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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
19th September, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of services in planning the landings in Normandy:—

To be an Additional Knight Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Air Vice-Marshal Victor Hubert TAIT, C.B., O.B.E.,
Royal Air Force.

To be Additional Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Air Commodore Arthur Leonard FIDDAMENT, D.F.C.,
Royal Air Force.

Acting Air Commodore William Douglas BUDGEN,
O.B.E., Royal Air Force.

Acting Air Commodore Colin Simson CADELL, Royal
Air Force.

Group Captain Edward Crisp FARMAN, Royal Air
Force.

Group Captain Frederick, Charles Victor LAWS,
O.B.E., Royal Air Force.

Group Captain John Edward Valentine TYZACK,
Royal Air Force.

Air Ministry, 19th September, 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.

Acting Squadron Leader Nicholas Palmer SIMMONS,
D.F.M. (44605), R.A.F., 51 Sqn.

In June, 1944, this officer was air bomber and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Villers-Bocage. Considerable opposition was experienced and shortly after the bombing run had been completed, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the navigator was wounded. Squadron Leader Simmons assisted his comrade to a rest position. While administering first aid, Squadron Leader Simmons himself was wounded when the aircraft was struck by another shell. Despite this he completed his task and then returned to his cabin, only to find that the front had been shattered and all the navigational instruments had been rendered useless. He thereupon went to the pilot's position in order to give all assistance he could, and, when base was finally reached he helped to effect a successful landing. Not until then did he disclose

that he had been injured. This gallant captain has completed a large number of sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal and his example has proved a rare source of inspiration to his crew.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Jack Napier DAVENPORT,
D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.403403), R.A.A.F., 455
(R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, Wing Commander Davenport has taken part in numerous attacks on enemy shipping. Much of the success obtained can be attributed to this officer's brilliant and courageous leadership. His outstanding ability and personal example have impressed all.

Squadron Leader Ernest William TACON, D.F.C.,
A.F.C. (36196), R.A.F.O., 236 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer took part in an attack on an enemy convoy during which 4 ships were set on fire. By his gallant and skilful leadership, Squadron Leader Tacon contributed in a large way to the success achieved. His resolute example in the face of heavy opposing fire proved greatly inspiring.

Acting Squadron Leader Derek Harold HAMMOND,
D.F.C. (N.Z.401493), R.N.Z.A.F., 489 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Hammond has taken part in numerous attacks on enemy shipping and has displayed a high degree of courage and determination throughout. In July, 1944, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on an enemy convoy off the Norwegian coast. During the operation, Squadron Leader Hammond obtained a hit on a medium sized vessel causing its destruction. This officer has set a fine example. His efforts are untiring and his devotion to duty unflinching.

Acting Squadron Leader Derrick Fitzgerald WESTENRA, D.F.C. (89782), R.A.F.V.R., 65 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed very many sorties, including attacks on enemy transport and troop concentrations in the Normandy theatre. He is a relentless fighter whose great skill and gallant example have greatly inspired the squadron he commands. Squadron Leader Westenra has destroyed 9 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Langley CHARNEY, D.F.C.
(112709), R.A.F.V.R., 602 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Charney is a brave and resourceful fighter. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties, involving a variety of operational missions. In air fighting he has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft.