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1st June, 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 Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Hobbs (153926), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In December, 1944, Flying Officer Hobbs was a pupil navigator engaged on a training flight in a Beaufighter aircraft when both engines failed. The pilot made a disastrous belly-landing, the aircraft bursting immediately into flames. Flying Officer Hobbs, though shaken by the crash, went to the assistance of his pilot who was dazed and unable to extricate himself from his cockpit. After first disengaging the pilot's parachute and safety straps, Flying Officer Hobbs lifted him out on the wing and pushed him over the leading edge, this being the quickest way to get the dazed airman clear of the flames. By this time, the clothing of both occupants was alight and Flying Officer Hobbs sustained severe burns to both of his arms and face. By his prompt and courageous action, presence of mind, and complete disregard for his own safety, Flying Officer Hobbs undoubtedly saved the life of the pilot.

Pilot Officer Herbert Eric GOLDSTRAW (Can./J.88659), Royal Canadian Air Force.

In July, 1944, a Halifax aircraft crashed at White Waltham on returning from operations and caught fire. Pilot Officer Goldstraw's aircraft had landed previously at the airfield and this officer, together with other members of his crew, as well as personnel of the A.T.A., immediately ran to the crashed aircraft. The unconscious rear gunner was lying partly in the turret and partly in the rear of the fuselage. The turret was jammed. Together with an A.T.A. instructor, Pilot Officer Goldstraw, finding that the turret could not be swung back to release the rear gunner owing to the position in which he was lying, entered the fuselage after forcing the normal entrance. At this time the starboard wing was blazing furiously and the heat was so intense that the starboard elevator burst into flames. It was necessary to remove the rear gunner's flying equipment before putting him back into the turret which could then be swung, thereby enabling helpers

outside to extricate him. The gallant rescue was successfully accomplished in circumstances of great danger. Despite the flames and smoke, there was risk of the petrol tanks, bombs and ammunition exploding and, when the rear turret had been swung and the gunner passed to safety, exit was only possible through smoke and fumes. Pilot Officer Goldstraw showed courage and self-sacrifice in an action which undoubtedly was responsible for saving the life of a comrade.

Warrant Officer Joseph Henry Frederick CUTLER (1576673), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One evening in January, 1945, a fire broke out in an aircraft in a dispersal area at an airfield. The aircraft had been refuelled and loaded with bombs, and was being re-armed. Almost immediately ammunition commenced to explode in the aircraft, and there was a risk of the bombs exploding. Warrant Officer Cutler, with complete disregard for his own safety, began taxiing an adjacent aircraft away from the dispersal area when a 500 lb. bomb exploded, fragments and blast striking the taxiing aircraft. He continued to taxi the damaged aircraft to a safe place and, when this had been done, immediately returned and taxied another aircraft away. All this time ammunition was exploding and there was imminent danger of more bombs detonating as another aircraft was burning fiercely. Warrant Officer Cutler nevertheless returned to an office, which was near the burning aircraft and close to a petrol dump, and removed flying records and pilots flying helmets to safety. This Warrant Officer displayed great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety.

Warrant Officer Herbert Douglas RANDELL (Aus. 411642), Royal Australian Air Force.

In February, 1945, Warrant Officer Randell was a member of the crew of a flying boat detailed for an operational sortie. The aircraft crashed on taking off. Weather conditions were bad; the aircraft was rapidly filling with water, trapping members of the crew inside the hull. Warrant Officer Randell managed to enlarge a small hole in the hull sufficiently to allow exit. He helped three of the crew out through the hole he had made and inflated their safety jackets. Then, hearing cries for assistance, he went to the aid of the other members of the crew. In the darkness and through the ice-cold water he found them and after inflating their safety jackets he assisted them to safety. One member of the crew was so exhausted that he would probably have lost his life but for the courage and fortitude of Warrant Officer Randell.

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

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

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Talbot CHINCHEN, D.F.C. (Aus.250704), Royal Australian Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Ralph Henry LUCKY, M.C. (79272), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Flight Lieutenant Frederick Lionel RIPPINGALE (62005), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Air Ministry, 1st June, 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:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Group Captain John Emilius FAUQUIER, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Can/C.1399), R.C.A.F., 617 Sqn.

