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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Dudley Spencer RADFORD, D.F.C., A.F.C. (32233), R.A.F., 10 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of courage and devotion to duty. His leadership and organising ability have been outstanding and much of the success of the squadron can be attributed to Wing Commander Radford's personal example. In September, 1944, he was detailed to attack an aerodrome at Soesterburg. Clouds obscured the target on his first two attempts to bomb it and it was typical of his resolve that he made yet another effort, found a gap in the clouds and this time completed his attack. Among the many targets he has attacked are Leipzig, Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Dusseldorf.

Acting Wing Commander Peter James CHANNER, D.F.C. (64909), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.

This officer has a long and distinguished record of operational flying. He has invariably displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty and his powers of leadership have been outstanding. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Wing Commander Channer has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them against dangerous and difficult targets.

Acting Wing Commander Douglas David HAIG D.F.C. (33540), R.A.F., 625 Sqn.

Wing Commander Haig has consistently displayed the highest standard of leadership, skill and gallantry. He has completed very many sorties including attacks against strongly defended targets in Germany and the occupied countries. On a recent sortie, although his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, by brilliant airmanship, he flew the aircraft safely back to this country and made a skilful landing. Since assuming command of his squadron Wing Commander Haig has maintained a high standard of efficiency and morale. He has set a fine example.

Acting Wing Commander Derrick Milner WALBOURN (72004), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.

Wing Commander Walbourn has completed much operational flying against a variety of heavily defended targets in Germany. He has at all times displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution in pressing home his attacks and his achievements are worthy of high praise. Wing Commander Walbourn is a fine leader and an invaluable officer to his squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Brian George FROW, D.F.C. (100087), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

This officer has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has been employed in the role of master bomber. He has pressed home his attacks with exceptional determination and his complete disregard for danger and extreme coolness have been a magnificent example to the members of his crew.

Acting Squadron Leader Ralph Gordon GOODWIN, D.F.M. (Aus.404625), R.A.A.F., 635 Sqn.

As navigation leader, Squadron Leader Goodwin has never hesitated to fly on operations with any crew likely to benefit from his advice. He has flown against the most heavily defended German targets including Berlin on 7 occasions. He has consistently displayed a high degree of gallantry and devotion to duty and his record is worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter MAINS-SMITH, D.F.C. (66562), R.A.F.V.R., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them in bad weather. He is a very capable leader whose coolness and courage in the face of danger have set a fine example to all. He has carried out his duties as flight commander with praiseworthy efficiency and his devotion to duty throughout his tours has been unflinching.

Acting Squadron Leader Herbert Colin MITCHELL, D.F.C. (106526), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of keenness and devotion throughout a long period of operational duty. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has participated in very many bombing missions, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and heavily defended centres in the Ruhr. His standard of navigation throughout has been high and has played a prominent part in the successes obtained. He is an extremely zealous member of aircraft crew and his technical knowledge has proved a tremendous asset to the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Nevil Everard REEVES, D.F.C. (110797), R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

Within a short period Squadron Leader Reeves has shot down four enemy aircraft at night; 2 of them fell to his guns over Germany. This officer's brilliant work has been an outstanding example to the flight he commands and has been a great factor in raising the fighting qualities of the formation to a high standard.

Acting Squadron Leader William Corbett VANEXAN, D.F.C. (Can/J.15603), R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and has displayed outstanding determination and zeal. He has attacked his targets fearlessly, yet with cool and calculated method which has brought him much success. He is a virile leader and has proved a great asset to the squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Gordon DALE, D.F.C. (Can/J.15042), R.C.A.F.

