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 OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

11th May, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military) to the undermentioned airman:—

534185 Senior Technician Ronald EVANS, Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Station, Luqa.

On the 16th December, 1953, Senior Technician EVANS was flying in Valetta VX.575 when it crashed and burst into flames near Qormi Village. When the captain checked his crew on leaving the aircraft the signaller was unaccounted for. Senior Technician EVANS climbed on to the nose of the burning fuselage and broke his way in through the perspex of the pilot's cockpit. Despite the fact that the aircraft was burning furiously and was full of smoke, Senior Technician EVANS remained in the fuselage looking for the signaller until he was ordered by the captain to leave. He was only just clear of the wreckage when the tanks exploded and the aircraft blew up. In re-entering the burning aircraft to look for his fellow non-commissioned officer, Senior Technician EVANS showed complete disregard for his own safety and, had it not been for the fact that the captain ordered him out of the aircraft, he would probably have remained to the end. Unknown to the captain and to Senior Technician EVANS, the signaller, who was severely burned, had escaped and had been taken away by some Maltese labourers before they themselves left the aircraft.

Government House, Canberra.

11th May, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Korea:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Brian James BALL (579588), Royal Air Force.

Government House, Canberra.

11th May, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned Royal Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force personnel who have been Mentioned

in Despatches in recognition of distinguished service in Korea:—

Mentions in Despatches.

Flying Officer Donald Seeley SMITH (3124168), Royal Air Force.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey Anthony COLLINS (035083), Royal Australian Air Force.

A.34495 Sergeant Billie Hicks COLLINGS, Royal Australian Air Force.

A.21293 Corporal Bryan Timothy MOONEY, Royal Australian Air Force.

A.22460 Leading Aircraftman Frederick William ROACH, Royal Australian Air Force.

A.23378 Leading Aircraftman Lawrence CALLAGHAN, Royal Australian Air Force.

A.33373 Leading Aircraftman Stanley James JACKSON, Royal Australian Air Force.

Government House, Canberra.

11th May, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the undermentioned officer of the Royal Australian Air Force who has been commended for services in Korea:—

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Lindsay McLEOD (022074).

Air Ministry, 11th May, 1954.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission (permanent).

As Flight Lieutenants:—

1st Oct. 1953

Peter Bryan GEORGE (197031) (for subsequent transfer to the Fighter Control Branch).

Norman ROLLIN (172457) (for subsequent transfer to the Equipment Branch).

Appointment to commission (permanent) under A.M.O. A.499/52.

As Flight Lieutenants:—

Alexander DENOVAN, D.F.M. (51835). 3rd Dec. 1953.

7th Dec. 1953.

Richard John BARNES, D.F.C. (66005).

John Nicol MACDONALD (178091).