

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick Wooldridge LISTER (112404), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 43 Squadron.

During the combined operations at Dieppe this officer skilfully led his section on 4 low-level sorties against the enemy. On the first of these, his aircraft was badly damaged by enemy fire but he flew it back to his base and executed a skilful landing. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example. Flight Lieutenant Lister has destroyed a Junkers 88.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Elmslee WALKER (Can/J.3199), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 81 Squadron.

This officer is a determined and skilful pilot. He has at all times shown a keen desire to engage the enemy. While serving in Russia, Flight Lieutenant Walker destroyed one hostile aircraft. Since March, 1942, he has led his flight continuously in all its operations.

Pilot Officer Michael Plaistowe KILBURN (116807), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 124 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of operational sorties. During the recent Dieppe operations, Pilot Officer Kilburn participated in 4 sorties. He is a skilful pilot, and has destroyed at least 2 and damaged several more hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer John William WILLIAMS (Can/J.15604), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 249 Squadron.

This officer has fought the enemy with great determination. Within a short period he has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft, 2 of which he shot down in one day. Later, his aircraft was damaged by enemy fire but he flew it safely to base. His courageous example has been most inspiring.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.404935 Flight Sergeant Joseph Elliott ELLIOTT, Royal Australian Air Force.

One night in July, 1942, this airman was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. On the outward journey, his aircraft was intercepted by 2 enemy fighters whose pilots attacked simultaneously; one from dead ahead and the other from the rear. In the ensuing combat, Flight Sergeant Elliott, by skilful tactics, enabled his gunners to destroy one of the attackers and drive off the other one. Although his aircraft sustained some damage, he flew on, reached his target and bombed it. In this, his first operational sortie, Flight Sergeant Elliott displayed courage and determination of a high order.

1058645 Flight Sergeant John METCALF, No. 108 Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft detailed for a sortie in the El Darba area one night in July, 1942. On the return journey, after his objective had been bombed successfully his aircraft was intercepted by a Junkers 88. The enemy's opening fire inflicted some damage and, whilst Sergeant Metcalf was taking avoiding action his aircraft was again hit; this time in the fuselage, port wing and the rear turret. Both aircraft had lost some height and, to avoid further attacks, Sergeant Metcalf decided to make a violent dive. In the early stages of the dive, the rudder control was damaged by the enemy's fire and rendered almost immovable, but Sergeant Metcalf succeeded in pulling the aircraft out of its dive at a low altitude. Immediately, two vivid yellow flashes were observed directly below him and it is believed that they were caused by the attacking aircraft striking the ground. Handing over the controls to his second pilot, Sergeant Metcalf then rendered first aid to his wounded wireless operator. Eventually, the aircraft was flown to a base and a skilful landing was effected. In the face of harassing circumstances, this airman displayed high courage and skill.

Aus.404949 Sergeant Edward Keith Forbes BRASHER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in August, 1942, this airman captained an aircraft which attacked Dusseldorf. On the outward flight, when some 40 miles from the target, his aircraft was attacked by a hostile aircraft and sustained damage to the tailplane. Despite this, Sergeant Brasher pressed on and bombed his objective. Shortly after leaving the target area, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers

88. Further damage was sustained and the wireless operator was wounded. Sergeant Brasher, skilfully manoeuvring his aircraft, enabled his rear gunner to fire an effective burst at the attacker, which caused it to break away enveloped in flames. Sergeant Brasher flew his damaged aircraft safely to base. Throughout, he displayed great courage and determination to complete his mission.

Air Ministry, 11th September, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be confmd. in appts.:—

Flg. Off. (prob.) W. G. BRINN, D.F.M. (46463). 19th Aug. 1942.

Plt. Off. (prob.) S. D. WAY (45976). 5th June 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

K. W. PENDREY (49145). 4th Apr. 1942.

E. R. BUCKWELL (46125). 5th June 1942.

G. K. MUIRHEAD, D.F.M. (45951). 10th June 1942.

T. HOGGARD, D.F.M. (46025). 20th June 1942. (Seny. 1st Feb. 1942.)

P. W. G. LESTER (46176). 20th July 1942.

E. A. COSTELLO-BOWEN (46332). 5th Aug. 1942.

W. CUMMINS (46775). 13th Aug. 1942.

Air Cdre. (temp.) A. H. ORLEBAR, C.B.E., A.F.C., granted the rank of Air Cdre. (war subs.). 22nd July 1942.

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

A. L. A. PERRY-KEENE, O.B.E. 23rd July 1942.

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

Gp. Cpts. (temp.):—

R. J. LEGG. 1st July 1942.

C. W. DICKEN. 3rd July 1942.

T. H. CARR, D.F.C., A.F.C. 14th July 1942.

Wg. Cdrs. (temp.):—

A. P. MAURICE, D.F.C. (02242) (ret.). 9th July 1942.

C. C. O'GRADY (26016). 9th July 1942.

E. S. MOULTON-BARRETT (09214). 28th July 1942.

C. RYLEY, D.F.C. (26065). 31st July 1942.

Sqn. Ldr. M. W. NOLAN (08015) (ret.). 1st July 1942.

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

Wg. Cdr. (temp.) J. A. O'NEILL, D.F.C. (37117). 5th May 1942.

Sqn. Ldrs. (temp.):—

J. H. D. CHAPPLE (37650). 15th Jan. 1942.

J. M. LITTLER (39884). 10th June 1942.

J. H. MARKS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39670). 20th June 1942.

F. GOMERSALL (36123). 6th July 1942.

J. H. NEWBERRY, D.F.C. (39560). 13th July 1942.

W. H. CLIFF, D.S.O. (37567). 16th July 1942.

B. H. GODFREY (04024) (ret.). 23rd July 1942.

Flt. Lt. I. S. SMITH, D.F.C. (43048). 16th July 1942.

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

F. L. GATES (Lt. R.T.R.) (43532). 13th May 1942.

18th May 1942.

A. N. R. L. APPLEFORD (42736).

J. J. P. KENNY (42844).

J. A. MILNE (42758). 21st May 1942.

E. T. FRANCIS (42403). 13th July 1942.

J. T. NOBLE (42636). 27th July 1942.

G. SHORROCK (44360). 10th Aug. 1942. (Seny. 30th July 1942.)

A. E. TAYLOR (44406). 15th Aug. 1942. (Seny. 9th Aug. 1942.)

E. W. DEACON, D.F.C. (44547). 7th Sept. 1942. (Seny. 26th Aug. 1942.)

Flg. Offs. granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

P. B. MOORE, D.F.C. (43290). 18th June 1942.

R. N. PEACE, D.F.C. (45147). 25th July 1942.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Flg. Off. (prob.) T. R. B. ROBERTS (46037) confmd. in appt. 12th May 1942.