As observer, Flight Lieutenant Dale has completed a very large number of sorties, including many reconnaissances over areas in Germany. His ability has been of the highest standard and his services have been of great value. Many times his aircraft has been intercepted by enemy fighters and many times fired upon by the ground defences but he has shown a coolness and determination to complete his assignments successfully which has won great praise. In addition to his work in the air, Flight Lieutenant Dale has devoted much of his skill towards the training of other members of his unit.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gerald John SOUTH, D.F.C. (143664), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

A first class captain and a most conscientious officer, Flight Lieutenant South has been engaged in air operations almost continuously for a year. He has led attacks on a wide variety of targets including Berlin, Nuremberg, Hanover, Munich, Stuttgart, Kiel and Augsburg and has always pressed home his attacks with the utmost determination. His example when over these dangerous targets has proved a rare source of inspiration.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Allan John Laird CRAIG, D.F.C. (103561), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Warrant Officer John Edward DAVIDSON (574706), R.A.F., 7 Sqn.

In September, 1944, Squadron Leader Craig and Warrant Officer Davidson were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy airfield. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The starboard fuel system was damaged, causing a serious leakage of petrol. Despite this, Squadron Leader Craig pressed home his attack. The two starboard engines were now useless. Nevertheless, this pilot set course for home. The enemy coast was safely crossed but, whilst over the sea, height was gradually being lost. All movable equipment was jettisoned to assist in maintaining height and finally a landing was made at the nearest airfield. Throughout the return flight, Warrant Officer Davidson well proved his engineering skill and his efforts were of immense value to his captain. In perilous circumstances these members of aircraft crew displayed the highest standard of coolness, courage and determination. Squadron Leader Craig has completed a very large number of sorties and has proved himself to be an inspiring leader; Warrant Officer Davidson has also participated in many bombing missions and has always displayed the greatest keenness and devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Gilbert CAMPBELL, D.F.C. (46638), R.A.F., 226 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Campbell has completed many sorties against a variety of targets by day and night. In August, 1944, he was detailed for an operation against a ferry at Duclair. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire the attack was pressed home with good results. Shortly after the bombs had fallen the aircraft was struck. It immediately became almost uncontrollable and height was lost rapidly. Petrol poured from the pierced tanks and the starboard engine caught fire. The situation seemed hopeless. Coolly and skilfully, however, Squadron Leader Campbell effected a crash-landing. As the aircraft touched down it burst into flames. All the crew, with the exception of the top gunner had got clear. Without hesitation, Squadron Leader Campbell entered the wreckage in order to release his comrade. Unfortunately he had succumbed. This brave pilot displayed conduct in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander John Dudley NELSON (33092), R.A.F., 12 Sqn

Wing Commander Nelson is a most efficient squadron commander, whose excellent organising ability and good judgment have contributed in a large way to the fine fighting qualities of the formation he commands. He has completed many sorties, during which he has attacked a variety of targets important to the enemy's war effort, including Stuttgart, Cologne and Frankfurt. His devotion to duty has been unswerving.

Squadron Leader Frederic John Alliston CHASE (72283), R.A.F.V.R., No. 264 Sqn.

Flying Officer Alexander Frederick WATSON (146285), R.A.F.V.R., No. 264 Sqn.

These officers participated in many operational sorties as pilot and observer respectively and have destroyed four enemy aircraft. They have displayed exceptional skill and throughout their determination and devotion to duty have set a splendid example.

Acting Squadron Leader John Rife BEIRNES (Can/C.13458), No. 438 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In July, 1944, Squadron Leader Beirnes led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a vital railway bridge over the river Orne just south of Caen. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire and much low cloud the attack was pressed home and the bridge destroyed. In this well executed operation, Squadron Leader Beirnes displayed a high degree of skill, courage and leadership. In August, 1944, this officer again proved his skill when leading a formation in an attack against enemy mortar positions near the Forest of Grimbosq.

Acting Squadron Leader John Danforth BROWNE (Can/J.9068), R.C.A.F., No. 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and courage in operations against the enemy. He is an excellent leader and his resolute work has played a good part in the success of the squadron. His example has been most inspiring.

