

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

940897 Flight Sergeant Donald Roland BEARD, No. 73 Squadron.

In the fighting in the Western Desert this airman has taken part in a very large number of sorties, many of them at night. Throughout, his work has been most impressive. He has destroyed 2 Junkers 88s. In attacks on ground targets, he has destroyed many enemy vehicles, setting them on fire; he also destroyed a searchlight and 2 gun positions. His fine operational record has been worthy of the highest praise.

Can/R.77295 Flight Sergeant William Eber STEWART, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 260 Squadron.

This airman has led his section and flight with great skill and courage. He has participated in a large number of bombing and low level machine guns attacks, in which considerable damage has been inflicted on the enemy. He is a fearless fighter whose fine example has proved inspiring. Flight Sergeant Stewart has destroyed 1 and assisted in the destruction of another hostile aircraft.

1127428 Sergeant Donald TAYLOR, No. 14 Squadron.

In December, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft engaged on a reconnaissance flight over the Tunisian Road. During the operation his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. Although unsupported by the guns from another turret which had jammed, Sergeant Taylor resolutely fought on alone. He was wounded in the left thigh and right shoulder but, despite this, he maintained his fire and shot down the attacker with a burst from close range. Throughout, this airman displayed great skill, courage and fortitude.

*Amendment.*

In notification of 17th December, 1942 (p. 5497, col. 2), regarding award of mention in despatches to L.A.C. G. A. FARISH for 568827 read 568627.

*Air Ministry, 23rd February, 1943.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

Flt. Sgts.

552440 Malcolm Wilfred BAXTER (50894). 1st May 1942.

535069 Alfred DUNHILL (50895). 9th Nov. 1942.

628484 Kenneth CHATTERTON (50897). 10th Dec. 1942.

Sgts.

591558 Neil Joseph FAIRBAIRN (50478). 4th Dec. 1942.

517049 Herbert Francis JOLLEY (50612). 16th Jan. 1943.

Cpls.

23rd Oct. 1942.

610570 Eric Gordon BIRKBECK (50786).

568821 Arthur Robert BURCHETT (50040).

651659 David COOKSON (50488). 19th Dec. 1942.

Ldg. Acms

551936 Gilbert Thomas ALLEN (50041). 23rd Oct. 1942.

Hon. Col. His Highness Sir Iftikar-ul-Mulk Sikandar Saulat Nawab Haji Muhammad Hamildulla Khan Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.V.O., Nawab of Bhopal, is appointed Hon. Air Cdre. 1st Feb. 1943.

Maharaja Sir Pratapohandra Bhanja Deo, K.C.I.E., Maharaja of Mayurbhanj, is appointed Hon. Flt. Lt. 1st Feb. 1943.

Flt. Lt. H. J. WINCH (33416) is transfd. to the Tech Br. 29th Dec. 1942.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) L. C. BICKNELL (33131) is seconded for Special duty. 10th Jan. 1943.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy. Gp. Capt.) L. W. JARVIS (retd. but re-employed on the active list) retains the rank of Gp. Capt. on reverting to the retd. list. 7th Feb. 1943.

Plt. Off. J. D. B. REFFITT (2nd Lt. R.A.) (47458) relinquishes his tempy. commn. in the R.A.F. on being apptd. to an emergency commn. in the R.A.F.V.R. 31st Aug. 1942.

Gp. Capt. R. J. COOPER is dismissed the Service by sentence of General Court Martial. 15th Dec. 1942.

*Amendment.*

The notfn. of 6th Oct. 1942 (p. 4345, col. 2) concerning Desmond Cody BYRNE (50808) should have appeared under R.A.F. and not R.A.F.V.R. and his number is as now stated.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wilfrid Veitch Seton SCORER to be Flt. Lt. in class CC. 20th Jan. 1943.

Arthur Sampson EVERSHED to be Flg. Off. in class CC. 23rd Jan. 1943.

Flt. Lts. relinquish their commns. in class CC on appt. to emergency. commns. in the Meteorological Br. R.A.F.V.R. 1st Nov. 1942:—

D. G. HARLEY.

E. H. I. ROGERS.

The notfn. of 6th Oct. 1942 (p. 4343, col. 1) concerning John Stanley GARMENT is cancelled.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE. GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

John Douglas Bernard REFFITT (47458) to be Plt. Off. (emergency). 1st Sept. 1942.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

754840 Leslie John TWELD (138195). 19th June 1942.

963947 Reginald Waldemar KLEEMAN, D.F.M. (138886). 2nd Aug. 1942.

758067 Victor Charles SLATER (138201). 24th Aug. 1942.

745063 Basil George BARLEY (138202). 19th Sept. 1942.

1002930 Leonard Edward Morgan COOTE (138415). 13th Oct. 1942.

754829 John Frederick Wilson ADAMS (138683). 20th Nov. 1942.

759313 Joseph Charles HAIR (138817). 24th Nov. 1942.

758257 Walter WESTOBY (138659). 7th Dec. 1942.

754856 Richard SALKELD (138660). 8th Dec. 1942.

754979 Leonard William YARD (138687). 16th Dec. 1942.

759301 Frederick Cloudesley JENKINS, D.F.M. (138820). 28th Dec. 1942.

Flt. Sgts.

1150162 Kenneth Frederick HUBBARD (138411). 1st Oct. 1942.

31st Oct. 1942.

1254447 Douglas Alfred OXBY (138413).

1175683 William James BUSBY (138656).

1381004 James Donald HUMPHREYS (138681). 18th Nov. 1942.

1006352 Wilham John BATCHELOR (138655). 19th Nov. 1942.

1160211 Roy Harold PHILLIPS (138663). 21st Nov. 1942.

746914 Alfred CAVE (138830). 24th Nov. 1942.

1052438 Stanley HUNTER (138818). 26th Nov. 1942.

1004963 Andrew Burt CAMPBELL (138416). 30th Nov. 1942.

816068 Robert Dickson TODD (138788). 2nd Dec. 1942.

745325 Thomas William WARWICK (138313). 3rd Dec. 1942.

1282293 John Douglass PHILLIPS (138829). 10th Dec. 1942.

942553 Eric BRADLEY (138813). 11th Dec. 1942.

755084 Arthur Denis JOHNSON (138812). 12th Dec. 1942.

1014451 Albert Ernest BURBIDGE (138669). 17th Dec. 1942.

1182502 Montague Henry BAKER-MUNTON (138680). 18th Dec. 1942.

23rd Dec. 1942.

1112073 Norman GARFORTH (138682).

1179758 John Maddern HARRIS (138685).

927579 Reginald Lawrence ROSS (138828). 6th Jan. 1943.

Tempy. Flt. Sgts.

903276 Daniel George O'DONNOVAN-ILAND (138811). 26th Nov. 1942.

1375193 George William SHARAD (138434). 19th Dec. 1942.

Sgts.

1213605 Leslie Freer WILDEY (138843). 16th Mar. 1942.

1129420 Peter ROBINSON (138458). 10th Apr. 1942.

24th Apr. 1942.

658189 Eric LISTER (138445).

658206 Robert Sheridan McALPINE (138446).

1335829 Herbert Edwin MILLER (138448).

1575618 John Leigh MILNE (138451).

1149214 Douglas PEARSON (138593).

1237443 Allen PENNINGTON (138453).