

precarious iron ladder, considered to be too hot to use and, after an hour's extremely hazardous work, extinguished the fire at a very valuable control panel. Sergeant Beard then organised and directed the R.A.F. Fire Section in their efforts, co-ordinating the work of the Civil Fire Brigade and, finally, extinguishing the fire and so preventing it spreading to the densely populated Old Town of Nicosia, a potential disaster of the first magnitude.

533556 Sergeant John James LATHAM, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Khormaksar, Aden.

Sergeant Latham was in charge of the Station Fire Section during the Civil Disturbances in Aden from December 3rd-4th, 1947. The Section was in almost continuous action during this period in conditions of the greatest difficulty and danger owing to sniping, collapsing buildings and mob violence. Under Sergeant Latham's leadership the Section succeeded in getting numerous large fires under control and rescued at least twenty people from blazing buildings. Sergeant Latham's determination, courage and leadership were of a very high order.

2305430 Leading Aircraftman John Edward Westwood, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Empire Air Navigation School.

On the evening of the 26th January, 1948, Leading Aircraftman Westwood was the driver of a petrol bowser engaged in refuelling a Lincoln aircraft. During this operation the aircraft and bowser caught fire and the flames spread rapidly, quickly enveloping the driver's cabin of the bowser. Leading Aircraftman Westwood promptly turned off the petrol cock of the bowser and, after vainly endeavouring to extinguish the fire, forced his way into the blazing cabin and backed the bowser some forty yards clear of the aircraft. Here the fire was brought under control. Disregarding the possibility of the bowser exploding at any moment, Leading Aircraftman Westwood re-entered the still burning vehicle and drove it clear of all buildings and aircraft. By showing great presence of mind and complete disregard for his own safety, Leading Aircraftman Westwood acted in the highest traditions of the Service and by his courageous action averted what would undoubtedly have been a most serious accident to personnel, aircraft and buildings in the vicinity.

Air Ministry, 29th June, 1948.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following additional appointment to the Royal Red Cross for distinguished service in Palestine:—

Royal Red Cross (First Class).

Acting Matron Alice Mary WILLIAMSON, A.R.R.C. (5054), P.M.R.A.F.N.S.

Air Ministry, 29th June, 1948.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for distinguished service in Palestine:—

Air Force Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Bertram Frederick STANNARD (51630), R.A.F.

Flight Lieutenant.

Douglas SWANN (157866), R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Russell ANDERSON (57006), R.A.F.

Flying Officer.

Kenneth COURTNAGE (198605), R.A.F.V.R.

Air Ministry, 29th June, 1948.

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 for distinguished service in Palestine:—

Group Captains.

G. N. I. STANLEY-TURNER, C.B.E.

Acting Group Captain.

D. A. WILSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E., D.M.R.

Wing Commanders.

A. W. COE, O.B.E. (35044).

V. C. DARLING, O.B.E. (33236).

R. S. SWEET, O.B.E. (21173).

R. H. WATERHOUSE, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. (34092).

Acting Wing Commanders.

J. L. BARKER, C.B.E., D.F.C. (34137).

B. E. GILDER (35179).

Squadron Leaders.

R. I. ALEXANDER, D.F.C. (39923).

A. G. BARDEN (120528), R.A.F.V.R.

W. J. BURNETT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40076).

C. J. FOX, M.B.E. (44277).

H. GREAVES (45223).

C. HERRINGTON, M.B.E. (45254).

B. R. LITTLE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.A. (202629), R.A.F.V.R.

C. S. WEST, D.F.C. (43053).

Acting Squadron Leaders.

C. H. ARMSTEAD (46578).

J. C. DOUGLAS, D.F.C. (51319).

J. R. FISHER (31316).

T. L. HIGGINS (122955).

A. A. NORMAN-MACGREGOR (127655).

C. P. WEEKS (43688).

Flight Lieutenants.

S. C. V. CHISWELL (46742).

J. R. MACDONALD, M.B.E. (54888).

H. D. PIDLER (48235).

W. A. RADICE (154821), R.A.F.V.R.

J. A. SIMPSON, D.F.C. (150404), R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

D. W. PETERKEN (203018), R.A.F.V.R.

Flying Officer.

W. H. CADAMY (163366), R.A.F.V.R.

Warrant Officers.

S. ASHLEY, B.E.M. (1142155), R.A.F.V.R.

A. E. BROWN (515310).

T. KELLY (370933).

S. E. LUTCHFORD (515121).

T. WILLIAMS, M.B.E. (590922).

Flight Sergeants.

565501 A. H. BARTROP.

514642 W. A. HODGKINSON.

564037 J. P. MURPHY.

563420 J. H. TELFORD.

Sergeant.

2271970 E. T. H. DAVIES, R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Sergeant.

2280161 D. KEMP, R.A.F.V.R.

Corporals.

579223 J. C. AINSWORTH.

2276074 L. A. CRANE, R.A.F.V.R.

571887 J. DRURY.

553010 L. DYSON.

641871 E. W. FREEMAN.

2233778 A. R. HAYWOOD, R.A.F.V.R.

1852315 G. W. LEE, R.A.F.V.R.

574779 K. C. LOVELL.

2269213 T. McLOONE, R.A.F.V.R.

2270658 W. W. MILLAR, R.A.F.V.R.

579432 D. R. MUNN.

572765 J. H. MURDOCH.

576565 K. W. WEBB.

578202 L. G. WILLIAMSON.

Leading Aircraftmen.

579428 W. E. D. BURROW.

3024502 G. A. KNOX, R.A.F.V.R.

2231166 A. G. NEVILLE, R.A.F.V.R.

579242 P. SAUNDERS.

579425 J. M. SIEWWRIGHT.

Aircraftman 1st Class.