Acting Squadron Leader John Franklin EASTON (Can/J.9549), R.C.A.F., 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them against objectives deep in German territory. He has on all occasions pressed home his attacks with great determination, obtaining many valuable photographs. On two of his sorties his aircraft was severely damaged by enemy fighters, but each time he has completed his mission and brought the crippled bomber back to base. The cheerful and inspiring leadership of Squadron Leader Easton has been a great asset to his squadron.

Major Walter Power STANFORD (202929 V), S.A.A.F., No. 7 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, Major Stanford led a small formation of aircraft against a convoy of enemy transport located in a heavily defended area. In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, the attack was executed with great skill and determination, causing much destruction. Major Stanford has consistently led his squadron with much courage.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Clement CAMPBELL (116906), R.A.F.V.R., 55 Sqn.

In air operations Flight Lieutenant Campbell has displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Flight Lieutenant Roy Moncrieff CARR (100079), R.A.F.V.R., No. 25 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. He has displayed a high standard of efficiency and determination and throughout his devotion to duty has been untiring. Flight Lieutenant Carr has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft at night.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth James Fiset (Can/J.9078), R.C.A.F., No. 439 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Fiset has completed many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets. In July, 1944, he led the squadron in a successful attack on a concentration of enemy forces massing for a counter attack in a wood near Tilly. The operation was executed during the most adverse weather in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. A few days later Flight Lieutenant Fiset again led his squadron in a similar type of sortie with great success. Flight Lieutenant Fiset has displayed outstanding powers of leadership, courage and skill.

Flight Lieutenant William Alfred OLMSTED (Can/J.5125), R.C.A.F., 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Olmsted has flown on many operational sorties over enemy territory and has at all times displayed exceptional keenness and determination. In two successive days in August, 1944, he was responsible for the destruction of 28 enemy vehicles, bringing the total he has destroyed to 50. He has rendered fine service.

Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Henry PARRY, A.F.C. (63850), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Parry was detailed for a minelaying mission in a canal which was a vital link in the enemy's communications. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire from ships and batteries on land, Flight Lieutenant Parry delivered a highly successful attack from extremely low level. When leaving the target Flight Lieutenant Parry skilfully avoided a belt of trees which lay in his course. Meanwhile a searchlight was being manipulated to illuminate the aircraft but it was extinguished by a burst of fire from the rear runner. Flight Lieutenant Parry displayed outstanding skill and gallantry on this difficult and dangerous mission. He has executed very many sorties and has displayed unbeatable determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip AINLEY (150447), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Ainley was detailed for a mine-laying mission in an enemy waterway. To ensure success a high degree of skill, courage and resolution was demanded but Flight Lieutenant Ainley executed his task with outstanding skill and placed his mines in this vital target with great precision. His achievement was worthy of the greatest praise.

Acting Flying Officer Herbert DAVIES (178057), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties, most of which have been against targets in Northern France before the German retreat. He has displayed commendable courage and resolution and on several occasions, his masterly airmanship has made possible a safe return to base in difficult circumstances. In August, 1944, after bombing Watten, both the starboard and port outer engines failed. Although losing height Flying Officer Davies succeeded in reaching an airfield where he effected a safe landing.

Acting Flying Officer Alan Campbell McKELLAR (174556), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.

This officer has completed many successful sorties showing the qualities of a skilful, determined, and fearless pilot. One night in August, 1944, Flying Officer McKellar was detailed for a mine-laying mission in a vital enemy waterway. The operation called for the highest standard of skill and determination and the success obtained reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of this officer.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey William STOKES (151468), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Stokes was captain of an aircraft in an attack on Russelsheim. En route his aircraft was hit and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. An engine was put out of action, a petrol tank holed and the hydraulic system damaged thereby rendering the rear gun turret unserviceable. Undeterred Flight Lieutenant Stokes continued his mission. His aircraft was again damaged by enemy fire but he nevertheless successfully bombed his target. Displaying great skill and courage, Flight Lieutenant Stokes flew his damaged aircraft back to base where he effected a safe landing. This officer has completed very many sorties and has displayed keenness and resolution throughout.

