Honours and Awards

The following honours were published in the London Gazette dated July 23:

G.C.V.O.

C.V.O.

M.V.O. (4th Class)

The undermentioned airmen were invested with the Medal of the Royal Victorian Order (Silver) by His Majesty the King:


Mentioned in Despatches

The undermentioned were mentioned in Despatches in recognition of distinguished services rendered in connection with the operations in Palestine during the period April/October, 1936:


Moves of Squadrions

No. 113 (Bomber) Squadron will move from Upper Heyford to Grantham. The move is to be completed by September 1, on which date the unit will be transferred to No. 3 (Bomber) Group.

No. 211 (Bomber) Squadron will move from Mildenhall to Upper Heyford.

No. 113 (Bomber) Squadron will move from Upper Heyford to Grantham. The move is to be completed by September 1.

Prohibited Areas

The following prohibited areas have been abolished as such:

Rosyth, Auke, Sheerness, Chatham, Portishead, Poole Harbour, Portland, Devonport, and Pembroke.

In their place new prohibited areas have been established at Manningtree, Harwich, Poole (Holton Heath), and Gosport.

School of Air Navigation

The undermentioned officers, having successfully completed the Specialist Navigation Course at the School of Air Navigation, Manor, which terminated May 29, are granted the symbol “N”:

A.P.O./F. Philip Herbert Baily, the pilot and A.P.O. Douglas Leslie Farnell, Bagot-Gray, passengers; Flt. Subt. A/A.C. Albert Ernest Withy lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Holbeach on August 8.

A.P.O. Albert Edward Ralph Ferris, of No. 15 Flying Training School, lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident which occurred at Holbeach on August 2.

A.P.O./F. Ferris was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft.

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A SCOTTISH AIR BASE

A site for an R.A.F. station has been chosen near Wick in Caithness. It will be the most northerly air base in the kingdom.

THE F.A.A. IN CANADA

H.M.S. Apollo and York visited Montreal recently and three combat aircraft, two Ospreys and one Walrus, under the command of Lt. Col. A. A. Murray (Sqn. Ldr., R.A.F.) made a five-day tour in formation through Ontario. They visited Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Windsor, Ottawa and Trenton. Everywhere the party was received with great enthusiasm and hospitality.

SHOOTING YOUR OWN TAIL

Instances have occurred of damage being caused to the tail unit of aircraft during air firing training, owing to the accidental discharge of the Lewis gun during the rectification of a stoppage. In each case the clip had been previously placed in the clip provided for the purpose of stowage. When an attempt is made to clear a stoppage the gun is always to be trained away from the aircraft and in such a manner that the bullet from an accidental discharge will strike directly within the authorised danger area of the air firing range concerned. The stowage clips may only be used in the following circumstances: (i) For purposes of stowage when the gun is unloaded. (ii) To facilitate the changing of a component part after the gun has been cleared. (iii) For securing a jammed gun which cannot be cleared, after the engagement of the safety catch.

EMERGENCY EXITS IN MONOPLANES

As far as possible, emergency exits are being provided in new types of aircraft to facilitate—(a) exit by parachute in the air, (b) exit on the ground from an overturned aircraft, and (c) exit on the ground from a multi-engined aircraft which has landed with undercarriage retracted.

In multi-engined aeroplanes where the stations of the crew are enclosed within the fuselage, and there is good communication between them, these exits are provided by hatches, opening windows or "push-out" panels or doors, and each member of the crew is to be instructed in the exit he should use in a particular emergency. With single-engined and some multi-engined types this provision is made by means of sliding or hinging windows or cockpit covers, which are arranged to give exit space even when the aeroplane has overturned, and is resting on the strong point behind the pilot. Exit will be by the nose, provided, if the wing or engine covers are opened before the aeroplane overtops. In taking off and landing, therefore, these windows or covers must always be open.

No. 65 (Fighter) Squadron

A twenty-first anniversary reunion dinner for past and present members of all ranks of No. 65 (Fighter) Squadron will be held in the Station Institute, R.A.F. Station, Hornchurch, Essex, on Friday, August 20. The price of tickets is 5s. each. Past and present members desirous of attending are requested to communicate with the Commanding Officer, No. 65 (Fighter) Squadron, Royal Air Force, Hornchurch, Essex.

FLYING ACCIDENTS

The Air Ministry regrets to announce the following accidents:

Pupil Pilot Edward Owen Thomas James Poyner lost his life in an accident which occurred at Brough on July 30 to an aircraft of the Blackburn Flying School. He was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft.

A.P.O./F. Albert Edward Ralph Ferris, of No. 15 Flying Training School, lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident which occurred at Holbeach on August 2. A.P.O./F. Ferris was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft.

A.P.O./F. Philip Herbert Baily, the pilot and A.P.O./O. Douglas Leslie Farnell, Bagot-Gray, passengers; Flt. Subt. A/A.C. Albert Ernest Withy lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Holbeach on August 9, to an aircraft of No. 6 Flying Training School, Netheravon, Wiltts.

Sergt. Harris, Deacle and A/C. A/A.C. Albert Ernest Withy lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Andover on August 9, to an aircraft of No. 142 (Bomber) Squadron, Andover, Hants. Sergt.- Scaife was the pilot of the aircraft and A/C. Withy a passenger.

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