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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
26th July, 1946.

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 Officers in the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Wing Commander Joseph Robert KAYLL, D.S.O., D.F.C. (90276), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 54 Squadron.

Wing Commander Kayll was shot down near St. Omer in July 1941 and captured immediately. He became S.B.O. at Oflag IX A/H until moved to Warburg in October 1941. In September 1942, Wing Commander Kayll escaped in a mass break out and, with a companion, walked south for seven days, covering 90 Km. before being recaptured by a forester, south of Fulda. He was transferred to Stalag Luft III (Sagan) in May 1943, and was in charge of the Escape Committee for the East Compound. Escape activities involved a very high proportion of the camp, and its direction was both arduous and dangerous, but Wing Commander Kayll was unsparing in his efforts to carry out this work. He also organised the whole of the security and intelligence section.

Squadron Leader George Dudley CRAIG (90285), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 607 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Craig was captured in November 1941, and imprisoned in various camps in Germany. In 1942 he attempted to walk out of the camp at Stalag Luft III, disguised as a German guard, but was unsuccessful. Whilst at Oflag XXIB Squadron Leader Craig took part in a tunnel break in which 36 officers escaped. With a companion he walked south towards Gneisen, but was recaptured 3 days later by Military Police. Throughout his imprisonment Squadron Leader Craig devoted his energy and ability to escaping and intelligence activities.

To be Additional Members in the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Flight Lieutenant Ardan Merivale CRAWLEY (90130), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 73 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Crawley was forced to crash land his aircraft near Bardia in July 1941 and was imprisoned in various camps in Germany. In March 1943 he escaped from Oflag XXIB by means of a tunnel and reached Innsbruck before being recaptured. Throughout his captivity he was an energetic member of the Escape Committee, devoting his ability towards escaping and assisting

others to escape. He furnished many officers with the fullest information and aids available and his knowledge of German was always at the disposal of any intending escapees.

Warrant Officer Keith GRALEY (633406), Royal Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Graley was the rear gunner of a Wellington aircraft that crash landed near Sidi Barani in July 1942. With other members of the crew Warrant Officer Graley made off in an endeavour to reach Bug-Bug; they wandered about for four days and were eventually captured by an Italian patrol. On 21st July, 1942, Warrant Officer Graley was in a Prisoner of War compound near an airfield at Tobruk. He jumped over the wire and reached a German aircraft, but when he was on the wing a crowd of ground staff approached and he started to return to the compound. He was caught, however, before he could get over the wire and, as a punishment, was sent to Benghazi and strung up by the hands for 4 hours. While at Campo 91 (Avezzano), Warrant Officer Graley managed to bribe one of the guards with bread and cigarettes and made his escape. He walked by night and rested by day but, on the fourth day, while sitting in a ditch and very ill, eight Italian Carabinieri arrived in a car and arrested him. For this attempt Warrant Officer Graley was given three days solitary confinement, and afterwards transferred to Dulag Luft. In September, 1943, he changed his identity and joined a working party at a factory and on his way to draw his tools, he decided to make another attempt to escape. He was unguarded, so he walked out through the main entrance intending to make for a range of hills. He was recaptured ten hours later and sentenced to seven days in the cells. After completing the sentence and spending about eight weeks in hospital, Warrant Officer Graley returned to the factory, where he engaged in acts of sabotage. In October, 1944, he and another prisoner planned to escape to the Russian lines and, with the help of a Polish chemist who gave them dyes for their clothing, they eventually left the factory and made their way to the railway station. Here they were met by the chemist who provided them with papers and railway tickets. On arrival at Brumgarten they were provided with shelter, food and clothes and remained there until 24th December, 1944, when they set out to make contact with partisans. During the journey they had to pass eight controls; seven were passed without incident, but at the eighth it was discovered that their travel permit was three days overdue; nevertheless they talked their way out and were able to proceed. They made contact with partisans who fed and sheltered them until the Russians arrived in January, 1945.

Air Ministry, 26th July, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award.

