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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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8th May, 1945.

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.126293 Sergeant John Henry WILSON, R.C.A.F.
R.174521 Corporal Raymond Joseph MCCARTHY,
R.C.A.F.
R.192089 Leading Aircraftman James Craig BALFOUR,
R.C.A.F.

Air Ministry, 8th May, 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 Squadron Leader Evan DALL MACKIE, D.F.C. (N.Z.41520), R.N.Z.A.F., 80 Sqn.

This officer has led the squadron on numerous sorties within recent months. During these operations more than 70 locomotives have been put out of action. A good number of barges, trucks and mechanical vehicles have also been most effectively attacked. Ten enemy aircraft have been destroyed. The successes obtained are a fine testimony to this officer's exceptional leadership, great skill and courage. Among his achievements is the destruction of 18 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader John Gordon PATTISON, D.F.C. (N.Z.39931), R.N.Z.A.F., 485 (N.Z.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a third tour of operational duty. He has displayed the highest standard of skill and courage and throughout his devotion to duty has been unflinching. He has shown the finest qualities of leadership both in the air and on the ground and his sterling work has contributed in good measure to the success of the squadron he commands. Within recent months, Squadron Leader Pattison has destroyed very many enemy mechanical vehicles and shot down 2 enemy aircraft.

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Frederick THIELE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (N.Z.404966), R.N.Z.A.F., 3 Sqn.

This officer's operational record is outstanding. As pilot of a bomber aircraft he completed two tours of duty during which he took part in very many attacks on enemy targets. Since joining his present squadron, Flight Lieutenant Thiele has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving

attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. He has personally been responsible for the destruction of numerous locomotives, barges and mechanical vehicles. In air fighting he has shot down 2 enemy aircraft. This officer has displayed the highest qualities of skill, together with great bravery and iron determination. His example has inspired all.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Jacob ALLEN, D.F.C. (61987), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Allen has displayed the greatest keenness for air operations and has taken part in a large number of varied sorties. On one occasion he attacked a goods train, setting many trucks on fire. On another occasion, Squadron Leader Allen machine-gunned a number of mechanical vehicles and, afterwards, numerous barges, with good results. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Ian BENHAM, D.F.C. (104443), R.A.F.V.R., 41 Sqn.

In air fighting, this officer has destroyed 10 enemy aircraft. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, he has participated in many sorties, involving harassing attacks on various targets during which much loss has been inflicted on the enemy. Squadron Leader Benham has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage and has set an example worthy of the greatest praise.

Flight Lieutenant John Anthony HALL, D.F.C. (107269), R.A.F.V.R., 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer continues to show the greatest keenness and, in various sorties, has inflicted much loss on the enemy. Among his achievements is the destruction of 8 enemy aircraft at night. On the last occasion, in March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Hall pressed home his successful attack from such close range that his own aircraft was badly damaged by flying debris. Nevertheless, he flew back to base and landed safely. This officer has displayed high qualities of skill and courage.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Arthur Wellesley LANGTON, A.F.C. (32158), R.A.F.O., 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Wing Commander Langton has taken part in a large number of successful sorties against a wide range of enemy targets. He has displayed a high degree of skill and throughout has set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty. Wing Commander Langton has proved himself to be a highly efficient and successful squadron commander.

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Henry DUNKLEY, Aus.413358), R.A.A.F., 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer joined the squadron at the beginning of 1944. His keenness was quickly evident and in attacks on enemy airfields he displayed high qualities of skill and courage. Afterwards Squadron Leader Dunkley participated in a number of other operational missions on one of which his aircraft was so badly hit that he was forced to leave by parachute. On landing Squadron Leader Dunkley injured his foot. He soon resumed operational flying and in subsequent attacks on such targets as locomotives, barges, troop concentrations and other objectives, this officer achieved much success by his great skill and daring. His efforts have been untiring.

