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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 Peter Guy WYKEHAM-BARNES, D.F.C. (33211), No. 23 Squadron.

Within the past 6 or 7 months, this officer has completed a large number of operational missions. On 1 occasion in February, 1943, Wing Commander Wykeham-Barnes attacked and damaged a medium sized merchant vessel. During attacks on lines of communication in Italy and Sicily, he has destroyed 3 locomotives and damaged many more. In combat, Wing Commander Wykeham-Barnes has destroyed 15 enemy aircraft, 2 of them at night over the same airfield within recent weeks. He is a courageous leader, whose outstanding skill and tireless efforts have been reflected in the many successes he has obtained.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Roderick Russell Herbert BOWES (Aus.407543), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 79 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, invariably displaying skill and leadership of a high order. On 1 occasion he led a formation which attacked and destroyed 3 launches at Kyaukpyu. On another occasion during an engagement against a number of enemy aircraft, Flying Officer Bowes shot down 2 of them. This officer, who is a skilful and determined pilot, has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer Albert Hazlehurst BENSON (1050291), No. 69 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Benson has completed a large number of hours flying on operations in the Middle East. He has at all times displayed great skill which, on more than one occasion, has been responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and its crew. In March, 1943, during a flight off the coast of Italy, his aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters and sustained severe damage. Displaying fine airmanship, Warrant Officer Benson flew the damaged aircraft to base where he effected a masterly landing, although the port and tail-wheel tyres were punctured. He displayed great skill and determination throughout.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1119153 Sergeant Wilfred MILLWARD, No. 69 Squadron.

In March, 1943, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft which, during a reconnaissance flight off the coast of Italy, was engaged by

2 enemy fighters. In the ensuing combat the aircraft sustained much damage and the rear gunner was wounded. Displaying great promptitude, Sergeant Millward extricated his comrade from the cockpit and then took his place at the guns. Coolly and skilfully he fought off the attackers, shooting 1 of them down before he was injured and his guns rendered useless. Although the intercommunication system was unserviceable, Sergeant Millward succeeded in giving directions which enabled his pilot to take the necessary evading action. This airman displayed great courage and devotion to duty throughout

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Air Ch. Mshl. Sir Edgar R. LUDLOW-HEWITT, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., is appointed Principal Air Aide-de-Camp to the King in succession to Air Ch. Mshl. Sir Hugh C. T. DOWDING, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G. (ret.). 14th Apr. 1943.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F.:—

Arthur Moeran Raymond MALLOCK, Lt., R. Signals (51544). 18th Dec. 1942.

John Andrew EDWARD, Lt., R.A. (51120). 3rd Feb. 1943.

Herbert Moore HUMPHREYS, Lt., R.A. (48634). 18th Apr., 1942.

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

348202 John James JOHNSON (51507). 20th Dec. 1942.

565559 Albert Thomas GAY (51509). 31st Dec. 1942.

581317 John BROWN (51513). 5th Feb. 1943.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.
10th Feb. 1943.

565520 Robert BITHELL (51510).

564200 Victor William HESLOP (51508).

Actg. Wt. Off.

565308 Albert Edwin Roy THOMPSON (51347). 24th July 1942.

Flt. Sgts.

537303 Donald Mosely EASTMAN (51504). 14th Nov. 1942.

580907 Herbert Brian Felix LYMNA, D.F.M. (51511). 17th Dec. 1942.

7th Jan. 1943.

538679 Roland David BETTY (51501).

646985 Charles Frederick John SPRACK (51543).

635860 Ernest James RENVOIZE (51530). 19th Feb. 1943.