Flying Officer Donald Wallace GOODWIN (Can/J.16942) 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Goodwin is a relentless fighter. Since the invasion of Northern France he has been responsible for the destruction of a considerable number of mechanical vehicles, 35 of which he put out of action in one day. In air fighting he has shot down one enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Peter Norman HERBERT (142135), R.A.F.V.R.

On his first tour of operational duty this officer participated in many sorties, involving attacks on well defended enemy targets. Throughout he displayed a high degree of navigational ability and proved himself to be a worthy member of aircraft

crew. He has now completed very many sorties on his second tour in the role of cine-camera operator. He has shown a real enthusiasm for his duties and his skill is reflected in the excellent quality of the films he has taken. Those of the attacks on Le Havre, Caen and Juvisy are outstanding examples and have proved of great value. Many hundreds of feet of these films have been given wide publicity, thus placing before the general public a pictorial record of Bomber Command's war effort. He has displayed untiring devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John Daly JOHNSTON (170272), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties and has set a fine example of devotion to duty. On a recent occasion he executed a most difficult assignment with success. Although his aircraft sustained damage by anti-aircraft fire, he flew it several hundred miles to base and effected a safe landing. His courage and resolution on this occasion were of a high order.

Flying Officer Donald Charles LAUBMAN (Can/J.14013), R.C.A.F., No. 412 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has consistently displayed outstanding courage and determination to engage the enemy and has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft. He has invariably pressed home his attacks against road transport with great success.

Flying Officer Ronald Desmond MAYHILL (N.Z.429967), R.N.Z.A.F., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, during a daylight attack on Pont Remy, the aircraft of which this officer was the bomb aimer, was hit by anti-aircraft fire during the bombing run. Flying Officer Mayhill was injured and was temporarily blinded in one eye. Blood streamed down his face but he insisted on the captain making a further bombing run on which the target was successfully attacked. He showed outstanding devotion to duty and courage.

Flying Officer Herbert Henry OSBORN (152528), R.A.F.V.R., 455 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Osborn was the navigator of the leading aircraft of his squadron in an attack on the heavily defended harbour of Den Helder in September, 1944. Intense heavy and light anti-aircraft fire was encountered and the aircraft was struck repeatedly. Much damage was sustained and Flying Officer Osborn was wounded in both legs by flying fragments of shell. His compartment was generally wrecked and the wireless apparatus caught fire. In spite of his injuries Flying Officer Osborn displayed great coolness and presence of mind and beat out the flames with his hands. Most of his navigational equipment had been destroyed but he guided his pilot home with his usual skill. This officer set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Douglas Nevill ROBINSON (N.Z.413481), R.N.Z.A.F., No. 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Robinson has executed many sorties, attacking numerous targets. Throughout, he has shown courage and determination and has shot down 4 enemy aircraft at night. He has set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Stephen Joseph SYKES (Aus.422751), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since joining the squadron, Flying Officer Sykes has taken part in many operational missions, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. In September, 1944, he took part in an attack on shipping in the harbour at Den Helder. In spite of fierce fire from the enemy's defences this officer pressed home his attack from mast height, obtaining hits on a trawler. His aircraft was repeatedly hit and much damage was sustained. A large hole was torn in the nose of the aircraft on the starboard side. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Sykes flew back to base. After landing it was discovered that some 3 feet of the top of a ship's mast was embedded in the torn nose of the aircraft. Flying Officer Sykes is an outstanding pilot whose brilliant marksmanship and great determination have earned him much success.

Flying Officer Matthew Lovell TAPP (Aus.423926), R.A.A.F., No. 12 Sqn.

Flying Officer Tapp was air bomber of an aircraft detailed to attack St. Riquier in August, 1944. Over the target the aircraft came under heavy fire from the ground defences. A shell burst in the compartment occupied by Flying

Officer Tapp and he was seriously wounded. One foot was severed and the other one was badly hurt. Two members of the crew quickly attended to their comrade and rendered him all possible medical aid. The captain afterwards gave the order to release bombs. The release mechanism had become defective and they had to be dropped manually. Badly injured but fully composed, Flying Officer Tapp directed the task, displaying courage, fortitude and discipline which, in a most trying situation, greatly inspired his comrades. Flying Officer Tapp had completed many sorties and his unflinching devotion to duty was evident to all.