Acting Squadron Leader Walter James HIBBERT (120487), R.A.F.V.R., 274 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties. Within recent months he has led his flight and, on occasions, the squadron, on a variety of enemy targets with good results. His successes include the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. This officer has set a fine example of resolution throughout.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Smith BARTON (Can./J.13606), R.C.A.F., 400 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of reconnaissances and has been responsible for securing much valuable information. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Barton was detailed to photograph an area in the Rees sector. During the operation much anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Barton successfully accomplished his task and then, acting on his own initiative, went on to reconnoitre the whole of the Rhine river between Emmerich and Wesel. In this well executed sortie, Flight Lieutenant Barton displayed skill, courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Ambrose HOLBECH (122420), R.A.F.V.R., 2 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them in adverse weather. In the execution of many low-level photographic reconnaissances, Flight Lieutenant Holbech has invariably displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage in the face of much opposing fire. On one occasion, Flight Lieutenant Holbech was detailed to reconnoitre the causeway leading to the island of South Beveland, prior to the assault by our ground forces. Owing to low cloud, he had to fly at low level down the causeway in the face of continuous anti-aircraft fire. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Holbech secured excellent photographs which proved of immense value. His work was of the highest standard.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Frederick Bridges STEVENS (Can/C.1498), R.C.A.F., 430 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including very many reconnaissances over the battle areas. The excellent photographs he has secured, often in the face of much opposition, reflect the greatest credit on his undoubted skill and persistence. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Stevens was detailed to photograph an area comprising a heavily-defended river line. Just as he commenced his run-in, at very low level, his aircraft was struck by an anti-aircraft shell. The canopy above Flight Lieutenant Stevens's head was torn away and a jagged hole was torn in the frame of the aircraft. In spite of this Flight Lieutenant Stevens completed a successful run, obtaining photographs which proved of great value to our ground forces. His skill and courage were in keeping with that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer William George JUDSON (N.Z.413425), R.N.Z.A.F., 487 (N.Z.) Sqn.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and fortitude of a high order.

Flying Officer Frederick Roland WALKER (148168), R.A.F.V.R., 184 Sqn.

Flying Officer Walker has displayed great zest for air operations and has completed a large number of varied sorties. Cool, skilful and resolute, Flying Officer Walker has set a splendid example in pressing home his attacks and he has been responsible for inflicting much loss on the enemy. In March, 1945, this officer led his section in an attack on a number of mechanical vehicles, many of which were left burning. Later in the day, Flying Officer Walker took part in an

attack against some buildings very close to our own forward troops. A high degree of accuracy was essential but the attack was pressed home with great skill. Our attacking ground forces were thus able to walk into the enemy strong point immediately afterwards.

Pilot Officer Thomas Frederick TAYLOR (188134), R.A.F.V.R., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

As observer, Pilot Officer Taylor has participated in a large number of sorties. He is a most skilful and devoted member of aircraft crew, whose coolness and courage in action have set a fine example. Pilot Officer Taylor has assisted in the destruction of five enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1459728 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Roland William John ALLEN, R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Allen has taken part in a large number of sorties, many of them against heavily defended targets. He has proved himself to be a keen, resolute and devoted crew member and his example has been most commendable.

Air Ministry, 8th May, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Air Commodore.

Douglas Griffith MORRIS, C.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.

Acting Wing Commander.

James Bernard GRANT, D.F.C. (33313), R.A.F., 58 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

John Munroe GARLICK, D.F.C. (45425), R.A.F., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Dec. 1943 (since deceased).

Flight Lieutenant.

Wilfred Cyril RICHES, D.F.C. (121448), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn., with effect from 6th July 1944 (since deceased).

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Basil Alexander Charles WOOD (33151), R.A.F., 240 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

John Marchbank BETTS, A.F.C. (85657), R.A.F.V.R., 226 Sqn.

Norman John DURRANT (60095), R.A.F.V.R., 198 Sqn.

Ronald HADLEY (102608), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 15th Dec. 1943 (since deceased).

Thomas William Albert HUTTON (124855), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan. 1944.

Emanuel Barnett LYONS (83269), R.A.F.V.R., 222 Sqn.

