

*Air Ministry, 27th March, 1945.*

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

*Military Medal.*

1890776 Flight Sergeant Walter Thomas SIMPSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 299 Squadron.

In September, 1944, Flight Sergeant Simpson was the rear gunner in an aircraft detailed to take part in a re-supply mission to Arnhem. The aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire and the pilot was compelled to make a forced landing about two miles south-west of Arnhem. The bomber caught fire and the bomb-aimer and flight engineer were trapped in the blazing wreckage. The remainder of the crew managed to get clear but immediately came under rifle fire from enemy snipers. Flight Sergeant Simpson, although under continuous enemy fire and despite the danger of petrol tanks and ammunition exploding, twice entered the blazing bomber and rescued the two members of the crew who were trapped. About 30 seconds later the fuel tanks exploded and the aircraft was soon burnt out. Flight Sergeant Simpson displayed great bravery and disregard of his personal safety in saving the lives of two of his comrades.

1060048 Corporal Harry GREEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force Regiment.

Corporal Green has led his section on patrols against the enemy and has at all times displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty, qualities which have been reflected in the efficiency of those under his command. During the concentration of the 2nd Polcorps at San Sofia it became essential to discover the precise position of the enemy prior to an attack being made. On the 16th October, 1944, Corporal Green led a patrol detailed to go to Collina Di Pondo. Leading his men on a wide detour, through enemy-held territory, Corporal Green approached his objective from the flank unobserved. As the first building entered by the patrol showed signs of recent occupation Corporal Green went on to the next farm where the enemy were encountered in great strength. The patrol was attacked with grenades and automatics. During this attack a German sentry was killed and other casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Corporal Green, realising that at least one member of his patrol must get back and report the position, directed covering fire to be made on the farm and this enabled the remainder of the patrol to take cover in a nearby wood. Although an enemy machine gun was now in action Corporal Green succeeded in withdrawing his men and the patrol returned without a casualty.

1047842 Corporal Tom SQUIRE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force Regiment.

One morning in November, 1944, Corporal Squire was in charge of his leading section during an attack against the Sugar Factory at Classe Fuori, south of Ravenna. The objective was strongly fortified and the only approach was a single and narrow route which was heavily defended by machine guns. Displaying conspicuous courage and outstanding determination, Corporal Squire led his section into the attack. Despite the intensity of the enemy counter-fire, Corporal Squire went straight on to his first objectives and cleared the enemy posts, thereby enabling the remainder of the flight to continue the attack without check. Corporal Squire's courage and determination greatly inspired his comrades and contributed in a large measure to the success achieved. He has, on many occasions, led his section on patrols against the enemy. He has invariably displayed fine leadership and has set a magnificent example.

1087956 Leading Aircraftman Thomas Gwyn DAVIES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, R.A.F. Regiment.

In October, 1944, Leading Aircraftman Davies's unit was at Wamel and was given a section of the front line to hold. The enemy, in strength, were on the opposite bank of the River Waal, roughly one kilometre away. One day orders were given to concentrate full fire power on a factory site known to contain valuable enemy equipment. Artillery support was to be given and it was expected that counter-fire would be received. At 15.00 hours, the bombardment of the enemy position commenced. Shortly afterwards a bomb from one of the mortars failed to leave the muzzle completely and was liable to fall to the ground. Realising the grave danger, Leading Aircraftman Davies, with great presence of mind and complete disregard of his own safety, grasped the bomb and threw it into a pond at the rear of the position. He then immediately continued to fire the mortar and so enabled his team to complete a rapid attack and to withdraw before counter-fire was brought to bear against them. This airman's courage and sense of duty saved the lives of his colleagues and enabled an important enemy objective to be destroyed.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of distinguished service:—

*Military Medal.*

1268627 Sergeant Roy MARLOW, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

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The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred upon the personnel indicated in recognition of valuable services in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

*Military Cross (1939).*

Pilot Officer Kenneth Cyril MASLEN (1380043), R.A.F.V.R.

CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS.

*Order of Orange Nassau.*

*Grand Officer.*

Air Vice-Marshal Alan LEES, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.

*Chevalier.*

Warrant Officer William Henry VARTY (56544), R.A.F.

*Silver Medal of Honour.*

561073 Flight Sergeant Maurice CRAWFORD, R.A.F.

*Flight Cross (with Honourable Mention).*

Acting Wing Commander Lewis Alan LYNN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40124), R.A.F.O.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander).*

Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick BOWHILL, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A.F. (Retired.)

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander James BLACKBURN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (70067), R.A.F.O.

*Bronze Star Medal.*

1098511 Acting Corporal Joseph Aynsley MORRIS, R.A.F.

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