Flying Officer David WHISHAW (Aus.408290), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In September, 1944, this pilot took part in an attack on shipping in the heavily defended harbour of Den Helder. In spite of concentrated heavy and light anti-aircraft fire he pressed home a devastating attack from very close range. He has participated in many operations and has proved himself a gallant and skilful pilot who can always be relied upon to put up an excellent show.

Captain Johannes Hendrik CONRADIE (205987 V), S.A.A.F., 253 Sqn.

Captain Conradie has shown great ability and resource in leading his section in attacks against heavily defended targets. During May, 1944, Captain Conradie participated in attacks on Bihac airfield where the enemy had concentrated many aircraft. Captain Conradie personally obtained hits on several Junkers 87s and inflicted heavy casualties on aerodrome gun crews and personnel. He has also successfully attacked enemy mechanical vehicles, locomotives and shipping. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage.

Captain Salomon PIENAIR (102855 V), S.A.A.F., 60 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Lieutenant Archer RONALD LOCKHART-ROSS (542717 V), S.A.A.F., 60 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, these officers were pilot and navigator of an aircraft detailed to reconnoitre enemy airfields in Germany. The task was nearing completion when the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Early in the fight much damage was sustained and the aircraft went into a spin. Much height was lost before Captain Pienair regained control. The fighter attacked with great persistence but Lieutenant Lockhart-Ross gave excellent directions to his pilot who manoeuvred with great skill to avoid further damage. The enemy aircraft was finally evaded and Captain Pienair flew safely to base and effected a landing with the under-carriage retracted. These officers displayed exceptional skill, coolness and determination in most harassing circumstances.

Pilot Officer Sidney FREEDEN (177404), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Freeden has participated in a large number of sorties as air gunner, many of which have been against heavily defended targets in Germany. His constant vigilance has brought his aircraft and crew through many encounters with enemy aircraft. One night in August, 1944, after a successful attack against Kiel, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. An engine was put out of action, the rear turret damaged and the fuselage holed in many places. The enemy was subsequently claimed as destroyed by Pilot Officer Freeden and his co-gunner. Soon after crossing the enemy coast on the homeward course, another engine became unserviceable and the aircraft finally had to come down on to the water and the crew took to the dinghy. Some hours later they were sighted by one of our bombers and during the next day, two airborne lifeboats and a dinghy were dropped to them. Owing to the heavy seas these were difficult to reach and Pilot Officer Freeden persuaded his captain to tie a length of rope around himself and he jumped overboard in an effort to reach the dinghy. The rope proved too short however and he had to be pulled back. They were finally picked up some days later. Pilot Officer Freeden maintained a high standard of courage and cheerfulness and was of great assistance to his captain in maintaining the morale of the crew.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1555102 Flight Sergeant Stuart Somerville CAMPBELL, R.A.F.V.R., 39 Sqn.

This airman has proved himself to be a valiant and devoted member of aircraft crew. He has

participated in many sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping and throughout has displayed a high standard of navigational ability. In June, 1944, when over a target in Northern Italy, his aircraft was struck by fragments of shell which started a fire. Flight Sergeant Campbell was wounded but, despite this, he succeeded in extinguishing the outburst. He afterwards navigated the aircraft home in the face of great difficulty. Towards the end of July, 1944, this airman was again a member of a crew detailed for an air operation. During the mission his aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire. A fire started but he extinguished it. Although deprived of the full use of navigational aids he guided his pilot safely home. This airman has displayed a high degree of courage and resolution.

1571712 Flight Sergeant Robert HARTLEY, R.A.F.V.R., 9 Sqn.

As air gunner this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties against many heavily defended targets in Germany. His accuracy, vigilance and determination have been of the highest order and his devotion to duty unflinching.