Peter Alan Scott THOMPSON (110891), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

Hugh Marsden Hough TUDOR (124527), R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.

Reginald Henry WOOD (65565), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Robert Lewis BEVERLEY (74712), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Antony Gerald BROWNSILL (88651), R.A.F.V.R., 179 Sqn.

Keith DURBRIDGE, D.F.M. (143999), R.A.F.V.R., 542 Sqn.

John Wilson HARPER (141737), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

Harold Thomas HERBERT (136664), R.A.F.V.R., 541 Sqn.

Richard Brian JACKSON (139990), R.A.F.V.R., 42 Sqn.

Percival Thomas PRATT (116988), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

William Goring POTTER (65552), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.

Ronald Edward ROBINSON (136191), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

Robert James RYLEY (118478), R.A.F.V.R., 42 Sqn.

Anthony SEAGER (80265), R.A.F.V.R., 80 Sqn.

John Alfred Caimont SCOTT (131648), R.A.F.V.R., 88 Sqn.
 Basil Henry Francis TEMPLER (89391), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.
 Charles THORNTON (134356), R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.
 Gerard Hopkyn WILLIAMS (122303), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Paul BARBER (129476), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan. 1944.
 Douglas Charles BORLAND (160053), R.A.F.V.R., 266 Sqn.
 Cyril Frank HORNER (123859), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 15th Jan. 1944 (since deceased).
 William Henry Lewis Sydney WAY (129744), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn. with effect from 4th Jan. 1944 (since deceased).

Flying Officers.

Ronald Kendrick APPLEBY (183114), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.
 Alfred Henry BLACKMORE (149556), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 19th Dec. 1943 (since deceased).
 Alexander Gardiner BOYD (53639), R.A.F., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Dec. 1943.
 Kenneth George BRAIN (171047), R.A.F.V.R., 137 Sqn.
 Harry George CURRELL (153944), R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.
 Nicholas James DIXON (168653), R.A.F.V.R., 261 Sqn.
 Thomas DONALD (157830), R.A.F.V.R., 60 Sqn.
 James William FOSTER (169744), R.A.F.V.R., 144 Sqn.
 Ernest Henry GRENNAN (179301), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.
 Leslie Edward LOVELOCK (49834), R.A.F., 180 Sqn.
 Alexander Blackwell McKEOWN (170138), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.
 Gordon Stanley MELLOR (185932), R.A.F.V.R., 60 Sqn.
 Dennis Roy PERRIN (149082), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan., 1944.
 Kenneth Arthur PULL (175627), R.A.F.V.R., 280 Sqn.
 Hubert REES (152402), R.A.F.V.R., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn., with effect from 19th Nov. 1944.
 Harry SHAW (182110), R.A.F.V.R., 56 Sqn., with effect from 15th Jan. 1945.
 Brian Joseph SPRAGG (178074), R.A.F.V.R., 257 Sqn.
 Donald WIMMERS (153356), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Royston James CHILD (149060), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)
 William Leonard COLLINS (189502), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.
 Christopher Mark HANDLEY (156428), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 1st Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)
 Samuel Little McCaul (190640), R.A.F.V.R., 224 Sqn.
 Ronald David WALDER (191832), R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.
 Ronald Edward WYATT (191009), R.A.F.V.R., 144 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

John Frederick BRYDEN (1076392), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 Walter George HOUGH (1254009), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 Victor Neville LONNEN (1042282), R.A.F.V.R., 66 Sqn.
 Robert Willis PETTY (658045), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 1st Dec., 1943.
 George SKIDMORE (643102), R.A.F., 224 Sqn.
 Robert Kerr SOMERVILLE (655960), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.
 James Arthur TAYLOR (1116346), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 Eric Ross Berkley WOODHOUSE (1387292), R.A.F.V.R., 60 Sqn.
 Frank Oliver Archibald DAWKINS (911525), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Dec., 1943.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeants.

