

Oliver directed his pilot's evasive tactics with great presence of mind and 6 attacks were frustrated. On the return flight another enemy fighter attempted to attack but Sergeant Oliver delivered a telling burst of fire from close range, causing the enemy aircraft to lose height rapidly with flames issuing from it. Throughout, this airman displayed commendable skill and determination and contributed materially to the success of the operation.

Air Ministry, 1st January, 1943.

AWARD OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration, conferred on the officer indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

Military Cross, First Class.

Wing Commander John Marlow THOMPSON, D.F.C. (34183), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Amendment.

In notification of 18th December, 1942, regarding awards of foreign decorations (p. 5506, col. 2), for Vernon Charles WOOD, A.F.C. (37309), read Geoffrey Flindell WOOD, O.B.E. (32034).

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Air Ministry, 1st January, 1943.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Off. H. H. HENDERSON (2nd Lt., E. Lancs. R.) (45325) confmd. in appt. and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 15th Feb. 1942.

Air Cdre. (tempy.) J. B. COLE-HAMILTON, C.B.E., is granted the rank of Air Cdre. (war subs.). 21st Nov. 1942.

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) W. E. GROOM, O.B.E., D.F.C., is granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.). 18th Nov. 1942. (Subs. for notifi. of 4th Dec. 1942 (p. 5267, col. 2).)

Sqn. Ldr. A. N. BERGE (02054) (ret.) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.). 27th Dec. 1942.

Flt. Lts. granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

9th Oct. 1942.

R. M. TROUSDALE, D.F.C. (42163).

T. W. KEAN, A.F.C. (43174).

A. P. DOTTRIDGE, D.F.C. (41909). 24th Nov. 1942.

Flt. Lt. W. SIMPSON, D.F.C. (37235) to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.). 23rd Nov. 1942. (*Seny. 1st Mar. 1941.*)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

H. C. MORRIS, G.M. (44773). 1st June 1942.

A. W. P. LESLIE (44062). 10th June 1942. (*Seny. 2nd May 1942.*)

M. C. LUCKHAM (44607). 22nd Sept. 1942. (*Seny. 11th Sept. 1942.*)

S. A. RICHENS (47122). 1st Oct. 1942.

W. J. RYE, A.F.C. (44924). 8th Oct. 1942. (*Seny. 26th Aug. 1942.*)

E. E. FITCHEW (44866). 26th Oct. 1942. (*Seny. 16th Oct. 1942.*)

C. MIDWINTER (44686). 14th Nov. 1942. (*Seny. 6th Nov. 1942.*)

16th Nov. 1942.

A. E. FEATHER (44870). (*Seny. 6th Nov. 1942.*)

D. L. GRÖUT, A.F.C. (44973). (*Seny. 13th Nov. 1942.*)

L. F. KNEIL, D.F.M. (44933). 19th Nov. 1942. (*Seny. 6th Nov. 1942.*)

L. J. PESTRIDGE (Lt., R.A., T.A.) (45066). 27th Nov. 1942.

R. K. WEBB (46714). 1st Dec. 1942.

H. R. BAILEY, D.F.C. (48547). 9th Dec. 1942. (*Seny. 27th Nov. 1942.*)

20th Dec. 1942. (*Seny. 11th Dec. 1942.*)

W. J. GRISMAN (45148).

W. H. HANNINGAN, D.F.C. (45095).

Flg. Off. A. SEYMOUR (46223) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 28th Sept. 1942.

Plt. Offs. to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

25th Oct. 1942.

W. K. DODGSON (2nd Lt., Black Watch) (48777).

K. T. ANDREWS (2nd Lt., Leicester R.) (48797).

D. CORMACK (2nd Lt., R.A.) (48789).

B. COWDERY (Lt., Foresters) (48790).

F. D. HOLDSWORTH (2nd Lt., R.A.) (48791).

W. A. JACK (Capt., R.A.) (48792).

H. D. LEVENTON (2nd Lt., Lancs. Fus.) (48796).

G. M. METCALF (Lt., Welch R.) (48793).

N. L. H. SOMERSET-LEEKE (2nd Lt., R.T.R.) (48795).

A. HUDSON (Capt., R.A.) (48758). 2nd Nov. 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—

1st Oct. 1942.

