

fighters but each time Flight Lieutenant Rowland has skilfully out-maneuvred the attackers and afterwards flown his bomber to base. His skill and courage have been worthy of high praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Derrick William Cox (124391), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

This officer has undertaken many sorties against important targets in Germany and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great vigour. Flight Lieutenant Cox is a most efficient captain whose skill and coolness in action have set a most inspiring example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Martin Anthony CYBULSKI (Can/J.15807), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 410 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Harold Herbert LADBROOK (139394), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 410 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have taken part in numerous sorties, involving attacks on rail installations, locomotives and various other targets. During a sortie one night in September, 1943, they attacked a Dornier 217 at close range. Following a well directed burst of fire, the enemy aircraft exploded in the air. Flight Lieutenant Cybulski was temporarily blinded by the explosion and the aircraft went into a steep dive. Flying Officer Ladbrook resourcefully regained control, however, and afterwards, Flight Lieutenant Cybulski, who had quickly recovered, flew the aircraft to base. These officers have invariably displayed great skill and tenacity.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Albert George EDWARDS (144620), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on such targets as Essen, Hamburg, Dortmund and Turin. As flight engineer his services have proved extremely valuable and, on more than one occasion, when his aircraft has sustained damage by enemy action, his technical skill has contributed materially to its safe return to base. Flight Lieutenant Edwards has displayed praiseworthy determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Davidson MITCHNER (Can/J.16799), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 402 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including several very successful attacks on shipping. He is a most determined and able leader, whose confidence in action has proved inspiring. In combat, Flight Lieutenant Mitchner has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Vaughan PERRINS (115434), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Perrins is an extremely keen and skilful pilot who has taken part in many sorties over enemy territory. His efforts have been featured by great determination and he has obtained notable successes. His coolness and confidence at all times have set an excellent example.

Flying Officer Douglas Stuartson BELL (132618), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Flying Officer Bell is a highly efficient captain and pilot. Throughout his tour he has displayed outstanding keenness and determination, which have inspired all. The successes achieved are a credit to his great skill and fortitude.

Flying Officer Charles John BURNELL (131977), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Flying Officer Burnell is a skilful air bomber whose determined efforts have played a good part in the successes obtained on many sorties which he has undertaken. He has at all times displayed great devotion to duty, while his coolness and confidence in action have set a very fine example.

Flying Officer Robert Michael MUIR (108812), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 264 Squadron.

This officer has executed many sorties during which he has attacked shipping, lines of communication, locomotives and railway buildings with damaging effect. On one occasion in September, 1943, during a sortie over Northern France, his aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire. He flew the aircraft to base, however, and effected a masterly landing. This officer has displayed praiseworthy courage and exceptional keenness.

Flying Officer Thomas Eric TRANTER (133338), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

As navigator, this officer has taken part in a large number of attacks on important enemy targets. He has displayed outstanding skill and determination and his faultless work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. Flying Officer Tranter's example of devotion to duty has been most commendable.

Flying Officer Denis Charles Leslie WEBBER (116778), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 120 Squadron.

This officer captained an aircraft which participated in an attack on a U-boat recently. In spite of fierce fire from the U-boat's guns, Flying Officer Webber pressed home his attack and, at the third attempt, straddled the vessel with his depth charges. The submarine blew up, leaving survivors in the water. Flying Officer Webber displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order.

Pilot Officer Henry Tompson SCOTT (Aus.413289), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron

One night in October, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Hagen. Whilst over the target area, a heavy shell burst above the aircraft and the windscreen was shattered by fragments of shrapnel. Splinters of glass showered into the cockpit and one piece lodged in Pilot Officer Scott's eye, temporarily blinding him. Nevertheless, he maintained a steady bombing run and attacked the target successfully. Soon afterwards, Pilot Officer Scott fully recovered his sight. He displayed great courage and determination throughout. This officer has undertaken many sorties and these qualities have been a prominent feature of his efforts.

Pilot Officer Walter Leslie TAYLOR (149912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Taylor is a wireless operator/air gunner of high merit. He has taken part in very many sorties over enemy territory and his example of determination and devotion to duty in the face of intense enemy opposition has been worthy of great praise. On one occasion he was a member of the crew of an aircraft which crashed and burst into flames shortly after taking off. With commendable coolness and courage, Pilot Officer Taylor rendered valuable help in assisting his comrades to safety.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant George Johnstone LAIRD (Can/J.4896), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

Can/R.70142 Sergeant William Harry CARDY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel one night in October, 1943. During the operation the bomber was hit by a hail of bullets from an enemy fighter. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Laird coolly and skilfully out-maneuvred the enemy aircraft and set course for this country. Two of his crew had been killed, however, and Sergeant Cardy was wounded in the arm and in the eye. In spite of intense suffering, this gallant airman refused to leave his post and executed his normal duties until he finally fainted through loss of blood. Later, when he again recovered consciousness, he attempted to do as much as he could to assist his captain in the home-ward flight. By a superb effort Flight Lieutenant Laird succeeded in reaching base where he effected a safe landing in difficult circumstances. This officer displayed outstanding skill, courage and tenacity, while Sergeant Cardy's exemplary conduct and great fortitude were beyond praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Massey Williamson BEVERIDGE (Can/J.15070), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1445000 Sergeant Bernard Oswald Richard BAYS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, Squadron Leader Beveridge and Sergeant Bays have under-