

his example and courage in the face of extreme difficulties, overcame all troubles laid in his path by the Indonesians in his area. Sergeant Atherton's work was efficient to the highest degree, although the vast majority of his duties had little to do with his trade as a medical orderly. In the latter sphere, however, he improved sanitary conditions, which the Japanese had left in an appalling state, by instituting drainage systems and other improvements. Throughout his stay in Sumatra, the high standard of efficiency he maintained set an excellent example to all about him.

978233 Sergeant John Edward SIMPSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Sergeant Simpson was non-commissioned officer in charge of the Royal Air Force Signals Duty Watch, when Royal Indian Navy ratings mutinied at the Castle Barracks, Bombay. He was ordered to leave the building within ten minutes but refused to do so. Sergeant Simpson handled a delicate situation in a calm and orderly manner. He displayed leadership, initiative and resource by defending the Signals section with improvised weapons until the arrival of the Naval Police and the Royal Marines. This airman was subsequently wounded by rifle fire from the mutineers whilst performing his duties.

Air Ministry, 11th February, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award, in recognition of distinguished service during the final stage of the operations in South East Asia, terminating on 30th November, 1946.

Air Force Medal.

638669 Corporal Albert John EDWARDS, R.A.F.

Air Ministry, 11th February, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel who have been Mentioned in Despatches, in recognition of distinguished services during the final stage of operations in South East Asia, terminating on 30th November, 1946:—

Wing Commanders.

D. I. C. EYRES (37090), R.A.F.O.
H. C. MAXWELL, D.S.O., D.F.C. (36219), R.A.F.

Acting Wing Commander.

J. D. WARNE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40447), R.A.F.

Squadron Leaders.

J. O. HENDERSON (47676), R.A.F.
E. PLOWRIGHT (35372), R.A.F.
M. W. RUMSEY, D.F.C. (40186), R.A.F.O.
J. E. SYMONDS (103539), R.A.F.V.R.
H. D. C. WEBBE (121207), R.A.F.V.R.

Chaplain.

The Rev. G. C. C. RIDGEWAY, R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

J. F. STOTT (113606), R.A.F.V.R.
R. H. WILLIAMS (121752), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenants.

N. F. CURTIS (53115), R.A.F.
H. D. DAVIES (186581), R.A.F.V.R.
B. K. MASSEY (150266), R.A.F.V.R.
E. W. PHILLIPS (119889), R.A.F.V.R.
W. J. POPE (49517), R.A.F.
G. M. SMITH (134094), R.A.F.V.R.
K. W. TAIT (175405), R.A.F.V.R.
R. B. WALKER (63736), R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

J. V. DESEMONIE (49325), R.A.F.
G. MARTIN (56569), R.A.F.

Flying Officers.

R. A. DARK (187947), R.A.F.V.R.
K. C. D. NIXON (190710), R.A.F.V.R.

Warrant Officers.

J. B. BROWN (509357), R.A.F.
S. A. CULFF (513175), R.A.F.
T. DARLINGTON (529693), R.A.F.
D. B. MCCALLUM (516861), R.A.F.
L. PIERPOINT (1580438), R.A.F.V.R.
W. WIGHT (523473), R.A.F.

Flight Sergeants.

562393 J. O. ADAMS, R.A.F.
1803698 R. A. GOLDING, R.A.F.V.R.
618593 C. T. A. SEADON, R.A.F.

Sergeants.

553811 B. MURROW, R.A.F.
619030 E. MURTAGH, R.A.F.
622303 J. E. SIMPSON, R.A.F.

Corporals.

1199381 W. L. BARNES, R.A.F.V.R.
1026352 R. I. COPP, R.A.F.V.R.
635536 A. F. CLARKE, R.A.F.
1616179 D. R. FLUCKIGER, R.A.F.V.R.
1571688 J. McDONALD, R.A.F.V.R.
1674050 C. D. MOTTRAM, R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Corporal.

1701406 F. J. VINCENT, R.A.F.V.R.

Leading Aircraftmen.

1567403 J. J. CARPENTER, R.A.F.V.R.
1018471 P. J. DOHERTY, R.A.F.V.R.
1579140 W. HOLBROOK, R.A.F.V.R. (deceased).
1470913 V. G. PADDICK, R.A.F.V.R.
1891519 L. PHILLIPS, R.A.F.V.R.
1459113 A. W. STEPHENS, R.A.F.V.R.
1708135 D. G. SWAIN, R.A.F.V.R.

Air Ministry, 11th February, 1947.

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 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Cloud and Banner Decoration.

With Special Cravat.

Acting Air Vice-Marshal.

Robert Linton RAGG, Royal Air Force.

Air Commodore.

Arthur GARRITY, C.B.E., Royal Air Force.

With Knot.

Acting Wing Commander.

Ronald Edwin WATTS, A.F.C. (27069), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader.

Ernest Philip APPLETON (62451), Royal Air Force.

2nd Class, Grade A, Army, Air, Navy Medal.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Simon DEYONG (147425), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Cecil Watson HASTINGS (158006), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer.

Kenneth Leonard WIGG (49471), Royal Air Force.

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF DENMARK.

Order of Dannebrog.

Commander, 1st Class.

Air Vice-Marshal.

Sir Basil Edward EMBRY, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

Commander, 2nd Class.

Group Captain.

Reginald William HILL, Royal Air Force.

Knight.

Wing Commander.

Harty Patrick SHALLARD, O.B.E. (73393), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Legion of Merit.

Commander.

Air Marshal.

Sir Thomas Walker ELMHIRST, K.B.E., C.B., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

Bronze Star Medal.

Wing Commander.

The Viscount ACHESON, O.B.E. (05244), Royal Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

John Malcolm PRINGLE (104521), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS.

Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau.

Group Captain.

Geoffrey Flindell WOOD, O.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.