

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (E) H. R. Holland transferred to Special Branch with seny. of 16th June 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) with seny. as stated:—

D. Myles. 18th Nov. 1940.
E. H. Walshe. 30th Dec. 1940.
S. Clayton.
J. H. Lewis.

10th Feb. 1941.

Sub-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

W. G. Smith. 30th Jan. 1941.
R. P. Booth. 31st July 1941.

To be Tempy. Surgn. Lieut.:—

W. Lennon, M.D., M.R.C.P. 7th Aug. 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

E. R. Kershaw. 19th Oct. 1940.
G. Brigham-Dunckley. 3rd July 1941.
H. Jeary. 11th July 1941.
D. Sutherland. 4th Aug. 1941.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

D. C. Higgins. 14th Dec. 1940.
G. H. Dormer. 13th May 1941.
H. C. H. Du Boulay. 30th July 1941.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieut. J. S. Randle to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieut. 20th July 1941.

Actg. Sub-Lieut. R. W. Yates to be Sub-Lieut. 23rd June 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. R. S. Walker to be Tempy. Lieut. 21st July 1941.

To be Tempy. Lieut.-Comdr. (A):—

W. H. Dolphin. 5th Aug. 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (E) T. A. Smith, R.N.R., transferred to R.N.V.R. in rank of Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (E) with seny. of 23rd Sept. 1940.

To be Tempy. Lieut.:—

C. E. Pearson. 4th Aug. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

R. C. Pickard. 27th Jan. 1941.
D. B. Murray. 10th Feb. 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

J. M. Lade. 24th July 1941.
W. L. Biddle. 3rd Aug. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Chaplns. to be Tempy. Chaplns. with seny. as stated:—

R. A. Loury. 17th Sept. 1940.
B. Chapman. 29th Jan. 1941.
F. J. Alsop. 31st Jan. 1941.

Sub-Lieut. M. D. W. Irving to be Lieut. 19th May 1940.

Proby. Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

F. R. C. Smith. 23rd June 1940.
F. L. Jones. 21st Apr. 1941.

Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Elect. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:

F. V. Emerson. 10th June 1941.
E. S. Johnson. 29th July 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

V. G. P. Paremain, D.S.C. 28th May 1941.

F. Hinchliffe.
G. G. Wingate.
A. Rose.

1st Aug. 1941.

To be Sub-Lieut.:—

A. H. Pearman with seny. of 1st July 1938.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lieut. (Sp.) W. V. Kingston to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (Sp.). 25th July 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

M. J. Heavyside. 10th July 1941.
T. Y. Carme.
S. H. Winterson.

24th July 1941.

Air Ministry,

15th August, 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 Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Leslie Vero Everest ATKINSON, D.F.C. (39407), No. 82 Squadron.

In June, 1941, this officer carried out a low-flying attack on the Tripoli-Homs road demolishing a large factory. The following day he led a most determined attack on shipping in Tripoli harbour. As a result a 20,000 ton liner and a 12,500 ton motor vessel were severely damaged, while the complete harbour organisation was disrupted; all the remaining ships sailed away later in the day. Wing Commander Atkinson also led a successful attack on an aerodrome ten miles west of Tripoli causing large fires and explosions. Amongst other damage inflicted, five aircraft were destroyed on the ground. This officer has proved himself to be a fearless operational pilot and has been responsible for the destruction of many thousands of tons of enemy shipping. He is a magnificent leader whose courage and determination have been of the highest order.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas John WATKINS (44735), No. 82 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

550557 Sergeant James Samuel SARGENT, No. 82 Squadron.

In June, 1941, Flight Lieutenant Watkins and Sergeant Sargent were pilot and observer respectively of an aircraft which participated in an attack on an enemy convoy off Lampedusa. Attacking a 6,000 ton merchant ship in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Watkins was severely wounded in the legs during his run over the target. Nevertheless, he pressed home his attack, mast high, scoring hits on the objective. Enemy fighters then engaged his aircraft but, by skilful manœuvring, he enabled his rear gunner to resist the attackers. On the return journey, Flight Lieutenant Watkins fell into a stupor as a result of his wounds and Sergeant Sargent, who was unable to call the air gunner as the inter-