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Noel SNELL (119146), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

On 10th July, 1943, this officer's aircraft was shot down during a patrol over the beach head in Sicily, where allied landings were taking place. He was then engaged in attacking a force of Messerschmidts. The crash landing took place in territory controlled by the enemy, but Flight Lieutenant Snell was able to evade capture and, after dark, endeavoured to return to the beach head. He first encountered a number of Italians whom he bluffed into thinking him a Vichy Frenchman. On escaping from the Italians, he eventually found a road which he recognised from his map. Whilst following this road he was challenged by some Germans who ordered him to put his hands up. Without warning they rolled a grenade at him along the ground. Just in time, he jumped aside and ran back, followed by more grenades; he escaped by taking cover in the scrub. Shortly after this, he found himself in a minefield through which he picked his way for half an hour before reaching a track. Following this track, Flight Lieutenant Snell blundered on a German airfield, very near the battle area, where he was captured. The Germans decided to execute him as a spy. Flight Lieutenant Snell was marched out to a small open space and ordered to kneel down. Realising that he was to be shot in cold blood, he did not obey the order, but sprang away as the Germans fired. He was wounded in several places, his right shoulder being smashed. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Snell evaded his captors, and hid for a time amongst boulders, before making a last attempt to reach the British lines. Owing to the extreme weakness and pain caused by his wounds, this attempt was not successful. Flight Lieutenant Snell was re-captured at dawn after he had collapsed from exhaustion. He was again threatened with execution for spying on the airfield, but finally managed to prove his identity to the satisfaction of the Germans. He was taken to a field hospital where his wounds received attention. Later, Flight Lieutenant Snell was transferred to Catania and thence to Lucca by sea. Here he was in hospital for about 2 months, until the Germans, who controlled the prisoners, decided to move them by train to Germany. Although not fully recovered from his wounds, Flight Lieutenant Snell determined to escape during the journey and made all possible preparations for this. In company with an American officer, he jumped from the train while it was passing through a junction, afterwards discovered to be Mantova. For the next week, they travelled south. During this journey, they had several narrow escapes from the Germans and were assisted by a number of Anti-Fascist Italians. With this help, the officers were able to reach Modena where they were sheltered by various friendly Italians for several months. It was eventually decided that Flight Lieutenant Snell and his companion should attempt to escape over the Alps to Switzerland. They made a long and risky train journey, accompanied by several of their Italian friends, to a small village near the frontier. There they were introduced to two guides who took them over the mountains. After a very long and steep climb, the frontier was reached and crossed. In Switzerland, Flight Lieutenant Snell was interned until October, 1944, when the American advance reached the Swiss border.

Air Ministry, 26th July, 1946.

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

CONFERRED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

The Order of the Crown.

Grand Officer.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Thomas Walker ELMHIRST, K.B.E., C.B., A.F.C., R.A.F.

Military Cross, 1st Class.

Squadron Leader Raymond Alfred Victor LEFORGEAIS (73886), R.A.F.V.R.

Croix De Guerre 1940 with Palm.

Acting Wing Commander Donald Wilfrid STEVENTON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33477), R.A.F.

Squadron Leader John Hugh SAFFERY, D.F.C. (61457), R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Armytage FAIRHURST, D.F.C. (43547), R.A.F.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

Military Cross.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Brian Edmund BAKER, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.

Amendments.

In notification of 14th June (page 3008, column 1) for Flight Lieutenant Laurence George Aggett BASTARD (142591), R.A.F.V.R., read Flight Lieutenant Laurence George Aggett BASTARD (142581), R.A.F.V.R.

In notification of 13th June 1946 (page 2780, column 1) C.B.E. for Acting Air Commodore Owen Washington DE PUTRON, Royal Air Force, read Acting Air Commodore Owen Washington DE PUTRON, A.D.C., Royal Air Force.

In notification of 13th June 1946 (page 2780, column 2) after Acting Group Captain Pierce McDIARMID, A.F.M., Royal Air Force, insert "Acting Group Captain Eric Gordon MOORE, Royal Air Force."

In notification of 13th June 1946 (page 2836, column 2) delete "Acting Group Captain Eric Gordon MOORE, Royal New Zealand Air Force."

In notification of 25th June 1946 (page 3219, column 1) Mentions in Despatches for Warrant Officer A. C. GIBSON, Aus.426743, amend number to read Aus.427315.

Air Ministry, 26th July 1946.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

M. DOBSON (57934). 3rd July 1946.

4th July 1946.

R. HODGE (57935).

E. E. B. LE VOI (57890).

Promotion.

Flg. Off. to Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

G. W. HUNT (55812). 4th June 1946.

J. B. TIMONEY (55842). 27th June 1946.

E. D. BROCKHURST (55711). 28th June 1946.

30th June 1946.

L. R. FRADD (55663).

P. THOMSON (55703).

Notification amended.

12th Oct. 1945 (p. 5023, col. 2) for J. I. SIMPSON, D.F.M. (162944), read J. I. SIMPSON (162944).

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Promotion.

Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) R. W. NICHOLSON (73316) is granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 3rd Feb 1946.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Confirmation.

