

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

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

This airman has continued to display the greatest ability and efficiency as wireless operator. He has assisted his pilot in the destruction of at least 7 enemy aircraft. He has been a splendid inspiration to his fellow operators.

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745760 Sergeant Evered Arthur Reginald LEAVERS, No. 21 Squadron.

N.Z. 40729 Sergeant Ian OVERHEU, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

In April, 1941, Sergeant Leavers and Sergeant Overheu were the pilot and observer respectively in an aircraft which participated in an attack on a large enemy convoy. In the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Sergeant Leavers displayed great determination and tactical ability which enabled Sergeant Overheu to score two direct hits on a large ship. In March, 1941, these airmen successfully attacked an enemy destroyer which was escorting a convoy of some 13 ships. Pressing home his attack from an extremely low level, Sergeant Leavers machine gunned the deck while Sergeant Overheu scored two direct hits on the destroyer with his bombs. These airmen have completed many operational missions and both have displayed outstanding team work, together with great courage and determination.

*Air Ministry,  
23rd May, 1941.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Warrant Officer.

26th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 31st Mar. 1941.)

590403 Cyril Leslie TRICKETT (45640).

Temporary Warrant Officer.

1st May 1941.

510403 Leonard Jack BROWN (45641).

Flight Sergeants.

8th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 12th Mar. 1941.)

563291 Leslie WARD (45642).

24th Apr. 1941.

564407 James Frederick SMITH (45643).

25th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 27th Feb. 1941.)

364811 Gordon Herbert BRIDGES (45644).

1st May 1941.

560344 Joseph Anthony McCUDDEN (45645)

Sergeants.

27th Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 27th Jan. 1941.)

580761 Edward Thomas BUTCHER (45646).

3rd Apr. 1941.

580554 Eric Robert PIERCE (45647).

24th Apr. 1941.

565686 Louis Charles GILES (45648).

580590 Arthur James SCOTT, D.F.M. (45649).

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

563196 William Spencer JENKINS (45650).

26th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 18th Apr. 1941.)

564335 Eric Tom SELICK (45651).

28th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 27th Feb. 1941.)

563274 Geoffrey William UTTING (45652).

1st May 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

581145 Frederick George CONSTABLE, D.F.M. (45653).

3rd May 1941.

(Seniority 27th Feb. 1941.)

566054 Edward Joseph HARROD (45654).

The undermentioned Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments. 1st Apr. 1941:—

Charles Alfred COOKE (43634).

Christopher Frederick CURRANT, D.F.C. (43367).

John Morris EDWARDS (43063).

Cecil Venn HAINES (43639).

Roy William JEARY (43619).

Walter John LAWSON, D.F.C. (43419).

Oliver James O'BRIEN (43621).

Albert Percy PESKETT (43466).

Flying Officer on probation Leonard Shaw Meadows BAILEY, A.F.C. (43412), is confirmed in his appointment and promoted to the war substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant. 1st Apr. 1941.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and promoted to the war substantive rank of Flying Officer:—

1st Apr. 1941.

Lloyd BENNETT, D.F.C. (43194).

William BRADSHAW (43413).

Albert Kenneth COOK, D.F.C. (43525).

John Norman CRAIGIE (43477).

Edward John CUTLER (43061).

Charles Thomas DACOMBE (43199).

Richard Cummins HAINE, D.F.C. (43147).

Nelson Bruce HARVEY (43123).

Granville REES (43254).

John Henry SEARBY (43128).

Roger Robert Barnes SIMPSON (43632).

Frances Herbert STUBBS, D.F.M. (43480).

Sidney Charles SUTTON (43636).

Richard Douglas WESTLAKE (43347).

Joseph Charles WHEELER (43365).

Reginald William COX (43145).

William Condie MCARTHUR (43694).

Iain Robertson MCDIARMID, D.F.C. (43420).

Jack Frederick SACH, D.F.C. (43475).

7th Apr. 1941.

John Robert Armstrong CARELESS (43263).

Norman White MCLEOD (43259).

Sidney George STOCK (43258).

Alfred Denys WEBB (43463).

Reginald Frank WILLIAMS (43262).

14th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 1st Apr. 1941.)

Herbert Frank BISHOP (43464).

The undermentioned Flying Officers are promoted to the war substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant:—

28th July 1940.

Alexander Gordon DUGUID (37468).

21st Dec. 1940.

Ian Numa BONARD (39487).