

Flying Officer Ian Arbuthnot SLAUGHTER (42898), No. 203 Squadron.

This officer has at all times displayed great devotion to duty. In June, 1942, Flying Officer Slaughter skilfully located and shadowed an Italian naval force, and passed on vital information which enabled formations of our aircraft to attack the force without delay. Throughout he showed great operational efficiency.

Pilot Officer John Henry Eric BISLEY (Aus.402720), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 126 Squadron.

This officer is a courageous and determined pilot. One day in April, during an engagement with a superior number of enemy aircraft, he destroyed 2 bombers. Although he himself was severely wounded during the combat, he succeeded in landing at base. Pilot Officer Bisley has destroyed 5 hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Adrian Philip GOLDSMITH, D.F.M. (Aus.402500), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 126 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful and courageous pilot. In June, 1942, during an attack on a convoy 130 miles from his base, he shot down 2 enemy aircraft. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, Pilot Officer Goldsmith has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, bringing his victories to 11.

Pilot Officer Michael Adrian GRAVES (69475), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Graves is a skilful pilot and a fine leader. In May, 1942, he led the squadron in an attack on an enemy bombing force. Although the bombers were heavily escorted by fighters, Pilot Officer Graves' squadron destroyed 5 Italian bombers. This officer has personally destroyed at least 3 hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Stanley John JORDON (48951), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jordon is the rear gunner and wireless operator of a bomber aircraft. In June, 1942, his aircraft was attacked by 2 Focke Wulf 100's. In the first of several attacks, Pilot Officer Jordon coolly waited before firing a burst which caused one of the pilots to break away with black smoke coming from his aircraft. Four further attacks were made by the remaining fighters during which Pilot Officer Jordon, by his excellent directions, enabled his pilot to out-manoeuvre the attacks. Whenever the pilot's evasive action enabled him to bring his guns into action, Pilot Officer Jordon used them effectively. Throughout the engagement, he displayed great courage and skill which contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft.

Pilot Officer John Andrew Trevor MEREDITH (116897), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One night in May, 1942, Pilot Officer Meredith, as captain of an aircraft, carried out an attack on a target in Cologne. On the return journey, his aircraft was badly damaged and two of his crew were wounded. Despite this, Pilot Officer Meredith, with great skill and determination, flew his damaged aircraft for over 2 hours through searchlights and intense anti-aircraft fire. He eventually

landed at an aerodrome near the English coast without further damage to his aircraft or injury to his crew.

*Air Ministry.*

*7th July, 1942.*

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

#### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Alan Frederick HARDS (33113), No. 206 Squadron.

Wing Commander John Herbert Thomas SIMPSON (24216), No. 70 Squadron.

#### *Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Edric Hartgill MCHARDY, D.F.C. (42139), No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Thomas Reece THOMAS (37662), No. 70 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader David Leslie CARTRIDGE (40590), No. 248 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Arthur Gordon COATES (74699), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 203 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Cyril Norman CROOK (44550), No. 206 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Edward COTTON (43417), No. 502 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Albert Henry DRAPER (42067), No. 37 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Denys Hilary Farrand HORNER (42567), No. 203 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Bathurst PANTER (42521), No. 70 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Stanley Noel PEARCE (77199), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Frank Anthony ROBINSON (33520).

Flight Lieutenant Clive Stanley George STANBURY (41808), No. 70 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John William STEWART (70651), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 208 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Mervyn LANDER (89078), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 22 Squadron.

Flying Officer John George GREY (N.Z.402864), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Polwart Turnbull HALLIWELL (88473), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald WEST (89405), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Michael George HORNBY (107952), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 203 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Percy Alexander HUGGINS (102993), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 104 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John HURST (121463), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 603 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Earle SWINGLER (Can./J.15119), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 38 Squadron.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

533794 Flight Sergeant Sydney Leslie BEAMONT, No. 209 Squadron.