Flg. Off. (prob.) R. C. WILSON (57628). 23rd June 1946.

Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Off. (prob.) J. G. WARD, M.C. (57669) confmd. in appt. and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.), 1st July 1946.

Promotion.

The undermtd. are granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

12th May 1946.
Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) E. L. FRITH (41011).
Flt. Lt. G. A. POTTER (44251).

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.**Notification amended.**

10th May 1946 (p. 2236, col. 1) concerning
G. H. TEBBOTH (31481) for 31st Mar. 1946, read
3rd Mar. 1946.

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.**Promotion.**

Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) O. GRADON (21349) is granted
the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 1st Oct. 1945

Flt. Lts. (temp.) granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

V. W. A. MATTHEWS (44968). 7th June 1946.
N. GIBSON (44256). 10th June 1946.
G. E. P. B. WARD (45186). 21st June 1946.

LEGAL BRANCH.**Promotion.**

Flt. Lt. (temp. Wg. Cdr.) A. G. C. SOMERHOUGH
(24075) to Sqn. Ldr. 7th June 1946.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.****Promotion.**

Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) G. T. STANLEY (39447) is
granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 11th
June 1946.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.****Confirmation and promotion.**

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

H. J. PINCHING (202516). 17th Apr. 1946.
W. A. H. LOVE (201861). 10th May 1946.
C. R. DYER (202525). 19th May 1946.
H. V. BROWN (201766). 12th June 1946.
P. J. BIRT (202018). 1st July 1946.

3rd July 1946.

W. N. BAGGALEY (202400).
P. W. LEES (202044).
E. J. LEWINGTON (202019).
J. REGAN (202385).

4th July 1946.

G. W. BENNETT (202487).
R. L. S. BLACKADDER (202233).
R. H. COWIN (202363).

B. J. K. CARTER (202176). 5th July 1946.

Promotion.

Flg. Off. to Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

A. E. GLANVILLE (191222). 19th Nov. 1945.
M. W. DALE (173544). 20th Mar. 1946.
C. G. WEARMOUTH, D.F.C. (174528). 8th Apr.
1946.

J. W. READ (176991). 25th May 1946.
J. C. H. FROST (180083). 11th June 1946.
D. H. CUNDY (177904). 12th June 1946.
J. DAVIDSON, D.F.C. (177624). 16th June 1946.

20th June 1946.

P. C. BARR (178234).
D. MITCHELL (178576).
N. H. EASTMENT (183272). 23rd June 1946.
A. B. HERON (178480). 24th June 1946.
G. T. RICHARDSON (178222). 26th June 1946.

27th June 1946.

G. K. CHAPMAN, D.F.M. (179140).
M. W. FINNEY, D.F.C. (178086).
B. P. GRIFFITHS (182156).
L. C. HAWKINS (183112).
D. J. KNIGHTS (178458).
I. S. V. H. LEWIS (187517).
R. E. MOWBRAY (178761).
E. FOULTER (178638).
H. PRIOR (179199).
C. N. SEARLE (178959).

28th June 1946.

H. G. BARSTOW (182436).
S. BELLIS (178727).
D. BLAKE, D.F.C. (178825).
W. H. BOLTON (177295).

E. E. COPSEY (185511).
A. K. DAVIS (178823).
R. H. FRANKLIN (178702).
F. HULBERT (178732).
W. JEFFCOTT (179162).
C. H. MCCREANOR (177301).
E. J. MONK (179063).
I. P. MORRIS (188738).
K. W. RAMSAY (182247).
B. D. RODERICK (178713).
H. A. G. SHELLCROSS (177302).
A. B. TIPPLe (178870).

29th June 1946.

H. T. ALLEN (179442).
J. CONROY (179284).
J. T. COOMBES (182954).
E. T. DUCKETT (178647).
W. G. GREGORY (178973).
H. LOONEY (184896).
E. MEARES (178554).
J. R. MILSOM (179801).
S. A. NUNNS, D.F.C. (179592).
A. PALMER (178444).
S. P. WITCHELL (178789).

30th June 1946.

