

*Admiralty, Bath, Somerset,  
December, 1940.*

Notice is hereby given to the officers and seamen, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of an award for the salvage on the 28th October, 1939, of s.s. "Stratford" by His Majesty's Ship "Salvonina" will commence on Saturday the 21st December, 1940, in the Prize Branch of the Directorate of Navy Accounts, Admiralty.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed to the Director of Navy Accounts (D.N.A.3), Admiralty, Bath, Somerset. Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

The following are the amounts due to individuals in the various classes:—

	£	s.	d.
3rd Class ... ..	69	16	10
6th Class ... ..	34	18	6
7th Class ... ..	27	18	9
8th Class ... ..	23	5	10
9th Class ... ..	18	12	6
10th Class ... ..	13	19	4
11th Class ... ..	11	12	11

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*Air Ministry,  
20th December, 1940.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct:—

*Awarded the Military Cross.*

Flying Officer Dougan Arthur Robert ELLIOTT (40812).

One morning in August, 1940, this officer was on duty as navigation officer in the operations room of an aerodrome during an intense enemy bombing raid. The roof of this building was demolished, and a number of casualties occurred. Flying Officer Elliott, though slightly wounded and badly shaken, went to the assistance of the wounded, removing the rubble with his hands and directing the rescue party. Being the only officer left of the operations room staff, he organised a party to recover as many maps and documents as possible and set up a skeleton organisation in the signals office. Going without food or rest he acted as controller until late at night when he was relieved. He showed great initiative and an exemplary sense of discipline and leadership.

*Awarded the Military Medal.*

88187 Corporal Bruce JACKMAN.

When a severe bombing attack developed at an aerodrome, Corporal Jackman ran to a gun post which he knew was manned by a less experienced crew. He retained one airman and ordered the others to take cover. He then operated the twin Lewis guns with great courage and determination until the gun post was demolished and he was severely wounded. Corporal Jackman's magnificent courage in the face of extreme danger merits the highest praise.

610976 Aircraftman 1st Class Frederick WILSON.

Aircraftman Wilson was a member of the crew of a high speed launch which rescued some 14 injured men from three ships of a convoy which were burning furiously. Later, when attempting the rescue of personnel from two planes, which had fallen into the sea, the launch was attacked by nine enemy single engine biplanes. The enemy raked the launch with machine gun fire and three fires were started by incendiary bullets. The wireless operator was killed, the man at the wheel had two bullets through his clothing and the master was knocked unconscious. Aircraftman Wilson seized the wheel and kept control of the launch in the heat of the action, until the master returned. During the action a line fell overboard and fouled the propellers. As they could not be cleared, Aircraftman Wilson, in spite of the rough sea, went over the side with a bowline and endeavoured to clear them. This Aircraftman behaved in a most praiseworthy manner under the most difficult conditions.

917343 Aircraftman 2nd Class Anthony Douglas ROWE.

During a dive bombing attack on a station, this airman manned one of two Hispano cannons with great skill and coolness, and thus shared in the destruction of at least two enemy aircraft. He remained at his self-appointed post during the whole of the action, without any cover and undeterred by bombs which were exploding some thirty yards away. He was deliberately machine-gunned from the air, but continued to handle his gun until the raid was over. Aircraftman Rowe showed courage, initiative and skill of a very high order.

882135 Corporal Josephine Maude Gwynne (ROBINS, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Corporal Robins was in a dug-out which received a direct hit during an intense enemy bombing raid. A number of men were killed and two seriously injured. Though dust and fumes filled the shelter, Corporal Robins immediately went to the assistance of the wounded and rendered first aid. While they were being removed from the demolished dug-out, she fetched a stretcher and stayed with the wounded until they were evacuated. She displayed courage and coolness of a very high order in a position of extreme danger.

*Air Ministry,  
13th December, 1940.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation:—

Sergeants.

17th Aug. 1940.

517161 Albert Arthur MALSTER (44927).

17th Sept. 1940.

(Seniority 21st Aug. 1940.)

580259 Basil DOUTHWAITE (44928).

580253 Norman Robert NORFOLK (44929).