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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

19th October, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese:—

To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Group Captain Leon Victor LACHAL, R.A.A.F.

To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Wing Commander Geoffrey James TOWERS (Aus. 250984), R.A.A.F.

Squadron Leader Hector Maximilian Ivor McIVOR (Aus. 262454), R.A.A.F.

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Wesley Caulfield HALSTEAD (Aus. 23628), R.A.A.F.

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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of brave conduct, to the undermentioned:—

Awarded the George Medal.

Aus. 37331 Corporal James KEAN, R.A.A.F.
Aus. 205884 Acting Corporal Verden James DEAN, R.A.A.F.

Aus. 72239 Leading Aircraftman Milton John GILL, R.A.A.F.

Aus. 124580 Leading Aircraftman Lindsay George WALTERS, R.A.A.F.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).

Aus. 44312 Sergeant Leonard Wilfred HEINER, R.A.A.F.

Air Ministry, 19th October, 1945.

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

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander.

Lewis Macdonald HODGES, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33408), R.A.F., 357 Sqn.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captains.

John GRANDY (32078), R.A.F.

Kenneth James MELLOR, D.F.C. (37018), R.A.F., 233 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

John Elliott Scott HILL (42061), R.A.F.O., 177 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Alan James MCGREGOR (81919), R.A.F.V.R., 123 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

Robert Abraham BROWNE (119835), R.A.F.V.R., 267 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Terence Patrick O'BRIEN, D.F.C. (88689), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.

Michael VLASTO, D.F.C. (108232), R.A.F.V.R., 52 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Robert Cree CRAWFORD (34146), R.A.F., 194 Sqn., with effect from 19th June, 1945 (since deceased).

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Peter Gardner BELL (61492), R.A.F.V.R., 62 Sqn.

Cedric Rodney HARROLD (80368), R.A.F.V.R., 212 Sqn.

Leonard Charles McCONNELL (81938), R.A.F.V.R., 358 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Ralph Leslie ANDREWS (144629), R.A.F.V.R., 151 Sqn.

Ernest Ronald Wheeldon ARIS (49992), R.A.F., 123 Sqn.

Harold Allan AYKROYD (125657), R.A.F.V.R., 45 Sqn.

James Logan BRIGGS (60330), R.A.F.V.R., 607 Sqn.