

K. E. Etherton.
 P. Scholes.
 P. J. Lamb.
 J. P. G. Macinnes.
 F. C. Smith.
 E. D. Ide.
 R. F. Sanderson.
 A. N. McKinlay.
 T. E. A. Gould.
 G. Newton.
 A. J. Martin.
 P. J. Newton.
 L. N. F. C. Machlin.

15th May 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) G. B. Davie to be
 Tempy. Lieut. (A) with seny. of 2nd Oct.
 1940.

To be Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieut.:—

G. B. Knight. 12th Jan. 1940. (In sub-
 stitution for notice appearing in London
 Gazette of 13th May 1941.) Promoted to
 Tempy. Paymr. Lieut. 29th Mar. 1940, vide
 London Gazette 7th Mar. 1941.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Sub-
 Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

H. E. M. Hammick. 9th Jan. 1941.
 J. A. Spiers. 2nd Apr. 1941.
 B. P. McCallum. 14th May 1941.
 P. Baddeley. 1st May 1941.
 H. Shadlock. 12th May 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. to be
 Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as
 stated:—

D. McDowell. 12th Jan. 1941.
 F. L. M. Fisher. 26th Jan. 1941.
 F. J. Bateman. 10th Feb. 1941.

Actg. Sub-Lieut. J. M. Coatsworth to be Sub-
 Lieut. with seny. of 17th Sept. 1940.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (Sp.):—

M. Pratt with seny. of 23rd May 1941.

Air Ministry,

30th May, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Edgar Guy VAN DER
 KISTE (39248), No. 210 Squadron.

In April, 1941, this officer was the captain
 of an aircraft which carried out a reconnais-
 sance of the Norwegian coast from Hammer-
 fest to Harstad, entailing a flight of many
 hours. The greater part of the reconnais-
 sance had to be carried out at a height of less
 than 2,000 feet owing to low cloud, but Flight
 Lieutenant Van Der Kiste made such skilful
 use of the low cloud and the topographical
 features of the country, that very little
 opposition from the ground was encountered.
 At Harstad, where there was no cloud, he
 approached the town flying just above the
 water level and, despite heavy and light anti-
 aircraft fire, flew right in and completed his
 reconnaissance. By skilful low flying among
 the fiords he was able to avoid any damage
 to his aircraft. On a previous occasion,
 Flight Lieutenant Van Der Kiste carried out
 a reconnaissance at a low altitude under

extremely trying conditions. Although his
 aircraft was damaged by enemy fire he com-
 pleted his mission and skilfully flew back to
 base. He has displayed high qualities of
 leadership and has contributed materially to
 the efficiency and high standard of morale
 obtaining in his Squadron

Captain Kenneth Arthur QUIRK (102625), No. 1
 Squadron, South African Air Force.

In May, 1941, Captain Quirk, with com-
 plete disregard for his own safety, landed
 near Acroma and rescued another officer who
 had been forced to land his fighter through
 enemy action. After burning this aircraft
 Captain Quirk flew off with the pilot in his
 own fighter in the face of fire from the enemy.
 He displayed great courage and devotion to
 duty in rescuing his comrade and in pre-
 venting the aircraft falling into enemy hands.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Thomas Geoffrey PIKE,
 D.F.C. (16202), No. 219 Squadron.

This officer has displayed outstanding skill
 and keenness in his efforts to seek and destroy
 the enemy at night. One night recently
 while his aerodrome was being bombed, he
 took off to engage the attackers when the
 aerodrome was illuminated by the glare from
 a large number of incendiary bombs.

Acting Squadron Leader Thomas Frederick
 Dalton MORGAN, D.F.C. (37415), No. 43
 Squadron.

This officer has displayed exceptional skill
 both as a squadron commander and an indi-
 vidual fighter. During two consecutive nights
 in May, 1941, he destroyed three enemy air-
 craft bringing his total victories to 13.
 Squadron Leader Morgan has contributed in
 a large measure to the high standard of
 operational efficiency of the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John William Charles
 SIMPSON, D.F.C. (37642), No. 245 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great skill and
 initiative both as a squadron commander and
 an individual fighter. He has destroyed 12
 enemy aircraft, of which two have been shot
 down at night.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander James Owen WILLIS (32059),
 No. 45 Squadron.

This officer has displayed the utmost deter-
 mination in action against the enemy. In
 May, 1941, he led a force of fighter aircraft
 in an attack against a moving transport
 column of some 100 vehicles, the majority of
 which were either destroyed or damaged.
 His leadership has been of a high order.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Edgar Peter
 BROOKER (39931), No. 1 Squadron.

This officer led his flight with considerable
 skill and ability over a long period, during
 which he destroyed a number of enemy air-
 craft. Since taking command of the squad-
 ron, he has greatly assisted in the brilliant
 work performed by the squadron. Through-
 out Squadron Leader Brooker has set an
 excellent example.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Chatham
 WOLFE (37705), Reserve of Air Force Officers,
 No. 141 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great determina-
 tion as a night fighter pilot. During a patrol