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Air Ministry, 4th September, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished service:—

Military Medal.

802379 Sergeant Alexander Mills BROWN, No. 3207 Servicing Commando.

This airman displayed outstanding courage and initiative during the period 15th to 27th March, when an air strip, which was being used by aircraft engaged in the removal of wounded personnel, was subjected to intense shelling by the enemy. On the 23rd March only two aircraft remained on the strip, which was then being subjected to very accurate fire. The port engine of a Dakota aircraft, which had wounded personnel on board, failed to start. Displaying complete disregard for his own safety Sergeant Brown endeavoured to start the engine by hand. Whilst thus engaged, however, damage was inflicted by an enemy shell and it became necessary to remove the personnel. Sergeant Brown entered the aircraft and, by his calmness and efficiency, enabled all personnel to be removed to safety. Shortly afterwards he observed another aircraft which had landed on the strip. Despite the intense shelling, Sergeant Brown drove a jeep to where the aircraft had landed and advised the pilot to take off. The pilot succeeded in doing so. Although Sergeant Brown was in the centre of the area being shelled he drove the jeep back to an aircraft bay, thereby saving it from destruction. Sergeant Brown's outstanding bravery, in the face of accurate enemy shelling, resulted in the saving of an aircraft and a jeep, and ensured the safety of the wounded personnel.

Air Ministry, 4th September, 1945.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

Wt. Offs.

576707 Ronald George HUIE (57324). 6th June 1945.

650289 Owen John EVANS (57344). 30th June 1945.

612768 Gibson RAINE (57343). 10th July 1945.

Flt. Sgts.

539609 Raymond Edward WILLIAMS (57325). 7th July 1945.

591488 Ronald George CLARK (57342). 19th July 1945.

Acm. 2nd Cl.

605699 Claude Elbert Merton SMITH (56990). 7th Aug. 1945.

Notification amended.

29th June 1943 (p. 2931, col. 2) concerning H. WHELDON (57349) should have appeared under the heading ROYAL AIR FORCE and not ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE and his number is as now stated.

12th Oct. 1943 (p. 4505, col. 2) concerning J. LAVERY (57347) should have appeared under the heading ROYAL AIR FORCE and not ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE and his number is as now stated.

Grant of acting rank.

Air Vice-Mshl. Sir Hugh W. L. SAUNDERS, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., D.F.C., M.M., as Air Mshl. 1st Aug. 1945.

Transfer between branches.

Flt. Lts. to the Admin. and Spec. Duties Br.:—

B. DOUTHWAITE (44928). 4th Aug. 1945.

C. P. COAD (49569). 9th Aug. 1945.

Commission relinquished.

Flt. Lt. K. O. SAYERS (Lt. R.A.) (43112) (on return to Army Duty). 10th Aug. 1945.

Flt. Lt. R. H. M. BALL (49815) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service) retaining his rank. 20th Aug. 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Commission relinquished.

Flg. Off. W. J. CURTIS (52058) (on account of medical unfitness for Air Force service) retaining his rank. 11th Aug. 1945.

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency). 26th July 1945:—

Wt. Offs.

514952 Alfred John AEDY (56945).

513622 William George BROWN (56947).

514845 William John HEWINGS (56954).

590589 Joseph Noel KING (56956).

514984 Harry LEWIS (56957).

Flt. Sgts.

591485 Jack BUCKLEY (56948).

591225 Henry George HARDING (56952).

Sgts.

6444764 Victor Edward BURGESS (56949).

591250 John Edgar DANBY (56950).

642025 Richard William GAMMON (56951).