

mination and initiative. This was amply demonstrated one night in December, 1942, when he completed an important sortie in the most adverse weather.

Pilot Officer Donald Gillespie MERCER (130463), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 122 Squadron.

This officer, who has participated in numerous sorties, has led his section and occasionally the flight, with skill and courage. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, 1 motor torpedo boat and shared in the destruction of 2 other motor torpedo boats. Throughout, Pilot Officer Mercer has set a fine example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1141383 Flight Sergeant John William KING, No. 144 Squadron.

In December, 1942, this airman captained 1 of a small formation of aircraft which attacked 2 merchant vessels and an armed ship off the Norwegian coast. In the face of heavy opposing fire, Flight Sergeant King pressed home his attack and obtained a hit on one of the merchant ships. It was subsequently learned that the vessel was destroyed. This airman has at all times displayed outstanding operational efficiency and sets a fine example.

Air Ministry, 29th January, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award with effect from 1st January, 1942:—

Air Force Cross.

Squadron Leader Harry Emlyn BUFTON (33223).

AMENDMENTS.

In notification of 3rd November, 1942 (p. 4755, col. 1), concerning 1003953 Flight Sergeant Thomas FLETCHER, for Flight Sergeant read Sergeant.

In notification of 29th December, 1942 (p. 5640, col. 1) concerning awards of Greek Air Force Cross delete reference to Pilot Officer John Wilfred George READER and Warrant Officers George Edward BAILEY, D.F.M., and Percival John SOPER and substitute

Greek Flying Medal.

Warrant Officer George Edward BAILEY, D.F.M. (565491).

Greek Air Force Medal.

Pilot Officer John Wilfred George READER (48555), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Warrant Officer Percival John SOPER (362664).

Air Ministry, 29th January, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—
G. C. UNWIN, D.F.M. (46298). 1st Dec. 1942.
G. B. JOHNS, D.F.C. (45543). 12th Dec. 1942.
W. S. MUNN, D.F.M. (45255). 16th Dec. 1942.

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

J. A. M. WAYLAND (48633). 4th Oct. 1942.
J. N. JONES (48906). 1st Nov. 1942.
H. C. SCOTT (49224). 3rd Dec. 1942.
J. RYAN (49217). 8th Dec. 1942.

11th Dec. 1942.

L. C. BANKS (49221).
I. L. DUNN (49222).
W. T. GOSS (49302). 12th Dec. 1942.
W. S. T. WARDROPE (49248). 18th Dec. 1942.
A. P. MORGAN (49539). 22nd Dec. 1942.
J. W. KERR (49633). 27th Dec. 1942.

29th Dec. 1942.

J. A. JOHNSTONE (49273).
L. R. C. SHADWELL (49298).

Plt. Off. (prob.) C. D. OWEN (45945) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (war subs.) 1st Apr. 1942. (Subs. for notfn. of 24th Sept. 1942 (p. 3862, col. 1).)

Plt. Off. G. T. WILLIAMS, D.F.M. (48736) is granted the rank of Flg. Off. (war subs.) 1st Oct. 1942.

The notfn. of 6th Nov. 1942 (p. 4809, col. 1) concerning Plt. Off. D. L. WALSH (46810) is cancelled.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flt. Lt. (war subs.) C. F. HUNT (35393) to be Flt. Lt. 18th Nov. 1942.

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts.:—

R. W. WILLIAMS (35390). 3rd Oct. 1942. (*Seny.* 12th June 1942.)

W. R. HARDEMAN (35382). 17th Oct. 1942. (*Seny.* 19th June 1942.)

G. A. CARDEWELL (35392). 7th Nov. 1942. (*Seny.* 12th June 1942.)

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

H. M. SORRELL (48045). 14th Oct. 1942.

J. S. DUFFY (48259). 13th Nov. 1942.

J. W. HEDGES (48772). 20th Nov. 1942.

R. S. VOYLE (48388). 27th Nov. 1942.

3rd Dec. 1942.

D. M. HAMAR (48594).

W. J. KNOWLES (48564).

10th Dec. 1942.

J. R. HORSHAM (47613).

H. PEARSON (48672).

W. G. HALES (48927). 12th Dec. 1942.

17th Dec. 1942.

G. W. COCKERELL (48712).

T. K. CRISP (48708).

A. G. FINDLAY (48702).

C. M. MACDONALD (48714).

W. W. THOMPSON (48812). 24th Dec. 1942.

F. R. BOARDMAN (48613). 30th Dec. 1942.

3rd Jan. 1943.

S. J. PERFECT (47983).

C. F. SMITH (47948).

H. RICHARDSON (46652). 18th Jan. 1943.

J. M. KEATING (48256). 29th Jan. 1943.

Actg. Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Plt. Offs. (prob.):—
2nd July 1942.

H. J. HOUGH (47774). (*Seny.* 13th Jan. 1942.)

H. H. ISAAC (48184). (*Seny.* 26th Apr. 1942.)

C. BROTHERTON (48012). (*Seny.* 27th Apr. 1942.)

W. GWINNELL (46984). 22nd Aug. 1942. (*Seny.* 10th Apr. 1942.)

27th Aug. 1942.

J. E. KNOX (48646). (*Seny.* 24th June 1942.)

I. E. HUGHES (48538). (*Seny.* 7th July 1942.)

F. G. THOUARD (48645). (*Seny.* 13th July 1942.)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Off. (prob.) L. F. RALLS (45666) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (war subs.). 13th Jan. 1943.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.

Plt. Off. (prob.) E. A. KING (48854) to be Flg. Off. on prob. (war subs.). 1st Oct. 1942. (Subs. for notfn. of 11th Dec. 1942 (p. 5393, col. 1).)

ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT.

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

P. L. BRITEN (48769). 22nd Nov. 1942.

R. ROBERTS (49039). 26th Dec. 1942.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) J. E. SCULAR, D.F.C. (37756). 30th June 1942.

Flt. Lt. W. McF. RUSSELL, D.F.C. (70594). 8th Aug. 1942.

Flg. Off. J. SHAW (70617) to be Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 20th Dec. 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

H. C. MAYERS, D.F.C. (77976). 16th Apr. 1942.

N. R. DOBREE (75018). 14th Nov. 1942.

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

A. W. ADAMS (86654). 5th Oct. 1942. (*Seny.* 29th Sept. 1942.)

7th Oct. 1942.

R. MOUNT (85931).

H. M. P. ASHBY (85943). (*Seny.* 4th Oct. 1942.)