

dangerous tasks. On one occasion he not only drove through the enemy lines in daylight to fetch urgently required rations, but, on learning that ammunition was available at Hassani, he collected a load and, in daylight, he drove it through a route which was only open to armoured cars at night. This N.C.O.'s leadership, initiative and courage have been most noteworthy.

1352483 Corporal Philip Louis Austin SHORT, Royal Air Force Regiment.

This airman is employed as section commander of No. 2 Rifle Flight. He has served overseas with 2721 Field Squadron on active service for over two years and has on many occasions been in contact with the enemy in North Africa and Italy. During the period September-December, 1944, when this squadron was under the command of the Eighth Army, he not only led his section against the enemy many times but also acted as the flight senior N.C.O. On one occasion on Mount Acola, during a reconnaissance with his officer, both were ambushed by the enemy from a farm. Corporal Short, with quick initiative and clear thought, gave his officer supporting fire and enabled him to withdraw safely. At all times eager to volunteer for any dangerous task, this airman has displayed outstanding leadership, cool courage and determination.

Air Ministry, 6th July, 1945.

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

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Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau.

Group Captain Frederick Robert DREW, R.A.F.
Acting Group Captain William Neville CUMMING,
O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 12th June 1945 (p. 3084, col. 2) award of foreign decorations, Order of Polonia Restituta, Second Class. *Delete* heading "Acting Air Vice-Marshal" above "Robert Peel WILLCOCK, C.B., R.A.F."

In notification of 14th June 1945 (Birthday honours). Following names to be added to mentions in despatches list:—

Squadron Leader R. CARTER (21278).
895668 Sergeant L. PENFOLD, W.A.A.F.

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