

Again, in April, 1944, this airman and an ambulance driver were soon on the scene when a bomber aircraft, which was carrying a full load of bombs, crashed and caught fire. Three of the crew of the bomber had been splashed with petrol as they left the aircraft and their clothing was alight. Leading Aircraftman Williams and his companion extinguished the flames by rolling the three airmen in blankets and succeeded in getting them away in the ambulance just before the bomb load exploded. Leading Aircraftman Williams has set an example of courage which has been an inspiration to all members of the squadron.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division.)*

Aus. 113786 Flight Lieutenant Douglas Stewart Morgan, Royal Australian Air Force.

One night in June, 1944, Flight Sergeant Morgan was the air bomber in an aircraft which attacked an objective in the Rhineland. Whilst over the target the bomber was attacked by an enemy fighter and serious damage was sustained. Course was set for home but the aircraft was so difficult to control that Flight Sergeant Morgan was required to assist the pilot and flight engineer to keep the aircraft on its course. When this country was reached all attempts to turn the bomber on to its course for base were unavailing and it was impossible to attempt a landing. The pilot ordered the crew to escape by parachute and, as the rear gunner's parachute had been destroyed by cannon fire from the enemy fighter, Flight Sergeant Morgan volunteered to share his own parachute with the rear gunner. Unfortunately, the rear gunner was dislodged when the parachute opened but Flight Sergeant Morgan landed safely. He displayed complete disregard of his own safety, knowing that he faced the risk of serious injury in his gallant attempt to save the life of his companion.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*3rd November, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished services:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Flight Lieutenant Arnold John Mott (120214), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Air Ministry, 3rd November, 1944.*

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 Peter Malam BROTHERS, D.F.C. (37668), R.A.F.O.

Wing Commander Brothers is a courageous and outstanding leader whose splendid example has inspired all. He has led large formations of aircraft on many missions far into enemy territory. Much of the success obtained can be attributed to Wing Commander Brothers brilliant leadership. He has destroyed 13 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader John Agorastos PLAGIS, D.F.C. (80227), R.A.F.V.R., 64 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in very many sorties during which much damage has been inflicted on the enemy. Shipping, radio stations, oil storage tanks, power plants and other installations have been amongst the targets attacked. On one occasion he led a small formation of aircraft against a much superior force of enemy fighters. In the engagement 5 enemy aircraft were shot down, 2 of them by Squadron Leader Plagis. This officer is a brave and resourceful leader whose example has proved a rare source of inspiration. He has destroyed 16 hostile aircraft.

Acting Flying Officer Donald BEATON (179980), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

As pilot and captain of aircraft Flying Officer Beaton has completed many operational sorties against a variety of targets in Germany and occu-

ped territory. In September, 1944, he took part in a daylight attack on Le Havre. Whilst over the target the aircraft sustained severe damage when struck by anti-aircraft fire and temporarily went out of control. Flying Officer Beaton was badly wounded, suffering a broken leg and multiple wounds caused by flying fragments of shell. Although in great pain he regained control and set course for home. Making light of his injuries he refused to leave the controls and flew back to an airfield near the coast where he landed his damaged aircraft safely. This officer displayed outstanding courage and fortitude. Though severely wounded he never wavered in his determination to bring his aircraft and its crew home. His example was most inspiring.

*Distinguished Service Order*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Russell Edward CURTIS, D.F.M. (Can/J.24086), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Dougal Archibald MCGILLIVRAY (Can/J.19973), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh Frederick SMITH (Can/J.17929), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Robert George MARSHALL (Can/J.19504), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Charles Forbes WATTIE (Can/J.16410), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1892093 Sergeant John Douglas ROSE, R.A.F.V.R., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

These officers and airmen have participated in a very large number of sorties and have displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty worthy of the highest praise. In August, 1944, they were members of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. Whilst on the bombing run the aircraft came under heavy anti-aircraft fire and was hit. Flight Lieutenant Curtis was wounded in the head. Despite the severity of his injury, this brave pilot remained at the controls and pressed home his attack. Not until the task was accomplished did he ask for assistance. He afterwards collapsed and was placed in the rest position. Flying Officer McGillivray, the air bomber, then took over the controls and kept the aircraft on a course for home. During the return flight his comrades, Flight Lieutenant Smith, Flying Officers Marshall and Wattie and Sergeant Rose set a fine example of coolness and co-operation and did everything within their power to assist in flying the aircraft home. Eventually an airfield was reached. Although he had never previously landed an aircraft, Flying Officer McGillivray succeeded in bringing it down, being greatly assisted by the advice and directions of Sergeant Rose the flight engineer. These members of aircraft crew displayed rare determination and great courage in perilous circumstances. Flight Lieutenant Curtis had sustained a compound fracture of the skull. Until the time he became incapable of further action he had displayed the courage and tenacity of a fine leader.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Michael John GLOSTER, D.F.C. (65559), R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Flight Lieutenant Gloster has flown on many operational sorties and his keenness to engage the enemy on all occasions is outstanding. He has destroyed at least 10 enemy aircraft.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Walter Frederick WALLINGTON (43339), R.A.F., 107 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and tenacity in his attacks on the enemy. He has completed a large number of sorties, many of them involving flights far into enemy territory. He has attacked a variety of targets, including airfields, military installations and lines of communication and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great resolution.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Valentine ELLIS (84968), R.A.F.V.R.

Squadron Leader Ellis has completed many sorties by night and by day, often in most adverse weather. His determination and keenness