

munitions depended upon very exact movements and perfectly timed teamwork, this airman by his efficiency, courage and devotion to duty, contributed greatly to the success of the operation. During the past year, Squadron Leader Dinwoodie and Corporal Garred have frequently shown outstanding gallantry in handling and defusing dangerous bombs. Squadron Leader Dinwoodie has been responsible for clearing and organising the demolition of very large dumps of German bombs, many of which were in a very unsafe condition.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
(Military Division).*

1577237 Leading Aircraftman Thomas Stuart FERNIE,
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air
Force Station, Padang.

On 14th May, 1946, this airman displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty during an incident in which two men lost their lives. A 250 gallon Japanese petrol bowser caught fire and there was a danger of the fire spreading to adjacent buildings. With complete disregard of his own safety, Leading Aircraftman Fernie entered the driving cab of the blazing tanker and drove it away from the camp, heading it into a hollow morass at a safe distance. By this courageous action, he saved the entire camp from what could have proved a most disastrous fire. On another occasion, on 4th June, 1946, whilst acting as an emergency driver, Leading Aircraftman Fernie's vehicle was ambushed by Indonesian terrorists at a dangerous bend leading to a narrow bridge. A bomb was thrown into the back of the 3 ton vehicle, blowing a hole in the side and injuring two of the passengers. At the same time a machine gun opened fire and three bullets passed through the driving cab within two inches of Leading Aircraftman Fernie's head. In spite of this, he corrected the initial swerve of the vehicle, negotiated the bend leading to the bridge and brought his vehicle safely back to camp. Thus, for the second time in the course of a month, Leading Aircraftman Fernie displayed exceptional courage and resolution, one of these occasions being whilst under enemy fire.

Air Ministry, 4th February, 1947.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Flight Lieutenants (permanent):—*

1st July 1946.
Reginald Edgar GLOVER, D.F.C. (44408).
John Edward HOLLAND, D.F.C. (81936).
Richard Spencer KERBY (119568).

As Flying Officers (permanent):—*

1st July 1946.
Julian Raymond CHAPMAN (155418).
Clifford Laurence GODWIN (153112).
John Francis HACKING, D.F.C. (143428).
Edward Peter LONDON, D.F.C. (49062).
Douglas Charles LOWE, D.F.C., A.F.C. (138661).
Clive Lawrence Charles MASON (151008).
Robert Hugh Hanley Baird SHAW (152775).

11th Dec. 1946.

Robert Greenwood WILSON, D.F.C. (125601).

As Flight Lieutenants, extended service (A.M.O. A.775/45, Scheme B)†:—

18th Dec. 1945.
Clive Leslie BROOKS (47998).
Fergus Connon WILSON (47900).

22nd Aug. 1946.

William Henry BANKS (47102).

12th Dec. 1946.

George Kitchener Wing NEWTON (48997).

As Flying Officers, extended service (A.M.O. A.775/45, Scheme B)†:—

18th Dec. 1945.
Thomas McNICHOLAS, D.F.C. (51288).

23rd Jan. 1946.

Edward Peter LONDON, D.F.C. (49062).

12th Feb. 1946.

Maynard BLACKBURN (55282).

* Retaining their existing ranks under wartime rules. Relative seniority in permanent rank will be determined later.

† Retaining their existing ranks under wartime rules. Relative seniority in substantive rank will be determined later.

8th Aug. 1946.

Roger EMETT (53248).
Arthur LEWIS, D.F.M. (50468).

15th Aug. 1946.

George Edward MURRAY (55048).
Graham Mitchell REID, D.F.C. (55831).

22nd Aug. 1946.

Marcus Griffiths POTTER, D.F.C. (52079).
Frederick Percy George PAYNE (54873).

29th Aug. 1946.

Cyril James CADWALADR (54632).
Allan FEATHERSTONE (52997).
Alexander Rodger STURGEON (54536).

5th Sept. 1946.

Leslie Ward GAYLER (49315).

12th Sept. 1946.

Robert Archibald DOUGLAS, D.F.C. (51602).

3rd Oct. 1946.

George William Eric WOOLLEY, D.F.C. (50515).

28th Nov. 1946.

John ALISON, D.F.C. (52105).

4th Dec. 1946.

Robert Fenton SMAIL (56223).

12th Dec. 1946.

Walter Dowse JARVIS (53990).

19th Dec. 1946.

Rowland Walton COULSTON, B.E.M. (54266).

As Squadron Leaders, extended service (four years on the active list)†:—

23rd Jan. 1946.

Douglas Henry Vincent CRAIG, A.F.C. (27156).

15th Aug. 1946.

Michael KELLETT, D.F.C. (86630).

As Flight Lieutenants, extended service (four years on the active list)†:—

18th Dec. 1945.

Reginald Edgar GLOVER, D.F.C. (44408).

Thomas Colin IMRIE, D.F.M. (114582).

Frederick Allan PENTY-CROSS (41056).

21st Feb. 1946.

Richard Spencer KERBY (119568).

30th May 1946.

Douglas Alfred Charles HUNT (111976).

22nd Aug. 1946.

Kenneth Sydney BOOTH, A.F.C. (63478).

24th Oct. 1946.

Ernest Kenneth PAINE (115724).

30th Dec. 1946.

Kenneth Athol PERKIN (84703).

As Flying Officers, extended service (four years on the active list)†:—

18th Dec. 1945.

Cyril INGLEBY, D.F.C. (118898).

9th May 1946.

Theodore Albert CASELEY (146690).

Charles Trevor STIMPSON, D.F.C. (129663).

30th May 1946.

Ronald Bertrand FAREN, D.F.C. (176753).

John Stanhope Jervoise HAMILTON-MARTIN (175402).

Edward Louis WALLANT (156035).

27th June 1946.

Henry Robert BAILEY (169045).

Harry William HOWE, D.F.C. (183456).

8th Aug. 1946.

Dennis EVANS (165103).

15th Aug. 1946.

Patrick Howard TUPPER (164369).

22nd Aug. 1946.

Maxwell Edward CHIVERS, D.F.C. (124436).

Robert William FLEMING (174494).

Robert Alexander Nathaniel MCCREADY (126157).

Ronald John William MASON (162473).

26th Sept. 1946.

Francis Paul MULKERN (177103).

3rd Oct. 1946.

Hayward Thomas WRIGHT (183765).

24th Oct. 1946.

Alfred John BEDFORD (179417).

Douglas George FORD (182256).

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