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5th May, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned—

- Can/R.192594 Sergeant Ronald Rogerson BARKER,
Royal Canadian Air Force
Can/R.170919 Sergeant Gordon Allen HARE, Royal
Canadian Air Force.
Can/R.205457 Corporal William Welfare RIGLIN,
Royal Canadian Air Force

Air Ministry, 5th May, 1944.

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.

Group Captain Raymond William Pennington COLLINGS, A.F.C., Royal Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron during a period in which a series of heavy attacks on targets important to the enemy's war effort have been made. He has displayed great skill, excellent judgment and unswerving devotion to duty, qualities which have been reflected in the high standard of morale and operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. He is a most inspiring leader, whose keenness and determination have been outstanding.

Acting Group Captain Harry Emlyn BUFTON, D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force, No. 109 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has taken part in many sorties and has continued to display the highest standard of skill and gallantry. He commanded the squadron during its activities in the Battle of the Ruhr and his great skill, boundless energy and careful planning contributed in a large measure to the successes obtained.

Acting Wing Commander Arthur Stanley JOHNSON, D.F.M. (44606), Royal Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including attacks on most of the enemy's strongly defended targets in Germany. He has proved himself to be a skilful and courageous captain, whose determination to attack his targets with accuracy has been a prominent

feature throughout his long tour. He is a most inspiring leader and his achievements have been worthy of the greatest praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard David CAMPLING, D.F.C. (47364), Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, involving attacks on such targets as Berlin, Leipzig, Brunswick and Stettin. He is an outstanding pilot and captain whose gallant leadership and sterling qualities have been reflected in the fine fighting qualities of his crews. His successes pay an excellent tribute to his determination to bomb his targets with accuracy.

Acting Squadron Leader David Alexander DUNLOP, D.F.C. (104431), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in numerous sorties, including 4 attacks on Berlin and 3 on Stuttgart. He is a fearless and efficient captain, whose example in the face of the fiercest opposition has been worthy of the highest praise. He has rendered loyal and devoted service.

Acting Squadron Leader Clifford Farrer WESTERMAN, D.F.C. (Can/J 6650), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 105 Squadron.

As navigator, this officer has completed a very large number of sorties, most of them demanding a high degree of skill and resolution. He has displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty and his ability to guide his pilot to the target without fail has contributed in a large way to the successes obtained. He has also devoted much time and care to the training of other members of the squadron with excellent results. He has set a very fine example to all.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arnold PEARSON, D.F.C. (136721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has continued to set the highest standard of skill and bravery. He has taken part in all the squadron's recent attacks on most heavily defended targets in Germany and has fulfilled his wireless duties with exceptional ability. His record is worthy of the greatest praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Douglas Joyce EAYRS (26081), Royal Air Force, No. 640 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, including 4 attacks on the capital of the German Reich. On the last of these, engine trouble

developed on the outward flight and soon the port engines were overheating to a dangerous degree. Nevertheless, this officer flew on to Berlin and made a successful attack. His determination on this occasion was typical of that he has shown throughout his tour.

Wing Commander Dudley Thomas FORSYTH (Aus 141), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many attacks on strongly defended targets and has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution. One night in January, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Early on the outward flight the air-speed indicator became unserviceable. A little later, his navigator became deprived of the use of some of his instruments. These difficulties in no way deterred Wing Commander Forsyth who flew on to the German capital and pressed home his attack. He has always displayed the greatest determination to make every sortie a success.

Flight Lieutenant Lance Neville AHERN (Aus.402781), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 112 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage, qualities which have been well illustrated on many recent occasions. One day in April, 1944, he flew with much distinction in a successful attack on ground targets. The next morning, Flight Lieutenant Ahern led a formation of aircraft in an attack on shipping during which an enemy motor vessel was sunk. The same afternoon he led the squadron in an engagement against a number of fighters, 3 of which were shot down. By his inspiring leadership and outstanding determination, Flight Lieutenant Ahern contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Arthur Gordon PLUMMER (Can/J 14032), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in March, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. When some 200 miles from the target one engine failed and the aircraft lost much height. Although he knew that he would arrive at the target after the main bomber force, Flying Officer Plummer flew on to Stuttgart and pressed home a successful attack. His determination to complete his allotted task in the face of much difficulty set an excellent example.

Pilot Officer John Douglas MORTIMER (172572), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

One night in April, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. On the return flight the aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. The first burst of machine gun fire from the enemy's guns caused considerable damage to the tail planes and the ailerons. The tail trimming gear was wrecked, the hydraulic system was rendered useless, whilst one engine was set on fire. Considerable height was lost but Pilot Officer Mortimer regained control. Although the enemy continued to attack with much persistence, Pilot Officer Mortimer manoeuvred his badly damaged aircraft with great skill and finally evaded the attacker, afterwards flying safely to base. This officer displayed praiseworthy courage and determination and his skill was undoubtedly responsible for the safe return of the aircraft and its crew.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Paul Ernest SINCLAIR (Aus.420288), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 76 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

948247 Flight Sergeant David Ellis BLOCKLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Nuremberg one night in March, 1944. On the outward flight, Flight Sergeant Blockley sighted a fighter coming in to attack and promptly warned his pilot. Coolly and skilfully, Flying Officer Sinclair manoeuvred to a good position from which Flight Sergeant Blockley delivered a burst of machine gun fire which hit the enemy aircraft, causing it to explode. Flying Officer Sinclair then resumed his course to the target and executed

a successful attack. This officer and airman displayed much skill and excellent co-operation and proved themselves to be valiant members of aircraft crew. They have completed many sorties.