Can/R.165426 Flight Sergeant Robert Burton MAXWELL, R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flight Sergeant Maxwell was detailed to attack a target in Germany. When nearing the objective, his aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire, disabling an engine and damaging the electrical system. Despite loss of height and a wound in his leg, this airman pressed on to the target where the bombs had to be released manually. Flight Sergeant Maxwell then flew his aircraft back to England and effected a safe landing. His coolness, courage and determination to achieve success have been of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

658402 Flight Sergeant Vincent Joseph KYRKE-SMITH, R.A.F., 39 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Kyrke-Smith executed numerous sorties with great skill. In attacks on enemy shipping he has inflicted damage on 3 small merchantmen. On other occasions he has attacked various targets and has caused damage to several locomotives, railway trucks and oil wagons. These successes reflect great credit on the efforts of Flight Sergeant Kyrke-Smith whose gallantry has been of a high standard.

Aus.426853 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Clement Joseph Stephen POTTER, 115 Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flight Sergeant Potter was detailed as pilot and captain of aircraft to attack Stettin. Over the target the aircraft was illuminated in the searchlights and was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Flight Sergeant Potter was wounded in the leg. For some 20 minutes the aircraft was illuminated in the searchlight cone. By skilful manoeuvring, Flight Sergeant Potter avoided the fire directed at him. Considerable height was lost. Nevertheless, this pilot pressed home his attack with resolution. He afterwards flew his damaged aircraft to base and landed it safely. This airman is a most resolute and courageous captain.

Can/R.193787 Flight Sergeant Charles Hopkins STEWART, R.C.A.F., 619 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Stewart has participated in many operations as air gunner. One night in July, 1944, he was taking part in an attack on Stuttgart. When nearing the target he noticed an enemy aircraft flying in the bomber formation. Displaying great coolness and presence of mind, Flight Sergeant Stewart gave his captain clear directions thus enabling him to open fire on the enemy aircraft. So accurate was his shooting that the enemy aircraft dived to the ground out of control, and was destroyed. This airman has at all times displayed great determination and a fine fighting spirit. He has set an excellent example.

1444455 Flight Sergeant Arthur John TOFT, R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Toft has completed many operational sorties and has shown himself to be a determined and skilful captain of aircraft. One night in August, 1944, Flight Sergeant Toft successfully completed a difficult sortie. His determined and skilful work in the face of considerable anti-aircraft opposition was worthy of the greatest praise. This airman has completed very many missions and has displayed a high standard of skill throughout.

Can/R.262224 Sergeant James Richard MAIN,
R.C.A.F., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has participated in many sorties as air gunner and has at all times displayed constant alertness and accuracy. On one occasion during an attack on Bremen, his aircraft was attacked by three enemy fighters. By his skill and accurate shooting one of the enemy aircraft was compelled to break away with smoke trailing from the engine. The coolness and fine fighting spirit displayed by Sergeant Main have contributed greatly to the safety of his aircraft and crew and to the successful completion of many missions.

1869162 Sergeant Henry Charles WENBORN,
R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.

As flight engineer, this airman has completed numerous sorties against a variety of targets. In September, 1944, during a daylight attack on Venlo airfield, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft

fire. Three engines immediately lost power and the aircraft rapidly lost height. With skill and foresight, Sergeant Wenborn realising the throttle linkages had been severed, removed the floor boards and held the broken members until the aircraft regained height. He then proceeded to repair the damage thus enabling the bomber to maintain height and speed, until this country was reached. The coolness, skill and determination of Sergeant Wenborn was directly instrumental in saving the aircraft and crew.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 17th October, 1944 (p. 4572, col. 2), Royal Canadian Air Force, Distinguished Flying Cross, Pilot Officers. *Delete*. "Malcolm Neil McLean (Can/J.86725), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn." Award previously announced on 3rd October, 1944 (p. 4539, col. 1).

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