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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
 11th October, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

566359 Flight Sergeant David William LAMPLUGH, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Woodvale.

On the 3rd June, 1949, a Spitfire aircraft, when returning from an exercise with a full load of ammunition, crashed about a mile from its base and burst into flames. Flight Sergeant Lamplugh, N.C.O. i/c Servicing Echelon, who was standing by to receive the aircraft, observed the smoke rising from the fire and promptly ran cross-country, ignoring all obstacles, to the scene of the crash. The aircraft was then blazing in the forward sections and ammunition was exploding in all directions. Despite grave danger from the exploding ammunition and the intense heat, Flight Sergeant Lamplugh immediately approached close to the aircraft in order that he might gain proper appreciation of the situation. He then took charge of the Station Fire Crash Crew and, ignoring the intense heat and exploding ammunition, endeavoured to control the fire in the cockpit area, with a view to rescuing the pilot and removing the rest of the ammunition. With complete disregard for his personal safety he cleared away the ammunition and succeeded in breaking away the tail unit of the aircraft. Through the aperture thus made and despite the flames and the danger to himself, Flight Sergeant Lamplugh succeeded in reaching the cockpit and extricating the pilot, who, however, was found to be dead. Throughout the whole of these operations Flight Sergeant Lamplugh displayed great courage, leadership, determination and a complete disregard for his own personal safety. His gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Air Ministry, 11th October, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the following officer who has been Mentioned-in-Despatches (posthumous) in recognition of services in operations against the enemy in 1943:—

Pilot Officer I. C. MacKenzie (Aus. 405005), No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Air Ministry, 11th October, 1949.

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

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
 CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

Military Cross, 1939.

Group Captain Douglas Ernest Lancelot WILSON, Royal Australian Air Force.

AMENDMENT.

In promulgation in London Gazette dated 1st January, 1946 (appointments as Officers of the Order of the British Empire), page 36 column 2, the rank of Wing Commander Cuthbert Dumaresque Paul FRANKLIN (31068), Royal Air Force, should read as now shown.

Air Ministry, 11th October, 1949.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Flight Lieutenants (permanent):—

Dennis George STAFFORD (55693). 8th Sept. 1948 (and transferred to the Secretarial Branch. 10th Nov. 1948 (seniority 10th Nov. 1948)).

George Geoffrey DAVIES, D.S.O. (87415). 4th Apr. 1949 (seniority 30th Apr. 1947) (substituted for notification of 31st May 1949 (p. 2669, col. 1)).

610319 Master Pilot John CURD (46848). 14th Sept. 1949 (seniority 10th June 1948).

As Flying Officer, short service (eight years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—

2360121 Pilot IV Hedley WATKIN-JONES (2360121). 25th Aug. 1949 (seniority 1st Jan. 1949) (period of service to count from 21st Oct. 1947).

As Pilot Officers, short service (eight years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—

1562390 Warrant Officer Godfrey John ADAMS (1562390). 25th Aug. 1949 (period of service to count from 18th Mar. 1947).

Pilots II.

25th Aug. 1949.

1604119 Robert Edward ATKINS (1604119) (period of service to count from 21st July 1947).

1365378 William CAMPBELL (1365378) (period of service to count from 20th Oct. 1946).