183596),
R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.
Joseph Edward LOUGHRAN (187287), R.A.F.V.R.,
267 Sqn.
Thomas Cawthorne SHIEL (189783), R.A.F.V.R., 37 Sqn.
Arthur Herbert SMITH (183627), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

Edward BLANCHARD (619748), R.A.F., 51 Sqn., with effect from 31st August, 1943.
Eric Herbert SKINNER (1323222), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 30th August, 1943.

Acting Warrant Officer.

Allan Ralph WILDEN (1334172) (now Pilot Officer),
R.A.F.V.R., 100 Sqn., with effect from 1st August,
1943 (since deceased).

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeants.

1050913 James ADAMSON (now Flying Officer),
R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn., with effect from 22nd
August, 1943.
1230969 Jack FLETCHER (now Pilot Officer),
R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 5th
September, 1943 (since deceased).
1195242 Edgar Edward HARTLAND, R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn., with effect from 18th August, 1943.
923607 Douglas William Edrop HOUGHTON, R.A.F.,
37 Sqn.
570550 Vernon Charles LEWIS, R.A.F., 83 Sqn., with effect from 23rd August, 1943 (since deceased).
903053 Martin SMITH (now Flight Lieutenant),
R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn., with effect from 20th July,
1942.
1389410 Thomas TONKIN (now Pilot Officer),
R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 16th
August, 1943 (since deceased).

Sergeants.

- 1110204 Kenneth PEARSON, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 5th September, 1943 (since deceased).
 1195598 Reginald John WILLIAMS (now Warrant Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 22nd August, 1943.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Squadron Leaders.*

- Victor CASHMORE (Aus.407165), 454 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 George Andrew GRAY (Aus.402346), 454 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

- Dudley Clyde DUNN (Aus.409284), 72 Sqn.
 Geoffrey Edgar WALKER (Aus.409629), 541 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

- Henry BROWN (Aus.421579), 145 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

- Kenneth COULTER (Aus.421296), 612 Sqn.
 Alfred Joseph Herbert TAYLOR (Aus.414100), 72 Sqn.
 Mervyn Bucknell JONES (Aus.406597).

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leader.*

- David GOLDBERG (Can/J.4242), 417 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant

- Allan Douglas TAYLOR (Can/J.25790), 92 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

- Raymond Stanley HARRISON (Can/J.20203), 144 Sqn.
 Walter Johnston HARTRICK (Can/J.15896), 120 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

- Cecil Earl HIGHTOWER (Can/C.18022), 10 Sqn., with effect from 25th July, 1943.

Warrant Officer.

- Osbourne Lloyd BLISS (Can/R.88244), 35 Sqn., with effect from 22nd August, 1943.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flying Officer.*

- Raymond Harold NEWTON (N.Z.411437), 112 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

- Charles Grindle BAKER (N.Z.412185), 18 Sqn., with effect from 7th July, 1943.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.**Colonel.*

- Johan Daniel Wilhelm HUMAN, D.F.C. (47420V).

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Major.*

- Frederick WELGEMOED, D.F.C. (P.5843V), 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross**Majors.*

- Roy John BAYFORD (20357V), 37 Sqn.
 Cecil Alec GOLDING (104063V), 3 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 John Laird Brankston VINEY (103160V), 30 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captains.

- Arthur Carl Godfrey BINSDELL (48067V), 7 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Johannes Stefanus BOTHA (103499V), 4 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Henri Brian COLENBRANDER (12131V), 22 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Alexander Thomas DRYDEN (102099V), 454 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Peter Eric HEYDENRYCH (328488V), 104 Sqn.
 Philip Henry HUGHES (202894V), 7 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Clive Gordon LE ROUX (205818V), 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 9th July, 1943.
 Arthur William MEKLE (79545V), 7 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Felix Kruger WEINGARTZ (206497V), 250 Sqn.
 Charles Alan Danvers WILLIAMS (41334V), 541 Sqn.

Lieutenants.

- Claude Richard BAURISTHEME (542580V), 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leslie George BURRELL (329097V), 15 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Allan Harold HARPER (336841V), 15 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Roeloff Johannes JOOSTE (206597V), 15 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer, II.

- Stephen Carl ROBERTSON (102092V), 12 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

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