

played a high degree of skill, courage and determination. In November, 1943, whilst participating in a sortie against Berlin very bad weather and icing conditions were encountered but owing to Warrant Officer Grant's initiative and skill the target was located and a successful attack was delivered from a low altitude. Warrant Officer Grant's enthusiasm and devotion to duty have evoked the confidence of all with whom he has flown.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

657977 Flight Sergeant James WHITE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

In December, 1943, this airman was the pilot and captain of a Lancaster aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. On the outward journey his aircraft was subjected to repeated attacks by a Messerschmitt 210. The starboard outer engine, the inter-communication and the hydraulic systems were rendered unserviceable whilst the rear gunner was killed. In spite of these harassing conditions Flight Sergeant White continued his mission and bombed the target. A course for home was then set. Flight Sergeant White was unable to maintain height but, displaying superb airmanship and great skill he succeeded in flying the aircraft back to this country where, with the bomb doors open and the mainwheel tyre burst, he accomplished a perfect landing on a strange airfield. This airman's outstanding courage and determination set a praiseworthy example.

**AMENDMENT.**

In notification of 7th December, 1943 (p. 5339, col. 1) concerning award of Distinguished Flying Cross to Warrant Officer Shimmin (1256389) for "Fuggett" read "Suggett."

*Air Ministry, 31st December, 1943.*

**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

*Grant of acting rank.*

Air Mshl. Sir Trafford L. LEIGH-MALLORY, K.C.B., D.S.O., as Air Ch.-Mshl. 15th Dec. 1943.

*Promotion.*

*Gp. Capt. (temp.) granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.):—*

J. N. BOOTHMAN, A.F.C. 6th Dec. 1943.

*The undermtd. are granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—*

*Wg. Cdrs. (temp.):—*

A. N. COMBE, A.F.C. (26258). 6th Dec. 1943.

P. D. HOLDER, D.S.O., D.F.C. (36054). 9th Dec. 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. J. H. SEARBY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (43128). 15th Dec. 1943.

*The undermtd. are granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—*

Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) R. G. SEYS, D.F.C., A.F.C. (34130). 1st Nov. 1943.

*Flt. Lts.:—*

1st Nov. 1943.

G. F. GRANT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (42216).

J. D. R. FORBES (43630).

*Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—*

A. D. SCOTT (46971). 27th Sept. 1943.

D. C. MOORE (47549). 13th Nov. 1943.

R. ROOK (47715). 18th Dec. 1943.

27th Dec. 1943.

J. A. ROBERTSON (47649).

J. A. SHIELD (48314).

29th Dec. 1943.

G. C. GILBERT (47874).

W. F. M. NAISMITH (47714).

30th Dec. 1943.

C. COOPER, D.F.M. (47657).

H. A. G. FERRE, D.F.M. (47795).

B. J. JENNINGS, D.F.M. (47706).

S. L. LEAN (47689).

G. J. O'NEILL, D.F.M. (47705).

31st Dec. 1943.

P. D. CHERRY, D.F.M. (48053).

L. R. C. GILBERT (47653).

F. J. F. LUCIE (48005).

T. W. G. MORREN (48008).

A. B. C. NUNN (48051).

F. D. ROUND, D.F.M. (48054).

*Pit. Off. to be Flg. Off. (war subs.):—*

H. J. MORRIS (47081). 25th Dec. 1943.

*Pit. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. (prob.) (war subs.):—*

J. S. SARGENT, D.F.M. (52919). 23rd May 1943.

T. P. BYRNE (52067). 18th Sept. 1943.

E. C. MARCHAND (52879). 30th Oct. 1943.

J. L. BARLOW (55091). 14th Nov. 1943.

J. BOLES (52916). 20th Nov. 1943.

J. F. PATERSON (52828). 25th Nov. 1943.

A. MAY (52807). 26th Nov. 1943.

29th Nov. 1943.

R. C. EVERSON (52030).

S. JONES (52865).

W. M. HUGGARD (52811). 8th Dec. 1943.

G. H. C. NEWMAN (55207). 11th Dec. 1943.

12th Dec. 1943.

R. F. HITCHCOCK (52019).

R. D. KETCHIN (52020).

18th Dec. 1943.

A. I. MATHERS (52917).

E. H. J. THORNTON (52882).

25th Dec. 1943.

V. C. CARTER (55210).

J. R. MORRISON (55211).

D. RUDD (55213).

E. D. FOWLER, D.F.M. (52866). 26th Dec.

1943.

G. A. CHALMERS (52692). 27th Dec. 1943.

28th Dec. 1943.

H. L. ALLAN (52573).

P. J. S. ROBERTS (52701).

F. L. DENT (52646). 29th Dec. 1943.

30th Dec. 1943.

T. MEGENNIS (52697).

E. B. THORN (52690).

*Cancellation of notification.*

15th Oct. 1943 (p. 4563, col. 1) concerning Pit. Off. C. PIGDON (52071).

**TECHNICAL BRANCH.**

*Promotion.*

*Wg. Cdr. (temp.) granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—*

J. W. BAYLEY, M.B.E. (33155). 11th Sept. 1943.

*The undermtd. are granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—*

Wg. Cdr. (temp.) A. E. PEARCE (35081). 1st Sept. 1941.

Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) C. TOMPKINS, A.F.M. (43497). 10th Nov. 1943.

*Flt. Lts. (temp.) granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—*

C. B. SHORE (45661). 1st Nov. 1943.

A. AXE (44016). 5th Nov. 1943.

F. W. H. AINSWORTH (44906). 7th Nov. 1943.

*Pit. Offs. (prob.) to be Flg. Offs. (prob.) (war subs.):—*

P. L. KELLY (51110). 1st Oct. 1943.

E. DAVIES (50194). 20th Oct. 1943.

W. A. WILDMAN (51611). 24th Nov. 1943.

W. WEATHERSON (51642). 7th Dec. 1943.

21st Dec. 1943.

R. J. HEASMAN (51827).

H. F. POULSON (51839).

C. H. PASCALL (52123). 22nd Dec. 1943.

G. K. LEWIS (50688). 23rd Dec. 1943.

E. HOENER (51976). 26th Dec. 1943.

G. H. BROWN (51220). 30th Dec. 1943.

*Regrading.*

*Actg. Pit. Off. (prob.) to be Pit. Off. (prob.):—*

E. DAVIES (50194). 20th Apr. 1943.

*Amendment.*

In notifi. of 4th Dec. 1942 (p. 5270, col. 2) for J. E. PRATT (46755) read T. E. PRATT (46755).

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

*Promotion.*

*Sqn. Ldr. (temp.) granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—*

F. C. CROWDY (31070). 10th Nov. 1943.

*Pit. Off. (prob.) to be Flg. Off. (prob.) (war subs.):—*

E. H. APPLETON (50879). 1st Oct. 1943.

*Regrading.*

*Actg. Pit. Offs. (prob.) to Pit. Offs. (prob.):—*

9th Dec. 1943:—

H. J. ADAMS (53225).

C. E. CUTHBERT (53227).