

January 1991, with the build-up of Royal Air Force and British Army assets, he was appointed the overall Detachment Commander there being responsible for the co-ordination of over 500 personnel and nine VC10 tanker aircraft, a Tristar tanker aircraft, seven Royal Air Force and two Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 transport aircraft, Number 205 General Evacuation Hospital (Territorial Army) and Number 4626 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Throughout this turbulent period Group Captain Simpson's qualities of leadership and his organisational flair ensured that VC10 tanker support continued uninterrupted. His exceptional zeal and outstanding patience and fortitude were also revealed when he brought together the disparate groups which now constitute his Detachment; but with characteristic style, boundless energy and good humour he took all obstacles in his stride. Furthermore, Group Captain Simpson's fortitude and exceptional flying skills have been highlighted by the fact that throughout his tour in theatre he has flown more operational sorties than any of his pilots or captains. The mission success of the VC10 tankers in meeting all of their tasks in providing air-to-air refuelling for aircraft of the Royal Air Force, the United States Navy and Marine Corps, the Royal Saudi Air Force and the Canadian Air Force, is testimony to his exceptional leadership his skills as a pilot, and his outstanding sense of duty.

Group Captain Simpson's achievements under operational conditions have reflected the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Medal

D.F.M.

One Distinguished Flying Medal was awarded to a Member of the Special Forces, Royal Air Force.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1

29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned to be Mentioned-in-Despatches in recognition of service during the operations in the Gulf:

Mention in Despatches

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT)

Flight Lieutenant Kevin John BALDWIN (8117164).
Flight Lieutenant David William BELLAMY (8028225), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant William Paul BOHILL (5203681), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Alastair William Douglas CRAIG (5205824), Royal Air Force.
Squadron Leader James William CROWLEY (8024909), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Andrew Gerald DAKIN (2621405), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Christopher Charles DREWERY (8028110), Royal Air Force.
Wing Commander Ivor EVANS (4233285), Royal Air Force.
Squadron Leader Philip Anthony EVANS (8026051), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Alan FENLON-SMITH (8027275), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Richard Charles HALEY (2626924), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Rodney Leon HAWKINS (4233241), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Craig Russell HILL (8028720), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Andrew Neil McLAUGHLIN (5203747), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Glenn MACEY (8141201), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Glenn MASON (8027862), Royal Air Force.
Squadron Leader Herbert Ellis NEWTON (5202263), Royal Air Force.
Squadron Leader Richard Alfred PITTAWAY (4233344), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Christopher Charles PURKISS (5203278), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Trevor John ROCHE (5203271), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant James William ROSS (8026729), Royal Air Force.
Flying Officer Jeremy James SPENCER (8029077), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Peter John THOLEN (8027521), Royal Air Force.
Flight Lieutenant Stephen Richard THOMAS (8027264), Royal Air Force.

Mention in Despatches

Three Mention in Despatches were approved to Members of the Special Forces, Royal Air Force.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
ST. JAMES'S PALACE, LONDON S.W.1

29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of service within the operations in the Gulf:

Order of the Bath (Military Division)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

C.B.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:

Commodore Christopher John Sinclair CRAIG, Royal Navy.
Rear Admiral Roy Thomas NEWMAN, Royal Navy.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY DEPARTMENT)

C.B.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:

Major General John Oswald Claud ALEXANDER, O.B.E. (445775), late Royal Corps of Signals.
Major General John Paul FOLEY, O.B.E., M.C. (460829), late The Royal Green Jackets.