

Flying Officer.

John Andrew Joseph Carruthers ANDERSON
(Can/J.19611), 20 Sqn.

ROYAL INDIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenant.*

Minoo Merwan ENGINEER (Ind.1614), 3 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Rointon Merwan ENGINEER (Ind.2120), 9 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

Sukumar Krishnan MUKERJEE (Ind.2359), 9 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

Bhaskaroo Koteswara Bhondada RAO (Ind.2437), 2 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenant.*

Wallace Wentworth PEET (N.Z.41933), 74 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Russell Murray CLARKE (N.Z.42190), 485 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Raymond Maurice BULLEN (N.Z.425880), 358 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

David Thomas LAING (N.Z.427095), 69 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Major.*

Reginald John CLEMENTS (102132V) 16 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captain.

Gerald Brunette SMITH (47239V), 17 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

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

Air Ministry, 2nd October, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of distinguished service.

Military Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh Wallace THOMPSON, D.F.C. (175967), R.A.F.V.R., No. 7 Sqn.

Air Ministry, 2nd October, 1945.

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

Military Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John Thurlow TAYLOR (130134), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenant Taylor was officer in charge V.C.P. attached to 4/8 Battalion Gurkha Rifles at Nyaungkashe on the West bank of the Sittang River from 23rd June to 6th July, 1945. During the last five days of the period the enemy made a determined effort to capture Nyaungkashe using a large force around the perimeter and by heavy and intensive shelling. This Officer gave invaluable assistance to the Battalion by his accurate control of air support which was so vital. His skilful direction of low level bombing attacks on enemy targets was beyond all praise. Flight Lieutenant Taylor displayed great courage and a complete disregard for his own safety in face of intense and accurate enemy shell-fire, his inspiring confidence and cheerfulness throughout a most difficult and prolonged operation were an inspiration to all ranks.

Military Medal.

1093432 Corporal Stanley Rogerson JACKSON, R.A.F.V.R.

Corporal Jackson was a wireless mechanic during an action at Nyaungkashe on the West bank of the Sittang River when the position was subjected to intense and accurate enemy shell fire. Although the area in which the wireless set was situated became the object of prolonged shelling, Corporal Jackson worked unceasingly on the maintenance of his set. On 5th July, 1945, two shells fell within 20 yards of the apparatus damaging it and wounding him in the chest. Completely disregarding his wound and the continued shelling in the immediate vicinity, this airman remained at his post until the set was repaired and he had succeeded in establishing communication with supporting aircraft. Throughout the remainder of the action this airman continued to work his set under heavy fire and maintained the vital ground to air communication to the end. Corporal Jackson displayed courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest tradition of the service.

1433683 Leading Aircraftman Ernest COXSHALE, R.A.F.V.R.

This airman broke cover under shell fire to rescue wounded personnel from a Dakota aircraft which had received a direct hit. It was largely due to his courage and devotion to duty that all of the wounded were rescued. On every occasion when casualties arose due to enemy shelling and mortar fire in the vicinity he was always ready to remove casualties to safety and assist where possible. His complete disregard for danger was, an inspiration to all airmen.

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