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Flt Lt C L Hughes DFC

Your reference

Our reference

D/OAR(RAF)/13/9/2

Date

25 April 1986

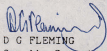
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Dear Sir

COMMISSION PARCHMENTS

1. Thank you for your letter dated 22 April 1986
2. Action is now being taken for the preparation of your parchment. This will be sent to you as soon as possible, but in view of the various stages necessary for the completion of parchments, it is anticipated that several months will elapse before it can be made available for issue.

Yours faithfully



D G FLEMING

for Air Secretary

ALAN W. COOPER  
RAF HISTORIAN, RESEARCHER  
AUTHOR

24/4/1986.

Dear Mr Hughes,

Thank you for your letter.

I can obtain a copy of the recommendation for your DFC, this is usually two pages and has all signatures of all the people who recommended you such as CO Station Commander Group Commander and in some cases the C in C Sir Arthur Harris, who up to the time he died was a very good friend of mine.

The fee would be £8-50p plus 52p for copying and postage.

I can also get copies for all your ops with 427 which if you completed a full tour of 30 or so which I am sure you did the fee would be £18 plus the copies and postage the copying would be about £8.

Plus this there are combat reports if you were in conflict with a fighter etc and so on as per my ad.

Yours sincerely

*Alan Cooper*

Reference:-

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## RECOMMENDATION FOR MERIT AND AWARDS

Operation Name: Flamenco 10/10/53 ..... Rank: SERGEANT ..... 113

Rank: PILOT OFFICER ..... Operational Number: 146448

Command or Station: No. 6 DOWNS Base ..... Unit: No. 437 (DOWNS) Squadron

Total hours flown on operations: 190.25 hours

Number of Sorties: 294

Total hours flown on operations since receipt of previous award: N/A

Number of sorties since receipt of previous award: N/A

Recognitions for which recommended: Distinguished Flying Cross

Accomplishment held: Navigator

Particulars of meritorious service for which the recommendation is made, including date and place:-

This officer has completed 294 operational sorties against the enemy. His work has always been of the highest standard and his skill and determination as a navigator has been instrumental in ensuring that his aircraft bombed the target. His fine record is considered worthy of commendation.

Date: 15th November, 1953

*S. E. Turnbull*  
Signature of Squadron Commander.  
(S. E. Turnbull)  
Rank: Wing Commander

Remarks: Station Commander Pilot Officer Hughes has proven himself to be a splendid navigation officer both in the air and on the ground. He has an excellent operational record which includes successful attacks against the most heavily defended targets.

I recommend that he be awarded the D.F.C.

Date: 14th Nov. 53

*W. G. L. ...*  
Signature of Station Commander.  
Rank: Wing Captain

Remarks of Air or Group Commander:

This navigator has now completed his first tour. I concur in the above remarks and recommendations.  
Recommended the War-Immediate Award of the D.F.C.

Date: 15th November 1953

*S. Brooks*  
(S. Brooks)  
Air Vice Marshal  
Rank: Air Officer Commanding  
No. 6 (H.Q.A.S.) Group

Reference:

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DATE	Position in Aircraft	TARGET	Duration of Flight	REMARKS
21.1.43.	NAVIGATOR	WILHELM	7:40	D.C.O.
16.2.43.	"	LOCHMUT	7:10	D.C.O.
24.2.43.	"	WILHELMHAYEN	7:20	D.C.O.
3.3.43.	"	HAMBURG	7:00	D.C.O.
26.3.43.	"	HAMBURG	7:40	D.C.O.
4.4.43.	"	KIEL	7:05	D.C.O.
8.4.43.	"	HAMBURG	6:00	D.C.O.
10.4.43.	"	FLANDERN	4:20	D.C.O.
14.4.43.	"	STUTTGART	7:25	D.C.O.
16.4.43.	"	WAGNER	7:40	D.C.O.
22.12.42.	"	SAN SEBASTIAN	2:30	D.C.O.
23.3.43.	"	ST. MALOES	2:40	D.C.O.
29.3.43.	"	WATERLOO	2:45	D.C.O.
11.6.43.	"	BRUSSELS	4:20	D.C.O.
12.6.43.	"	BOCHUM	2:10	D.C.O.
21.6.43.	"	BRUSSELS	4:20	D.C.O.
24.6.43.	"	WATERLOO	2:45	D.C.O.
9.7.43.	"	BRUSSELS	2:45	D.C.O.
13.7.43.	"	BRUSSELS	6:15	D.C.O.
24.7.43.	"	ESSEN	5:40	D.C.O.
25.7.43.	"	HAMBURG	6:10	D.C.O.
27.7.43.	"	HAMBURG	6:15	D.C.O.
29.7.43.	"	HAMBURG	8:05	D.C.O.
10.8.43.	"	BRUSSELS	7:05	D.C.O.
20.8.43.	"	BRUSSELS	7:30	D.C.O.
3.9.43.	"	MANTHEIM	8:10	D.C.O.
6.9.43.	"	MANTHEIM	7:55	D.C.O.
22.9.43.	"	HANNOVER	7:50	D.C.O.
3.10.43.	"	KASSEL	7:50	D.C.O.
3.11.43.	"	HAMBURG	2:30	D.C.O.
11.11.43.	"	COLOGNE	9:30	D.C.O.
18.11.43.	"	MANTHEIM	7:40	D.C.O.

No. of Sorties 29

No. of Hours 196.25