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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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