K. M. CAMPBELL (47903).

R. O. J. CAREY (47349).

R. THOMSON (47554).

A. S. WICKINS (47997).

A. W. DUNNING (48517). 2nd Oct. 1942.

H. L. PLIMMER (48514). 4th Oct. 1942.

W. R. CRICH (48529). 7th Oct. 1942.

8th Oct. 1942.

J. B. G. BAILEY (48551).

L. S. WYSE, D.F.M. (48552).

T. C. GOULD (48975). 13th Oct. 1942.

T. D. ROSIER (48620). 20th Oct. 1942.

T. WATKINS (48668). 22nd Oct. 1942.

E. P. LANDON (49062). 24th Oct. 1942.

D. A. BARRETT (48600). 27th Oct. 1942.

T. ROBERTSON (48715). 28th Oct. 1942.

30th Oct. 1942.

P. KIRK, D.F.M. (48727).

L. H. WILLIAMS (48725).

1st Nov. 1942.

I. G. APPLIN (49117).

B. P. BAKER, D.F.M. (48841).

T. R. BISHOP (48956).

K. HELLAWELL (49666).

B. HOLDEN (49301).

R. T. MARTIN (48961).

J. G. MASON (48962).

M. J. H. NEWMAN (49093).

E. J. A. STEPHENS (48960).

R. G. B. SUMMERS, A.F.M. (49629).

S. A. WARREN (48751).

F. R. PASSEY, A.F.M. (49121). 4th Nov. 1942.

J. GARDEN (49320). 20th Nov. 1942.

T. F. HAYDEN (49259). 22nd Nov. 1942.

J. C. FRUSCOTT (49668). 30th Dec. 1942.

The following notifi. are cancelled:—

4th Dec. 1942 (p. 5267, col. 2) concerning the

undermentioned:—

Air Cdrs. (tempy.):—

D. V. CARNEGIE, A.F.C.

A. L. PAXTON, D.F.C.

Gp. Cpts. (tempy.):—

R. J. A. FORD.

J. C. C. SLATER.

J. F. GRIFFITHS, D.F.C.

H. F. G. SOUTHEY.

E. L. S. WARD, D.F.C.

J. E. W. BOWLES, D.F.C.

G. H. HUXHAM.

A. V. HAMMOND.

J. H. MCC. REYNOLDS.

J. B. M. WALLIS, O.B.E.

Wg. Cdrs. (tempy.):—

R. F. H. CLERKE (36108).

A. R. L. GRIFFITHS (37398).

11th Dec. 1942 (p. 5392 col. 1) concerning Gp.

Capt. (tempy.) T. C. DICKENS.

Amendment.

In notifi. of 4th Dec. 1942 (p. 5267, col. 2) for

R. E. GANDY read R. F. GANDY.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flg. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts.:—

C. A. BAXTER (46792). 15th Oct. 1942.

H. ANDERSON (46881). 16th Oct. 1942.

J. T. E. FARMER (46793). 18th Oct. 1942.

R. D. C. TANNER (47381). 1st Dec. 1942.

T. W. WHITBOURN (47419). 8th Dec. 1942.

W. MANSON (49026). 15th Dec. 1942.

J. B. C. SULLIVAN (47421). 16th Dec. 1942.

T. H. HANSON (48935). 18th Dec. 1942.

B. V. HUMPHREY (48116). 1st Jan. 1943.

Flt. Lts. (war subs.) to be Flt. Lts.:—

12th June 1942.

A. E. BLUNDELL (35252).

A. B. COLLINS (35257).

P. W. J. DAWES (35258).

W. A. EASDOWN (35263).

W. J. ELVIN (35264).