

attacked the docks at Bizerta. Shortly after its bombs were released the aircraft was subjected to a series of attacks by an enemy fighter, sustaining much damage before the attacker was driven off. The starboard engine was hit and burst into flames, the hydraulic system rendered useless and the rear turret and other equipment damaged; in addition a portable oxygen bottle was set on fire. The aircraft began to lose height and the situation appeared hopeless. The captain ordered his crew to prepare to abandon aircraft. Leading Aircraftman Skingsley, ignoring his parachute pack, however, attempted to extinguish the flames from the oxygen bottle. Sergeant Edwards came to his assistance and together they grasped the blazing bottle with their bare hands; carried it to the escape hatch and hurled it out. The fire in the engine and in the main plane subsided and Squadron Leader Booth decided to attempt to fly the bomber home. All moveable equipment, including guns and ammunition, was jettisoned in an effort to maintain height. Although the aircraft was difficult to control, Squadron Leader Booth succeeded in flying it to base where he made a successful crash-landing. In the face of extremely harassing circumstances these members of aircraft crew displayed courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

746772 Flight Sergeant Frederick Percy DENMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 142 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Denman has flown on many successful operational sorties, displaying steadiness and determination which have made him a valuable member of aircraft crew. On two occasions his technical skill in obtaining wireless aid in adverse weather largely contributed to the safe return of his aircraft. At all times his fine example, skill and devotion to duty have been outstanding.

1006762 Flight Sergeant Thorsteinn Elton JONSSON, No. 111 Squadron

Flight Sergeant Jonsson is a courageous and skilful pilot who has taken part in many sorties over enemy territory, in the course of which he has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft and damaged others. This airman invariably displays high qualities of leadership and a fine fighting spirit.

*Air Ministry, 19th March, 1943.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.) —

Air Cdre (tempy) W. M. YOOL 15th Jan. 1943

Gp Capt (tempy) H J COLLINS 1st Jan 1943.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Wg Cdr (war subs) —

Gp Capts. (tempy) —

W H HUTTON 6th Jan. 1943.

A. G. ADNAMS, 9th Jan 1943

A. E. DARK, 13th Jan 1943.

E. J. LAINE, D F C, 16th Jan 1943

R. L. MILLS, 26th Jan 1943

E. C. HUDLESTON, 28th Jan 1943

R. W. M. CLARK, O B E., D F C. 31st Jan. 1943.

Wg Cdrs. (tempy) —

R. A. McMURTRIE, D S O., D F C (28229). 1st Jan. 1943.

M H KELLY, O B E (29014). 3rd Jan. 1943

E S BORTHWICK-CLARKE (03184). 13th Jan. 1943

D. R. EVANS, D F C (26260). 20th Jan 1943

A. F. MCKENNA (29110). 23rd Jan 1943.

J. A. TESTER, O B E (29151). 29th Jan 1943

A. H. SEYMOUR-LUCAS (05200) 27th Jan 1943

H. R. GRAHAM, D S O., D F C (32009). 27th Jan 1943

The undermentioned are granted the rank of

Sqn Ldr (war subs.) —

Sqn Ldr (tempy) J BARRETT, D F C (37341)

21st Jan 1943

Flt Lts —

L. E. GILES, D F C. (42213) 14th Jan 1943.

W. CARTER (43164). 16th Jan 1943.

R. E. BAILEY, D F C. (42093). 23rd Jan. 1943.

H. G. CATTELL, D F C (43355). 26th Jan 1943

Flt. Offs. to be Flt Lts (war subs) —

27th Nov 1942.

S. D. JONES, D F C. (2nd Lt. Worc R. T A.)

(45065).

W. R. MORRIS (47463).

C. L. TRICKETT, D F C (45640). 1st Jan. 1943.

W. A. SCRYMAGEOUR-WEDDERBURN (41957).

6th Feb. 1943.

A. W. T. HILLS, D F M (45304) 17th Feb.

1943. (Seny 5th Feb. 1943)

Flt. Off. L. C. BOORE, D F M (44569) to be

Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 7th Sept. 1942 (Seny. 28th

Aug. 1942.)

(Subs for notifi. of 11th Dec 1942 (p 5392,

col 1))

Flt Off R. J. HANNAN to be Flt Lt (war

subs) 13th Oct. 1942

(Subs for notifi. of 15th Jan 1943 (p 332,

col. 2).)

Plt Off. (prob.) C. C. FLYNN (46247) confmd

in appt 25th May 1942 and to be Flt Off on

prob (war subs) 1st Apr 1942 (Subs for

notifi. of 2nd June 1942 (p. 2375, col. 2).)

Plt Offs. to be Flt Offs (war subs) —

K. S. KING (Lt R A.) (49744). 27th Nov 1942.

J. M. L. FORSTER (Lt Somerset L I) (50284).

19th Feb 1943.

Plt. Offs. (prob) to be Flt Offs on prob. (war

subs) —

K. F. KING (49636) 2nd Feb 1943

K. R. MAKIN (50582) 5th Feb. 1943

C. N. WHEELER (49785) 11th Feb 1943.

14th Feb 1943.

J. L. N. CANHAM (50577).

G. A. LIVERSIDGE (49551).

R. A. NEWTON, D F M (49986). 21st Feb.

1943.

L. E. LOVELOCK (49834). 22nd Feb. 1943

G. E. R. PARR (50282). 26th Feb 1943

28th Feb. 1943.

V. G. F. COLEMAN (50690)

R. G. CROCKER (49735).

J. H. JACKSON (49755)

TECHNICAL BRANCH

Air Cdre. (tempy) E. D. DAVIS, O B E is

granted the rank of Air Cdre (war subs) 27th

Jan. 1943

Air Cdre (tempy) T. A. WARNE-BROWN, D. S. C.

is granted the rank of Gp Capt. (war subs).

1st Jan. 1943

Gp. Capt. (tempy) J. R. WOLLEY relinquishes

the rank of Gp Capt. at his own request and

reverts to the rank of Wg Cdr with effect from

2nd Mar 1943

Flt Lts. (tempy) granted the rank of Flt. Lt.

(war subs) —

J. LING (43435) 1st July 1942

G. ADAMS (44084) 4th Nov 1942

S. H. GRAHAM (43493) 13th Nov. 1942

L. F. JENNINGS (43447). 23rd Jan 1943.

F. J. D. OLDLAND (44934) 29th Jan 1943.

Flt. Offs. to be Flt. Lts (tempy) —

1st Jan. 1943

K. R. McCORMICK (48104) (Seny 1st June

1942.)

(Seny. 1st Sept 1942.)

R. D. C. TANNER (47381).

J. B. C. SULLIVAN (47421)

B. G. T. WORMELL (48075).

E. C. BLISSET (44844).

J. M. WILLIAMS (46325)

H. E. TROUGHTON (48109)

G. A. FRICKER (48018).

C. E. GRIFFIN (48121).

W. TURNER (48336)

Plt. Off (prob) to be Flt Off on prob. (war

subs.) —

1st Oct. 1942.

W. J. BURDETT (46689). (Seny. 6th May 1942.)

H. P. COCKBAIN (47029) (Seny 19th June

1942.)

S. E. PACKMAN (48304) 20th Oct. 1942.

C. W. ROGERS (41878). 6th Nov 1942.

D. A. OLIVER (46875). 8th Nov. 1942.

J. F. DWELLY (47606). 13th Nov. 1942.

J. A. BROWNE (48803). 14th Nov 1942.

V. T. COX (48739) 25th Nov. 1942

E. A. BUNN (48806). 26th Nov 1942