

reached his base when the engines stopped through lack of petrol and he was compelled to land with the undercarriage retracted. This officer showed fine determination in fulfilling his mission after his aircraft had been so badly damaged, and his skill, courage and presence of mind during the return journey undoubtedly saved the lives of his crew.

Pilot Officer Robert Douglas BOWEN (Can/J. 15064) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 616 Squadron.

This officer participated in many sorties over enemy territory during which he destroyed 1 enemy aircraft and assisted in the probable destruction of another. He has acted as deputy flight commander and has led the flight on a large number of convoy patrols. Pilot Officer Bowen is an enthusiastic and efficient pilot, whose services are of great value to his squadron.

Pilot Officer William Lloyd BRILL (Aus. 402933), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the Gnome Rhone works at Gennevilliers. Bad weather was encountered throughout the journey and fine determination was shown in flying through heavy rain squalls. Pilot Officer Brill's aircraft was caught in searchlights, and anti-aircraft fire damaged the hydraulic system and put the rear turret out of action. After making a circuit at 1,500 ft. Pilot Officer Brill carried out an attack at 2,000 ft. and hit the target. The hydraulic pipes, operating the bomb doors, were subsequently damaged and the bomb doors could not be closed. The return journey was made in bad weather. Pilot Officer Brill, thinking that he would probably have to make a crash landing, decided to descend away from his base and he succeeded in making a good landing without flaps and with one wheel damaged. This officer showed splendid courage and determination and has proved to be a resourceful pilot at all times.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

517691 Flight Sergeant Sidney William MERRYWEATHER, No. 174 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

Since November, 1939, this pilot has participated in a number of operational patrols and offensive sorties. When in France, in May, 1940, he destroyed 1 Messerschmitt 109 in combat and another while patrolling over Dunkirk during the evacuation. He damaged another enemy aircraft during the Battle of Britain. Flight Sergeant Merryweather has also taken part in many bombing attacks on factories and enemy aerodromes. His skill and determination are a source of inspiration to his fellow pilots.

1155523 Sergeant Cyril TERRY.

Sergeant Terry made his first operational flight as front gunner of an aircraft which participated in the mass raid on Cologne on 30th May, 1942. On observing one of our bombers being attacked by an enemy aircraft, his clear instructions enabled his captain to manoeuvre the aircraft into a position from which Sergeant Terry was able to open fire at short range. At the first burst, the

enemy aircraft caught fire and entered a curling dive. Shortly afterwards, Sergeant Terry skilfully drove off another enemy aircraft which was attacking one of our bombers. Two nights later this airman was the front gunner of an aircraft operating against the Ruhr. Whilst over Holland, on the return flight, Sergeant Terry observed a Focke Wulfe 190 and shot it down in flames into the sea. By his keen observation, clear thinking and accurate gunnery this airman has destroyed 2 enemy fighters, and probably saved his own and 2 other bombers from destruction.

*Air Ministry,*

26th June, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Group Captain Andrew MCKEE, D.F.C., A.F.C.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Darwen STENNER, D.F.C. (43144), No. 106 Squadron.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander James Johnson BENNETT, D.F.C. (39056), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 144 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Dereck Jack FRENCH, D.F.C. (36129), No. 455 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Ronald Clifford HOCKEY (72993), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Lewis Alan LYNN (40124), No. 107 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Francis William Scott TURNER (37775), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Henry CRIBB (33360), No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald Frederick Edgar Charles DEAN (42997), No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Brendan Joseph HOOPER (42227), No. 150 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader George Francis Herbert WEBB (90987), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 140 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Colin Graham ROBERTSON (41210), No. 95 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James CATANACH (Aus. 400364), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Michael Roquier EVANS (60821), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Russell FROWDE (100551), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Frederick Campbell GALLAHER (63434), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Denis MILLER (N.Z. 402207), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frank PICHEL-JUAN (77950), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.