Air Ministry, 5th May, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards —

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Lionel Cyril BLYTH, D.F.C. (112689), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 544 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Cecil PATRICK, D.F.C. (41457), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 206 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Michael George BIRT (41368), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 27 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Gordon Drake LANCASTER (75989), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 228 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Francis Noel JOHNSTON (75709), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 204 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William John Newton LEE (112434), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 5 Squadron (since deceased).

Flight Lieutenant John Raymond WEEDS (119824), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Neville CARPENTER (127135), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant David Whitworth MUNSON (133835), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Alfred BELL (126487), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alec CHILTON (125473), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Stanley EDWARDS (149965), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Flying Officer Donald FINLAYSON (145488), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald Henry HUMPHREY (149341), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Flying Officer Douglas PHILLIPS (143573), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric RAMSBOTTOM (145853), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer Patrick James Forrest ROSS (138429), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric Harold SMITH, D.F.M. (146441), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Arthur DARLING (967173), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Frank Ernest WILDING (1015523), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 136 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1016897 Flight Sergeant Harold ARCHER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

577711 Flight Sergeant Cyril Charles MAWER, Royal Air Force, No. 201 Squadron.

1387599 Flight Sergeant Cyril Arthur SMITH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Neville BARSON (Aus.400457), No. 59 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Clarence Charles CLARK (Aus.411679), No. 10 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Maxwell Henry PAYNTER (Aus.407752), No. 612 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Charles Graham RUTTAN (Can/C.871), No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Alphonse Leopold DE LA HAYE (Can/J.2938), No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Flight Lieutenant Lloyd Duncan THOMAS (Can/J.5473), No. 5 Squadron
 Flying Officer Allan Harold BARTLETT (Can/J.14654), No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Flying Officer John Robinson MYLES (Can/J.16477), No. 544 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Thomas Beverley BRITTEN (Can/J.19441), No. 220 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Frederick Kingsmill MOYNIHAN (N.Z.412005), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry, 5th May, 1944.

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 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Order of the Sacred Tripod (Paoting).

Group Captain James WARBURTON, Royal Air Force.

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa, 5th May, 1944.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Sydney Desmond TURNER (Can/C.1577).
 Squadron Leader David Graham KNOX (Can/C.1174), No. 117 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Squadron Leader Roderick Francis MILNE (Can/C.1596), No. 10 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Flight Lieutenant Garnet Robson HARLAND (Can/J.9316), No. 10 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Flight Lieutenant James Harold SANDERSON (Can/J.6275), No. 10 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Flying Officer Paul Charles Eugene LAFOND (Can/J.14639), No. 10 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
 Warrant Officer Class II Douglas Gordon BUSH (Can/R.97643), No. 11 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.72673 Sergeant Terrence Eugene CAMPBELL, No. 117 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa, 5th May, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Air Force Cross.

Wing Commander Byron ANDREW (Can/C.1295), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Acting Wing Commander John Stewart HAMILTON (73752), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 Squadron Leader Edward Bagley GALE (Can/C.1618), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Squadron Leader John Stuart HOWDEN (Can/J.4755), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Acting Squadron Leader Ernest John HAYES (46825), Royal Air Force.
 Flight Lieutenant George David JEFFREY (Can/J.23059), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flight Lieutenant George Allen LEE (Can/J.13472), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Flying Officer Ross ARMER (Can/J.23020), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flying Officer Cecil Alexander DICKSON (Can/J.10870), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flying Officer Horace Brougham HILLCOAT, A.F.M. (Can/C.21305), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flying Officer Frederick Blair LABRISH (Can/J.4763), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flying Officer Allan Whiteley MOORE (Can/J.23014), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Flying Officer Joseph PATTON (Can/C.23561), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Pilot Officer Eli Maximilian ROSENBAUM (Can/J.27043), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Pilot Officer George Nelson Perry SEELER (Can/C.29833), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 Warrant Officer Class I Wayne Jacob DUNCAN, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Force Medal.

Can/R.145602 Corporal Albert De MARCO, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa, 5th May, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force who have been mentioned in despatches:—

Flying Officers.

J. H. BAIN (Can/J.14071).
 R. H. BURRAGE (Can/J.14076).
 M. S. WALLACE (Can/J.23796).

Pilot Officer.

J. A. BANKS (Can/J.83600).

Warrant Officers, Class II.

C. S. CARTER (Can/R.118042).
 H. W. KOSTIUK (Can/R.121631).
 F. J. PATTERSON (Can/R.105894).

Sergeant.

Can/R.107529 S. S. ARCHER.

Corporal.

Can/R.197854 E. A. TRETHERWAY.

Leading Aircraftman.

Can/R.274772 G. D. McCAFFREY.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel who have been commended:—

FOR VALUABLE SERVICES IN THE AIR.

Squadron Leaders.

W. B. COOPER (Can/J.4539), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 V. W. THOMPSON (Can/C.698), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenants.

S. L. BOWHAY (Can/J.4744), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 T. R. DELANEY (Can/J.14858), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 G. W. GOODERHAM (Can/C.8327), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 L. G. LARSEN (Can/C.2842), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Flying Officers.

C. E. DORE (Can/J.26081), Royal Canadian Air Force.
 R. C. SHUSTER (146123), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 L. E. TANNER (123867), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officers.

W. C. CHRISMAS (Can/J.26080), Royal Canadian Air Force.

N. B. FARRELL (Can/C.26200), Royal Canadian Air Force.

J. JAWORSKI (Can/C.28043), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Warant Officer, Class I.

J. D. MCKNIGHT (Can/R 68201), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Warrant Officer.

W. S. PEARSON (1003955), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Sergeant.

1315319 S. D. TIMMS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Leading Aircraftman.

Can/R.158626 J. E. F. PRESSAULT, Royal Canadian Air Force.

FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Corporal.

Can/R.72513 J. E. MACCULLUM, Royal Canadian Air Force.

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