P. G. ARCHER (186593).
W. H. ASHMORE (165702).
V. L. BAYNES (165650).
W. J. BENNEY (165654).
E. I. BLACKER (165701).
C. G. BLAKE (183280).
R. H. BODE, D.F.C. (182980).
F. BOTTOMLEY (165660).
S. J. W. BROWN (165699).
T. H. BROWN (183282).
E. F. BRYAN, D.F.M. (178850).
F. F. H. BURNETT, D.F.C. (178642).
N. L. CAPPER (183286).
B. R. CHURCH (165665).
W. CLARKE (165667).
W. Y. CRAWFORD (179366).
F. CROPPER (183284).
D. C. DARNELL (179175).
J. K. DAVIES, D.F.M. (182112).
J. L. DONOVAN (165697).
L. W. A. EASTERBY (165698).
K. G. EDWARDS (165663).
R. ELLIOTT (165680).
C. FOULDS (165671).
A. H. FREEBORN (165651).
A. G. GARDINER (165707).
G. GRAHAM (165633).
P. GRANAHAN (165677).
M. GRAVE (165628).
F. GREEN (165700).
H. GREEN, D.F.C. (182398).
M. E. GRIFFITHS (165647).
E. S. GROSVENOR (182832).
D. S. HAGGETT (165675).
M. R. HALES (165637).
D. F. HARRIS (165629).
R. K. HART, D.F.C. (160196).
C. J. HAYWARD (165674).
J. E. HERBERT (165479).
L. A. HOGG (165690).
A. G. HUGGINS (165639).
W. A. JENKINS (165692).
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H. JOHNSON (165688).
J. JOHNSTON (165286).
L. JOHNSTONE (165693).
T. L. KEDDIE (165648).
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P. T. LAWRENCE (165661).
H. LLOYD (165681).
J. G. G. LUCAS (165705).
W. H. MCGOVERN (183285).
I. W. MCKERROW (165611).
H. H. MCKINTY (183550).
J. MAHER (165625).
J. C. MARMION (165684).
P. M. MITCHELL (165632).
C. W. MOORE (165706).
J. E. OSTICK (165640).
H. E. OAKEBY (179173).
J. OWEN (165646).
T. PARISH (165636).
F. I. PARTINGTON (165623).
A. C. PEARSON (165689).
W. PIMBLOTT (165609).
G. G. F. PITTS (165642).
W. POOLE (165708).

D. RALSTON (178487).
 K. H. REEVE (165613).
 K. F. RICHARDSON (165672).
 P. J. RICHARDSON (177544).
 C. H. E. RICKMAN (165621).
 A. M. ROBERTSON (165618).
 L. E. ROWE (165704).
 J. A. P. RUSSELL (165641).
 S. J. RUSSELL-SMITH (165608).
 J. P. SCOTT (165686).
 H. J. SCULL (165638).
 A. SHAW (165619).
 T. J. SHERBURN, D.F.C. (179370).
 N. D. SIMMONS (183283).
 S. G. SIMPSON (165644).
 G. H. W. SMITH (165679).
 J. A. STEVENS (165610).
 R. V. THORNDICK (165631).
 A. H. UPTON (165683).
 A. D. WALKER (178836).
 R. L. WELSH (165620).
 H. WOOTTON (165622).
 L. J. WYMAN (184799).

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Promotion.

Flt. Lt. G. W. M. DUNN (86223) is granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 1st June 1946.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Off. (prob.) E. W. BARNES (197996) confmd. in appt. and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 7th Jan. 1946.

Promotion.

Wg. Cdr. (temp.) W. R. COLLINS (75173) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.). 16th June 1946.

Flg. Off. F. W. E. WARD (135957) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 15th June 1946.

Notification cancelled.

5th Apr. 1946 (p. 1741, col. 1) concerning G. C. HICKS (79700).

Regrading.

Actg. Plt. Offs. (prob.) to Plt. Offs. (prob.):—

27th June 1946.

G. C. CARDWELL (202559).

R. DICKINSON (202560).

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

Promotion.

Flt. Lt. (temp.) F. W. JOHNSON (64219) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 21st June 1946.

ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT.

Confirmation and promotion.

Notification amended.

10th Dec. 1943 (p. 5386, col. 2) concerning J. F. OLIVER (145136) for 7th Dec. 1943 read 7th Dec. 1943 (seny. 29th June 1943).

17th Dec. 1943 (p. 5494, col. 1) concerning H. P. C. SMART (145128) for 11th Dec. 1943 read 11th Dec. 1943 (seny. 29th June 1943).

25th Feb. 1944 (p. 948, col. 2) concerning H. BESSON (145132) for 12th Dec. 1943 read 12th Dec. 1943 (seny. 29th June 1943).

10th Mar. 1944 (p. 1164, col. 1) concerning G. P. FENN (145312) for 12th Feb. 1944 read 12th Feb. 1944 (seny. 29th June 1943).

WOMEN'S FORCES.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

Confirmation.

Members granted emergency commissions on probation, listed in col. 7548 of the Apr. 1946 Air Force List (from E. EVANS to H. McL. MCCARTNEY).

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