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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
23rd June, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Military
Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Flying Officer Ross Patterson McLEAN (Can/J.21662),
Royal Canadian Air Force.

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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:—

Aus.437740 Leading Aircraftman Norman Frederick
WOLGAST, Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 23rd June, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Neville Frederick DUKE,
D.S.O., D.F.C. (61054), Royal Air Force
Volunteer Reserve, No. 145 Squadron.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill, gallantry and determination, qualities which have been well reflected in his squadron which has destroyed 23 hostile aircraft within a period of several weeks. Recently, over Anzio, he led the squadron in a sortie during which 8 enemy aircraft were shot down. Four of them were destroyed by Squadron Leader Duke himself. He has destroyed 26 and damaged several other enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Albert Sydney MANN
(40126), Royal Air Force, No. 268 Squadron.

In May, 1944, this officer was detailed to reconnoitre a heavily defended target in Northern France. In the face of considerable light anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader Mann executed a most successful run over the target and secured excellent results. His skill and coolness were beyond praise. This officer has completed a large

number of sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of determination and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Reginald Bruce FRASER
(Can/C.1350), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 114
Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has displayed great skill and devotion to duty throughout. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with accuracy and vigour and has achieved much success in operations against shipping and road transport. On a recent occasion Flight Lieutenant Fraser attacked shipping in an enemy harbour in the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire. Although his aircraft was hit in numerous places he pressed home an accurate attack. On the flight home, he also attacked a number of vehicles with machine gun fire from a low level. His determination was characteristic of that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Edward HANCOCK (83266),
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 56
Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties involving attacks on a wide range of targets, including successful attacks on railway installations and barges in Northern France and Belgium. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and his example has proved inspiring.

Flight Lieutenant Colin Edward MAITLAND (102627),
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 2
Squadron.

In May, 1944, this officer was detailed for an operational sortie. Flight Lieutenant Maitland completed his mission successfully despite heavy defences and the results obtained are a splendid testimony to his great skill, bravery and devotion to duty. This officer has completed much operational flying and has rendered excellent service.

Flight Lieutenant Harry STEERE, D.F.M. (46016),
Royal Air Force, No. 627 Squadron.

Recently, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack gun emplacements sited on the French coast. In spite of continuous heavy anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Steere spent much time over the target area in order to identify accurately the precise target. Finally, his aircraft was struck by a shell which severely damaged the starboard elevator, forcing the aircraft into an uncontrollable climb. Displaying great coolness, Flight Lieutenant Steere promptly transmitted clear instructions to his deputy to assume control of the operation. He afterwards succeeded in regaining a measure of control and flew the damaged aircraft back to this country. He displayed a high degree of skill, courage and devotion to duty. This officer has completed a large number of varied sorties.