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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 10th April, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

741675 Flight Sergeant George Douglas Gamble, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In January, 1942, whilst flying over Northern Ireland, this captain of an aircraft engaged on a non-operational flight was forced to attempt a landing owing to the weather. With great skill he succeeded in making a landing in the face of a heavy snowstorm. On impact, Flight Sergeant Gamble was stunned but, recovering quickly, he managed to scramble through the starboard window on to the starboard wing which was on fire. After rolling himself in the snow to extinguish the flames from his burning clothing, Flight Sergeant Gamble observed the second pilot jammed in the star-board window and, dashing through the flames, he pulled him clear. He then collected the crew but, on finding one member missing, he re-entered the burning aircraft and attempted to reach the wireless cabin. He was driven back by the flames, however, but called out several times before being forced to retire. He then found that the missing airman had escaped through the broken fuselage. Thereafter, Flight Sergeant Gamble took charge of the party, all of whom were suffering from burns and abrasions and two from broken ankles. Throughout, this airman displayed great courage and a complete disregard of his own safety.

567988 Flight Sergeant Daniel Ernest Crittall

Lockyer, Royal Air Force.

One night in January, 1942, an aircraft, whilst returning from an operational patrol,

crashed in the Shetlands and caught fire. Flight Sergeant Lockyer, a member of the crew, sustained injury to an ankle. In spite of exploding ammunition and the knowledge that a depth charge was in the aircraft, this airman succeeded in extricating an officer from the blazing wreckage and rolling him to a place of safety. Flight Sergeant Lockyer then returned to the aircraft but was unable to rescue other members of the crew owing to the flames. Subsequently, without boots and in complete darkness, gale and rain, he tramped 4 miles over boggy country to get assistance. Flight Sergeant Lockyer displayed great fortitude and determination with a complete disregard of his personal safety.

Air Ministry, 10th April, 1942.

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 Robert Findlay BOYD, D.F.C. (90165), Auxiliary Air Force.

Since December, 1941, this officer has led a wing on many operational missions. Much of the outstanding successes which have been obtained can be attributed to the leadership, skill and fighting spirit of this officer. Since being awarded a bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Wing Commander Boyd has destroyed a further 12 enemy aircraft, bringing his total victories to 22.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Group Captain Arthur Mostyn WRAY, M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C.

One night in March, 1942, this officer participated in an attack on the Ruhr. To