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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

2nd November, 1945.

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

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

Flight Lieutenant Maurice ROWAN (115032), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

A Spitfire, when approaching to land on the air strip at Sadaung, hit an M.T. vehicle, overturned and caught fire. Flight Lieutenant Rowan, on hearing the crash, drove to the scene and found the pilot, whose feet were trapped, struggling to free himself. Disregarding the possible explosion of the petrol tanks and the ammunition in the aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Rowan, assisted by an airman, succeeded in releasing the pilot. Although Flight Lieutenant Rowan sustained burns on his arms and face during this action, he then took a hose from the fire tender and assisted in extinguishing the fire. This officer displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Captain Alexander William SHORT (P.605V), South African Air Force.

On 19th February, 1945, a Baltimore aircraft swung from the runway while taking off, crashed into a stationary Warwick aircraft and both caught fire immediately. The heat was intense and exploding fuel tanks, oxygen bottles and pyrotechnics made the surrounding area extremely dangerous. Captain Short, an armament officer, made his way into the fuselage of the Baltimore aircraft and rescued an air gunner who was unconscious. He then returned to the scene and, at great personal risk, attempted to locate the pilot and observer, desisting only when satisfied that his efforts were useless. Captain Short displayed considerable bravery and determination and saved the life of one of the crew.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), in recognition of distinguished service, to:—

1397971 Flight Sergeant Norman Reginald Allan THOM, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Air Ministry, 2nd November, 1945.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Count Manfred Beckett CZERNIN, M.C., D.F.C. (37148), Royal Air Force.

Air Ministry, 2nd November, 1945.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Confirmation and promotion.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

F. ROBINSON (56926). 27th June 1945.

27th Sept. 1945.

J. ELLERINGTON (56684).

D. J. FLOOD, D.F.C. (56681).

29th Sept. 1945.

R. BATTERSBY (57072).

R. D. BOOKER (57084).

K. F. CURREY (57083).

G. L. DONNELLY (57075).

J. S. S. HAY (57090).

R. D. HODGSON (56768).

E. G. JAMES (57091).

R. W. LAW (56748).

T. A. W. LISLE (57076).

J. M. LORIMER (57089).

J. D. MORLEY (57077).

V. F. NEWTON (57080).

J. OAKLEY (57073).

R. A. SWADDLING (57078).

R. B. ROBINSON (56766). 30th Sept. 1945.

1st Oct. 1945.

E. E. S. BENNETT (56729).

D. V. T. MORRIS (56720).

J. NESS (56721).

J. R. SMITH (56715).

A. C. SPENCER (55479).

Promotion.

Wg. Cdrs. (temp.) granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—

1st Oct. 1945.

G. A. L. CHEATLE (37155).

S. P. COULSON, D.F.C. (33232).

R. P. R. POWELL, D.F.C. (33278). 4th Oct. 1945.

Sqn. Ldr. R. I. K. EDWARDS, D.F.C., A.F.C. (37039) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.) 3rd Sept. 1945. (Subs. for notifi. of 19th Oct. 1945 (p. 5115, col. 1).

Flg. Off. to Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

W. J. KIRK, D.F.M. (52797). 6th Aug. 1945.

B. GRIFFITHS, D.F.C. (53369). 21st Sept. 1945.