939749 Edwin Oswin CHARLTON (now Flying Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 2nd Dec., 1943.

1603309 Laurence James ETHEBRIDGE (now Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.
 1323115 William Morrison FARISH, R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 1682205 Eric LANCASHIRE, R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.
 1509562 Dennis Arthur MILLS, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 1st Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)
 1338669 John Blair NELSON, R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 1386374 Ronald William NORLEY, R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 25th Nov. 1943. (Since deceased.)
 645572 Ivor Charles REDFEARN, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)
 1334160 Douglas Francis TAMS, R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.
 1554259 George Edward TUCKER, R.A.F.V.R., 356 Sqn.
 1111874 Jack WORSDALE, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)

Acting Flight Sergeants.

946831 George Albert JOHNSON (later Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Jan., 1944. (Since deceased.)
 1061193 Bernard Leo ROBINSON, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 5th Jan. 1944. (Since deceased.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer.

Phillip Herbert MARTIN, D.F.C. (Aus.427006), 61 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Frederick George BARLOGIE (Aus.420912), 357 Sqn.
 Ellis William BATESON (Aus.414381), 180 Sqn.
 Francis Richard FOGARTY (Aus.414397), 180 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Mervyn Sylvester FLETCHER (Aus.402074), 156 Sqn., with effect from 1st January, 1944.
 Rex Henry WEDD (Aus.408200), 156 Sqn., with effect from 19th December, 1943.

Flying Officers.

Colin Cloudesley BETTS (Aus.402786), 258 Sqn.
 Robert Sidney SMITH (Aus.403766), 156 Sqn., with effect from 15th December, 1943.

Pilot Officer.

William John ARMOUR (Aus.414333), 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 19th December, 1943.

Warrant Officer.

Leslie Arnold KENT (Aus.404296), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 1st December, 1943.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

Aus.426876 Keith Noel HELBRONN, 357 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader.

Cameron John Wilde TAYLOR, D.F.C. (Can/J.6857), 407 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

James Edwin COLLIER (Can/J.8648), 403 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Forbes Sangster GILBERTSON (Can/J.21229), 414 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Charles Keevor ARNOLD (Can/J.21404), 541 Sqn.
 Walter Gilbert DINSDALE (Can/J.21124), 410 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 John Hogg DONOVAN (Can/J.22627), 414 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Elgin Gerald IRELAND (Can/J.9464), 411 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Angus McKay LOTT (Can/J.22812), 541 Sqn.
 James Robert MACELWAIN (Can/J.20004), 2 Sqn.
 Cecil Dennison MYERS (Can/J.23215), 407 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Louis Holmes PARKER (Can/J.10987), 175 Sqn.

John Dineen TAYLOR (Can/J.12337), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

John Jeffray WINSHIP (Can/J.22722), 684 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Roderick James DUNPHY (Can/J.13843), 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 19th December, 1943.

Flying Officers.

John William BRADFORD (Can/C.18598), 681 Sqn.

John Edwards DUNN (Can/J.85003), 410 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

William INVERARITY (Can/J.21538), 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th January, 1944.

William Edward SUDDICK (Can/J.17136), 101 Sqn., with effect from 1st January, 1944.

James Ernest TAYLOR (Can/J.36611), 226 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Clifford Norman MOE (Can/J.92256), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Martin Robert Draycott HUME (N.Z.405335), 130 Sqn.

Keith James MACDONALD (N.Z.40981), 222 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Laurie GASSON (N.Z.416106), 107 Sqn.

Owen David STAPLE (N.Z.421110), 107 Sqn.

Walter Hughes WASEY (N.Z.413521), 226 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

John Harry STAFFORD (N.Z.421783), 486 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Robert Duff BREMNER (N.Z.424417), 486 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Douglas Forrester CLARKE (N.Z.417018), 485 Sqn.

Raymond Jack DANZEY (N.Z.416464), 486 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Neville Douglas FREEMAN (N.Z.412675), 180 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Acting Flight Sergeant.

N.Z.414635 Albert Andrew JOHNSON (later Pilot Officer), 97 Sqn., with effect from 18th November, 1943.

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