

from land bases, in England and on the Continent, against enemy naval forces. During this period, much of which was spent under trying conditions in the field, the serviceability rate of the squadron was maintained at a high level. Flight Sergeant Sims' tireless efforts, technical skill and organising ability were responsible in no small way for the many sorties flown.

1136218 Sergeant Ronald BAXTER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

On 19th April, 1945, Sergeant Baxter, on his own initiative, led a small party to remove from a farmyard a police non-commissioned officer who had been badly wounded by German civilians firing from inside a house. Although under fire the party succeeded in rescuing the wounded man. Sergeant Baxter then obtained assistance including a tank, and arrested the armed civilians who were subsequently condemned to death. At all times Sergeant Baxter has displayed outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty.

1298006 Corporal Ronald Merlin HARRIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

1125326 Corporal Ernest WINSHIP, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

On the 1st May, 1945, whilst a 950 gallon petrol tender was being refuelled at Evere airfield, it burst into flames. Without thought for their own safety these two non-commissioned officers immediately disconnected the petrol tender and closed the safety valves, thus localising the fire and saving the installation from serious damage. On 11th May, 1945, another petrol tender burst into flames. Although covered in blazing petrol, Corporal Winship made a gallant effort to disconnect the tender, before being beaten back, severely burned about the head, arms and body. Corporal Harris raced from the Guard Room in time to drag Corporal Winship to safety, disconnect the tender and close its valves. He sustained burns to his hands in so doing. These airmen displayed high courage and disregard of their personal safety on these two occasions in preventing the spread of fire and in saving equipment.

1462437 Corporal Kenneth John PAVELIN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

On 19th April, 1945, Corporal Pavelin, accompanied by another airman of the Royal Air Force Police, went to the assistance of some Russian ex-prisoners of war who were being fired on by some S.S. men hiding in a farmhouse. Armed with revolvers, Corporal Pavelin and his companion approached the farmhouse. Shots were fired. Corporal Pavelin being hit in the thigh and his companion seriously wounded. Although in great pain Corporal Pavelin rode ten miles on a motor-cycle to obtain assistance for the wounded man who subsequently died in hospital. Corporal Pavelin displayed considerable courage and great determination in his attempt to save his companion's life.

576138 Sergeant Paul MORRIS, Royal Air Force. In recognition of distinguished service.

*Air Ministry, 27th November, 1945.*

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*Acting Air Vice-Marshal.*

James Ambrose STONE, C.B., R.A.F.

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Frank WOOLLEY, O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.

*Acting Group Captain.*

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*Bronze Star Medal.*

*Group Captains.*

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Alexander Mitchell RODGERS, R.A.F.

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*Degree of Legionnaire.*

*Air Commodore.*

Geoffrey Newland ROBERTS, R.N.Z.A.F., with effect from 18th October, 1945

*Air Medal.*

*Squadron Leader.*

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