Since assuming command of the squadron in December, 1944, this officer has taken part in almost all the sorties to which the formation has been committed. Early in February, 1945, Group Captain Fauquier led the squadron in an attack on the U-boat pens at Poortershaven. Photographs obtained showed that the bombing was accurate and concentrated. Since then, this officer has participated in a number of sorties during which the railway viaduct at Bielefeld, a railway bridge over the river Weser at Bremen and a viaduct over a flooded meadow near Ardbergen bridge were all rendered unusable by the enemy. By his brilliant leadership, undoubted skill and iron determination, this officer played a good part in the successes obtained. He has rendered much loyal and valuable service..

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Terence Berkeley MORTON (32250), R.A.F.O., 100 Sqn.

This officer, now on his third tour of operational duty, has completed a large number of sorties against a variety of strongly defended targets. On one occasion in March, 1945, he was detailed to attack an oil installation at Misburg. During the bombing run, his aircraft was illuminated in a cone of searchlights and heavily engaged by anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this, Wing Commander Morton held to a steady course and enabled his bomb aimer to attack the target with precision. Wing Commander Morton has displayed the highest standard of skill, coupled with the greatest determination to bring his missions to a successful conclusion. Undaunted by the heaviest of opposition he has invariably pressed home his attacks, setting a fine example to all under his command.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Frederick Oliver BARRETT (40355), R.A.F., 305 Sqn.

One night in April, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack enemy movements by road and rail in the Bremen-Hamburg area. When south-east of Bremen, Squadron Leader Barrett sighted some 15 trucks in a railway siding. He immediately went into the attack, raking the target with cannon and machine gun fire over its entire length. As he was pressing home another attack some of the trucks exploded with great violence. Squadron Leader Barrett's aircraft was thrown out of control by the force of the explosion. It was also struck by debris which was hurled high in the air. He quickly regained a measure of control but the aircraft had been severely damaged. It seemed as though it would have to be abandoned but Squadron Leader Barrett was determined, if possible, to reach allied territory. At times the aircraft became almost uncontrollable but, finally, Squadron Leader Barrett reached an airfield where he executed a successful crash landing. This officer displayed exceptional skill, great courage and coolness throughout.

Acting Squadron Leader Doyne Garnet Thornton Rutter HAYES (44760), R.A.F.

This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties. He has at all times displayed great determination in the face of the enemy and his skill and enthusiasm have combined to make

him an ideal gunnery leader whose example both on the ground and in the air has been an inspiration to all.

Flight Lieutenant Terence HELFER (127041), R.A.F.V.R., 161 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Helfer has completed many operational sorties and throughout has displayed the highest standard of efficiency and devotion to duty. He has undertaken many hazardous missions and on two occasions has had to bring his damaged aircraft down on the sea, being rescued after being adrift in the dinghy for some time on each occasion. Despite these experiences he has shown outstanding keenness for operational flying and has proved a most valuable asset to his squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Dreghorn MACMILLAN (138908), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.

In March, 1945, this officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. During the bombing run the aircraft was attacked and damaged by an enemy fighter. Both gun turrets were put out of action and severe damage was caused to the elevators. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Macmillan took successful evasive action and the target was afterwards attacked. On leaving the target the aircraft dived steeply out of control. With difficulty Flight Lieutenant Macmillan regained control. He afterwards requested two members of the crew to tie a rope around the control column. By pulling on the rope they were able to assist their pilot to fly the aircraft straight and level. On reaching an airfield in this country, Flight Lieutenant Macmillan brought the damaged aircraft down safely.

Acting Flying Officer Jerrold Harcourt JACKSON (Aus.428390), R.A.A.F., 57 Sqn.

