

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Niel Ballingal Reid BROMLEY, O.B.E. (33158), R.A.F., 169 Sqn.

Wing Commander Bromley has completed many sorties and has destroyed three enemy aircraft. He has proved himself a fine and inspiring leader.

Acting Wing Commander John Alexander SPROULE (39693), R.A.F., 48 Sqn.

One morning in August, 1944, Wing Commander Sproule led his squadron on a vital supply mission to France. While over the target his aircraft was hit by light anti-aircraft fire in many places. Although the aircraft had sustained much damage and the rudder was useless a course was set for a landing ground which was safely reached. Almost as the aircraft touched down it collided against a tree. Even so, a successful crash-landing was effected. This officer displayed exceptional skill and great determination in the face of most adverse circumstances.

Squadron Leader James Dean SOMERVILLE (Can/J. 1999), R.C.A.F., 410 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer George Douglas ROBINSON (Can/J. 20412), R.C.A.F., 410 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively these officers have completed very many sorties. They have displayed the highest standard of skill and determination, qualities which were well illustrated on their first sortie when they destroyed a Junkers 88. Since then they have shot down another three enemy aircraft at night.

Acting Squadron Leader Frederick Charles KRUGER, D.F.M. (Can/J. 16392), R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Kruger has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. He has carried out many successful attacks on targets of importance in Germany, France and Italy. He has proved himself an excellent leader and his courage and ability are of the highest standard.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Asher REECE, D.F.M. (44414), R.A.F.

As navigation officer Squadron Leader Reece has taken every opportunity to participate in sorties against the enemy and has taken part in many successful attacks. He has been untiring in his efforts to raise the standard of navigation and bomb aiming in the squadrons to the highest level and the results achieved are a marked testimony to his great skill.

Acting Squadron Leader Graham David ROBERTSON (Can/J. 15113), R.C.A.F., 411 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Robertson's keenness and enthusiasm to engage the enemy have been an inspiration to all those under his command. He has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has been responsible for the destruction of a large number of enemy vehicles and other targets on the ground. He has destroyed four enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Granville ATKINS (127846), R.A.F.V.R., 305 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties during which he has attacked a variety of targets including enemy airfields in France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. His determination to make every sortie a success has won the greatest praise.

Flight Lieutenant Edward William GABITES (N.Z. 413055), R.N.Z.A.F., 21 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Gabites has proved himself an exceptionally determined and skilful navigator. He has participated in many sorties involving attacks on military targets and small heavily defended installations in enemy occupied territory. The successes obtained are a fine tribute to this officer's sterling qualities.

Flight Lieutenant Michael GRAHAM (67660), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Graham has shown consistent keenness and determination to engage the enemy at all times. He has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft and damaged several others. He is a most inspiring flight commander.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth James HARDING (119739), R.A.F.V.R., 198 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Harding has led the squadron on many attacks on heavily defended targets. Much of the success achieved can be attributed

to this officer's great skill, courage and determination. He is a keen and forceful flight commander whose excellent work has been worthy of the highest praise.

Flight Lieutenant David James HAWKINS (129465), R.A.F.V.R., 132 Sqn.

Flight Squadron Hawkins is an excellent pilot and a courageous and skilful leader. On various occasions he has led attacks on superior forces of enemy aircraft without loss to his section. He has participated in many sorties over enemy occupied territory and has been responsible for the destruction of much enemy mechanical transport.

Flight Lieutenant Jack HEPWORTH (129979), R.A.F.V.R., 613 Sqn.

As navigator Flight Lieutenant Hepworth has carried out a large number of daylight attacks in the Pas de Calais area and many intruder patrols far into Germany. His skill and efficiency have been outstanding.

Flight Lieutenant George William JOHNSON (Can/J. 9262), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a highly capable and skilful flight commander. Within a short period recently, he has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft; he has also damaged a great deal of enemy transport on the ground. His leadership and zeal for operations have been a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant John Owen MATHEWS (67630), R.A.F.V.R., 157 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Alan PENROSE (1113654), R.A.F., 157 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively Flight Lieutenant Mathews and Warrant Officer Penrose have completed many sorties and have displayed a high degree of skill and co-operation. They have destroyed 2 enemy aircraft; they have also destroyed 5 flying bombs.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Osborne MILES (112012), R.A.F.V.R., 16 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of varied sorties, including many successful reconnaissances. Prior to the liberation of Northern France he has reconnoitred considerable areas of the coast. In the execution of these tasks Flight Lieutenant Miles displayed skill, gallantry and determination of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant William James MOORE (115392), R.A.F.V.R., 174 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Moore has carried out many reconnaissance flights over Holland and along the Dutch and French coasts with much success. Since May, 1944, he has led the flight with skill and courage in attacks on such targets as radio installations, enemy strongpoints, troop concentrations and heavily armoured vehicles and much destruction has been caused.

Flight Lieutenant John Alan QUINTON (115714), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

This officer has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty in air operations. He is a navigator of high merit and has proved a valuable acquisition to the squadron. He has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant George Norman Fairfax ROBINSON (129980), R.A.F.V.R., 305 Sqn.

This officer, as leading navigator, has taken part in many sorties, involving attacks on such targets as railway sidings, industrial and power plants, dockyards and airfields. Throughout his operational career, Flight Lieutenant Robinson has always set himself a very high standard and has displayed qualities of keenness and devotion to duty which have been worthy of much praise.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald William SMITH (111709), R.A.F.V.R., 613 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Smith has taken part in very many sorties, involving flights far into Germany and enemy occupied countries, often in adverse weather and against heavy opposition. Flight Lieutenant Smith has at all times shown considerable skill and determination in pressing home his attacks and his example has been most commendable.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Martin STAYNER (Can/C. 1647), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Stayner has shown an exceptionally high standard of leadership and devotion to duty over a long period of operational flying. He has led his squadron on