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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
28th November, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

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

Major Carl Frederick Geer (P.102995V), South African Air Force.

In August, 1944, Major Geer was giving dual instruction in an aircraft when it crashed, broke in two, and burst into flames. Although injured, Major Geer was able to extricate himself from the wreckage but soon realised that his pupil had not got free. Despite exploding ammunition, and well knowing that the petrol tanks might blow up at any minute, this officer re-entered the blazing fuselage, unfastened his companion's harness and took him to safety. In the process, Major Geer sustained burns on the face and arms but his prompt and courageous action saved the pupil's life.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished service:—

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

Flight Lieutenant George Michael Carmichael (33339), Royal Air Force.

Captain Jeffery Morphey (102701), South African Air Force.

Flying Officer Francis Henry Greenaway (N.Z.42296), Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Air Ministry, 28th November, 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 Group Captain Henry John CUNDALL, D.F.C., A.F.C. (33384), R.A.F., 105 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and throughout he has displayed a high standard of bravery and devotion to duty. Group Captain Cundall's squadron has executed many sorties recently and much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's careful planning, great skill and unbeatable determination.

Acting Wing Commander Alan Frederick AVANT, D.F.C. (Can/J.10503), R.C.A.F., 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties on his second tour of operational duty. He is a highly skilled and fearless squadron commander, whose gallant leadership has been well reflected in the fighting qualities of the squadron. His devotion to duty over a long period has been unflinching.

Wing Commander John Francis GREY, D.F.C. (37767), R.A.F., 207 Sqn.

This officer has, by his gallant example, inspired and maintained a high degree of confidence amongst his aircrews. On 10 occasions his aircraft has been engaged by enemy fighters, 7 of which were shot down in the ensuing fights. The successes obtained are a fine tribute to Wing Commander Grey's great skill and leadership in action. This officer has commanded the squadron with great success.

Acting Squadron Leader Leo Allen DWEN (122987), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn

This officer is a fearless and skilful captain of aircraft. He has completed a large number of sorties, many of them against dangerous and difficult targets. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great skill and resolution, qualities which have brought him much success. He is a fine captain of aircraft, whose devotion to duty has been untiring.

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald Frank GRIFFIN, D.F.C. (47170), R.A.F., 156 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty in air operations. As observer he completed a very large number of sorties before joining his present squadron. Since then, Squadron Leader Griffin has completed many more sorties in the capacity of pilot and captain and has attacked a variety of targets with success. A fearless and determined captain of aircraft, Squadron Leader Griffin has set an example of the highest order.

Acting Squadron Leader John Naunton ROWLAND, D.F.C. (33577), R.A.F., 625 Sqn.

This officer has displayed great keenness, skill and courage in his capacity as captain of aircraft. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Squadron Leader Rowland has participated in numerous sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets important to the enemy's war effort. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination and his successes have been well illustrated by the photographs secured. In addition to his fine work in the air, this officer has rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.