Flying Officer Jackson has completed many sorties against strongly defended enemy targets. In January, 1945, he was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the oil plants at Brux. When some 300 miles from the target on the outward flight, one engine failed completely. Nevertheless, this officer did not hesitate to continue his mission. Some height had been lost as the target was reached but he made an accurate attack in the face of considerable enemy fire. He afterwards flew his aircraft safely back to base. Flying Officer Jackson has consistently shown courage and determination of a high standard.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1804406 Sergeant Jeffery George WHEELER, R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Sergeant Wheeler was flight engineer in an aircraft detailed to attack the heavily defended target of Bremen in March, 1945. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit and damaged by enemy fire. Sergeant Wheeler was seriously wounded in the thigh. Although in great pain this resolute airman concealed the fact until well clear of the target. After receiving attention, Sergeant Wheeler insisted on being allowed to carry on with his duties. Two of the starboard engines had sustained slight damage but so well did this engineer fulfil his tasks that his captain was enabled to have full use of the four engines throughout the homeward flight. In spite of much physical distress, Sergeant Wheeler displayed outstanding devotion to duty, setting a splendid example to all. This airman has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of skill.

Air Ministry, 1st June, 1945.

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

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Frederick Anthony Owen GAZE, D.F.C. (60096), R.A.F.V.R., 610 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Ronald EDMOND, D.F.C., A.F.C. (129960), R.A.F.V.R., 226 Sqn.

Philip Whaley Ellis HEPPELL, D.F.C. (86370), R.A.F.V.R., 118 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader.

Gerald James STONHILL (39905), R.A.F., 154 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

William Craig TIMONEY (41536), R.A.F.O., 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Arthur Wilfred WATSON (147753), R.A.F.V.R., 253 Sqn., with effect from 21st May, 1944 (since deceased).

Flight Lieutenants.

William John BATCHELOR (138655), R.A.F.V.R., 603 Sqn.

Raymond Joseph Grant DAVIDSON (128411), R.A.F.V.R., 190 Sqn.

Ian Hatton FRYER (46717), R.A.F. (Lieutenant, Royal Tank Regiment), 4 Sqn.

Philip Joseph HOUGHTON (119464), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

Hugh Kenneth HUGHES (121439), R.A.F.V.R., 3 Sqn.

David Haydn JONES (141819), R.A.F.V.R., 620 Sqn.

Arthur Thomas KIRK (50610), R.A.F., 140 Sqn.

Leslie James LEPPARD (111570), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

Leslie Philip LIGHT (77535), R.A.F.V.R., 299 Sqn.

Albert Henry John SAMBIDGE (126974), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn., with effect from 29th January, 1944 (since deceased).

William Lawrence SAUNDERS-KNOX-GORE (128927), R.A.F.V.R. 13 Sqn., with effect from 11th September, 1944 (since deceased).

Louis Reginald Graham SMITH (106026), R.A.F.V.R., 80 Sqn.

Jack Harold WETHERLY (82716), R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn., with effect from 29th March, 1943 (since deceased).

David Bernard WILLS (115997), R.A.F.V.R., 68 Sqn.

John Oswald YOUNG (61960), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn., with effect from 29th March, 1943 (since deceased).

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Ronald CREASE (139886), R.A.F.V.R., 7th Sqn., with effect from 13th January, 1944 (since deceased).

Reginald Robinson DIXON (155761), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn., with effect from 20th January, 1944 (since deceased).

Dennis Henry HAYCOCK (117422), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn., with effect from 16th April, 1943 (since deceased).

Thomas Patrick McGARRY (129645), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 20th January, 1944.

William George ROSS, D.F.M. (139487), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn., with effect from 19th January, 1944 (since deceased).

Peter Alfred THOMAS (172593), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn., with effect from 22nd December, 1944 (since deceased).

Flying Officers.

John Carter ATKINSON (171188), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 26th January, 1944.

Charles Donald BURTON (176856), R.A.F.V.R., 16 Sqn.

Douglas George Joseph HIGGS (133333), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn., with effect from 13th January, 1944 (since deceased).

Frederick Charles Haver JOHNS (143416), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn., with effect from 26th July, 1944 (since deceased).

Alfred Beazley MARSH (107993), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 3rd April, 1943 (since deceased).

William George Evans Fletcher WALTON, B.E.M. (52211), R.A.F., 138 Sqn., with effect from 8th September, 1944 (since deceased).

Frederick Harold Charles WHEATCROFT (185732), R.A.F.V.R., 184 Sqn.

Acting Flying Officer.

Anthony Valentine Hutchinson WARDLE (175510), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn., with effect from 28th July, 1944 (since deceased).

Pilot Officers.

Harold William BACON (161743), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn., with effect from 13th January, 1944.

Thomas William CHALLONER (50465), R.A.F., 161 Sqn., with effect from 18th March, 1943 (since deceased).

William CURRIE (169469), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn., with effect from 13th January, 1944 (since deceased).
Geoffrey William DOPSON (191606), R.A.F.V.R., 80 Sqn.

Kenneth TAYLOR (54655), R.A.F., 307 Sqn.
Reginald Stanley Edward VERRAN (187743), R.A.F.V.R., 80 Sqn.

Herbert John WATKINS (162607), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn., with effect from 27th January, 1944 (since deceased).

Frank Edward WHEELER (185739), R.A.F.V.R., 174 Sqn.

William Joseph WILLSHAW (190667), R.A.F.V.R., 16 Sqn.

Thomas WRIGHT (161476), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn., with effect from 31st December, 1943 (since deceased).

Warrant Officers.

Harold Roy ANDERSEN (later Pilot Officer) (918871), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 16th April, 1943 (since deceased).

Donald GRIMLEY (1431274), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn., with effect from 26th January, 1944.

Reginald Hast WEBB (1384507), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeants.

614225 William Alexander DUNBAR, R.A.F., 10 Sqn., with effect from 20th January, 1944 (since deceased).

1018514 Ewen Dugald MACPHERSON, R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn., with effect from 19th January, 1944 (since deceased).

1052462 James Lauder SHIELLS (later Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn., with effect from 15th April, 1943 (since deceased).

Acting Flight Sergeant.

656647 Frank Cyril MILTON (later Pilot Officer), R.A.F., 83 Sqn., with effect from 15th April, 1943 (since deceased).

Sergeants.

1575770 Kenneth Basil REEVES, R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn., with effect from 13th January, 1944 (since deceased).

843261 Jack RINGWOOD, R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn., with effect from 26th January, 1944 (since deceased).

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Daniel Joseph REID (Aus. 401666), 41 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Ivan George DURSTON (Aus. 414313), 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 28th January, 1944.

Frederick Charles William HEALEY (Aus. 412064), 156 Sqn., with effect from 19th January, 1944.

Flying Officers.

Sidney John CONNELL (Aus. 425105), 190 Sqn.

Hugh Lyle MITCHELL (Aus. 425344), 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Gordon William NUNN (Aus. 425737) 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Valton Leslie TURNER (Aus. 420363), 56 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

John Ferguson MACMILLAN (Aus. 409166), 57 Sqn., with effect from 28th January, 1944.

Keith Cummings MCPHIE (Aus. 414267), 57 Sqn., with effect from 28th January, 1944.

Warrant Officer.

Kenneth MORETON (later Pilot Officer) (Aus. 405465), 57 Sqn., with effect from 28th January, 1944.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Fred Raymond BARTLETT (Can/J.23044), 414 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Edmund Speck DUNN (Can/C.1712), 430 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Harry James Henry HARDY (Can/J.20841), 440 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Frederick Arthur JOHNSON (Can/J.12259), 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Nathan LEVITEN (Can/J.6140), 212 Sqn.

Joseph George Ernest SAVARD (Can/J.20430), 440
(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Robert Edward SPOONER (Can/J.23538), 438 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Joseph Omer Leopold DESROCHES (Can/J.15820),
425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 14th April,
1943.

Robert Sherlock MIDDLETON (Can/J.88159), 190
Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Jack Beauchamp MUTTON (Can/C.89528), 298 Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Mervyn Ryburn BREED (N.Z.405518), 109 Sqn.,
with effect from 9th February, 1944.

James Edward MORTIMER (N.Z.412259), 485
(R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Alfred MUGGERIDGE (N.Z.421751), 156 Sqn., with
effect from 20th January, 1944.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry
and devotion to duty in the execution of air
operations.

Air Ministry, 1st June, 1945.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for
the wearing of the undermentioned decorations con-
ferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of
valuable services rendered in connection with the
war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander).

Air Marshal Sir John SLESSER, K.C.B., D.S.O.,
M.C., R.A.F.

Bronze Star Medal.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Idris JONES
(77246), R.A.F.V.R.

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