

*Air Ministry,  
4th April, 1941.*

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander George Arthur BARTLETT (32071), No. 21 Squadron.

In March, 1941, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft which took part in a sustained attack on an enemy aerodrome. In spite of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire he pressed home his attack from a low level dropping bombs at intervals, while his gunner machine gunned the aerodrome. During one run over the target, Wing Commander Bartlett was wounded and his aircraft severely damaged, but he continued his attack for the allotted time, dropping bombs which caused considerable damage to the aerodrome and to a dispersal area. Wing Commander Bartlett succeeded in flying his damaged aircraft back to base and landing safely. He has shown exceptional leadership, courage and determination.

Wing Commander Stanley Charles WIDDOWS (26218), No. 29 Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron since July, 1940, and, under difficult circumstances, has maintained a high morale among the personnel. Wing Commander Widdows has carried out a large number of difficult patrols in bad weather and has shown extreme keenness to engage the enemy. He has flown a considerable number of hours of operational flying at night, and succeeded in destroying a Junkers 88 one night in March, 1941.

Acting Squadron Leader Gerald Alfred Wellesley SAUNDERS (37482), No. 65 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Saunders has served in this squadron since its formation, and was appointed to command in October, 1940. He has spared no effort to improve the efficiency of his squadron and its present high standard of operational efficiency is entirely due to his leadership. Squadron Leader Saunders has personally destroyed at least three enemy aircraft.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

741872 Sergeant Charles Geoffrey HUGHES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

In March, 1941, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft which carried out a successful operation over Cologne. On the return journey, while at about 8000 feet, he observed an enemy aerodrome fully illuminated and in operation. Although he had expended all his bombs, Sergeant Hughes determined to attack a number of aircraft in the vicinity of the flare path. He dived to 2000 feet at which height he saw two Junkers 87's circling the aerodrome. He immediately attacked each in turn and tracer bullets were seen to enter the fuselage of the second aircraft. Pulling

out of his dive at 300 feet and whilst climbing, he attacked a Messerschmitt 110 which, after a burst from his front gun was observed to crash. Sergeant Hughes displayed great initiative in these attacks which were carried out persistently and fearlessly. He has completed eighteen operational flights displaying a high standard throughout.

516308 Sergeant Bernard James JENNINGS, No. 19 Squadron.

Sergeant Jennings has destroyed two enemy aircraft and has probably destroyed six others. The higher number of probable victories is due to this airman's unselfish conduct in continuing his action against the enemy, often in the protection of other members of his squadron, rather than attempting to confirm his probable victories. He has led a section of his squadron most capably, and has at all times displayed the utmost tenacity and determination to engage the enemy.

804251 Sergeant Cecil Frederick RAWNSLEY, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 604 Squadron.

Sergeant Rawnsley has shown great keenness both as an air gunner and radio operator and has materially assisted his pilot to destroy two enemy aircraft.

740082 Sergeant Harold Humphrey ROGERS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

One night in March, 1941, this airman was detailed to attack an important target at Hamburg and to carry out a reconnaissance. The flight, which was successful, entailed several runs over the target despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and searchlight activity. On a previous occasion when unable to locate his target, he succeeded in bombing an important alternative target and an enemy aerodrome in Holland. On nearing his base, he was attacked by enemy aircraft and, although his aircraft was extensively damaged and his rear gunner wounded, he succeeded in landing his aircraft without further injury to his crew. He is an exceptional captain of aircraft who shows the greatest reliability and coolness on all occasions.

#### ERRATUM.

In the notification of the 17th March, 1941, p. 1576, col. 1, Corporals, *delete* 885735 B. DIX-PERKIN, A.A.F., Deceased, and *insert* on p. 1577, col. 2, Corporals, W.A.A.F. 885736 B. DIX-PERKIN.

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#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted temporary commissions as Pilot Officers on being employed with the Royal Air Force:—

8th Mar. 1941.

Dorian Dick BONNETT, Lt., R. Fus. (45416).

Adair Michael Charles WIGAN, Lt., C. Gds. (45417).

Andrew Hailstone BRUCE, 2nd Lt., Gordons (45418).