

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald Joseph COWAN GRANT, D.F.M. (N.Z. 391352), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, Squadron Leader Grant has completed numerous sorties and has destroyed three enemy aircraft. He has set an excellent example of leadership and efficiency.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Buckley NEWTON (88464), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 411 Squadron.

This officer has completed some 60 sorties over enemy territory. His leadership, zeal and courage have inspired the pilots in his command. During the combined operations at Dieppe his fine qualities were well to the fore.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Vivian WINN (40586).

This officer has displayed great keenness to engage the enemy, and his skill and leadership have inspired all with whom he has flown. One night in April, 1942, Squadron Leader Winn assisted in the destruction of a Heinkel 111.

Acting Squadron Leader Derek Sidney YAPP (41975), No. 253 Squadron.

During the recent combined operations against Dieppe on the 19th August, 1942, this officer led his squadron in low-level attacks on gun positions and strong points. His skill and determination contributed materially to the success attained. He is a most efficient squadron commander.

Flight Lieutenant Michael Moray SHAND (N.Z. 391368), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

A skilful pilot and a fearless leader this officer has completed 60 sorties over Northern France. In low-level attacks against the enemy's transport he has achieved much success.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald William BAKER (N.Z. 401748), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer is an excellent flight commander whose fine fighting qualities have fostered a high standard of morale amongst his fellow-pilots. He has completed numerous sorties over enemy occupied territory, invariably displaying a high degree of skill and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Gordon BRETTELL (61053), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 133 (Eagle) Squadron.

This officer has participated in 111 sorties over enemy occupied territory. He has always displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy. On one occasion he was wounded in combat and, on recovery, he resumed operational flying with renewed zest. He is an excellent flight commander.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Denys Henson HUGH GATHERCOLE (88873), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 245 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties against the enemy both by day and night. During the recent combined operations, he led his flight in attacks on the beaches at Dieppe. Flight Lieutenant Gathercole is a leader of distinction and has rendered much valuable service.

Acting Flight Lieutenant David John WILLIAMS (Can/J.6991), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in bombing attacks against many of the enemy's important and heavily defended targets. One night in August, 1942, he was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel. On the outward flight, his aircraft was intercepted by a Junkers 88. By skilful tactics, Flight Lieutenant Williams enabled his gunners to deliver effective bursts at the attacking aircraft, setting one of its engines on fire. It then dived steeply towards the ground where, on impact, it exploded. Although his own aircraft had sustained damage, Flight Lieutenant Williams pressed on to his target and bombed it. On the return journey, a Messerschmitt 109 was encountered and driven off by a well directed burst of fire. Throughout, this officer displayed great determination to complete his allotted task. He has at all times won the confidence of all with whom he has flown.

Flying Officer Sam Alfred MAURIELLO (87010), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties over enemy occupied territory. He has displayed fine leadership and an inspiring example. He has destroyed two enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Harry DAVIES (104549), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 174 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties during which the enemy's aerodromes, industrial plants, docks, and other targets have been attacked. He flew with distinction in the recent combined operations at Dieppe. Pilot Officer Davies has displayed great devotion to duty and a fine fighting spirit.

Pilot Officer George Bremner MURRAY (Can/J.15476), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Murray has carried out numerous sorties. He is an excellent leader whose resource and skill in action have proved inspiring. He has set a praiseworthy example to others.

Pilot Officer James William REYNOLDS (Can/J.15356), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 174 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, involving low flying attacks on important enemy industrial targets and aerodromes in Northern France. In the recent combined operations at Dieppe, Pilot Officer Reynolds participated in attacks on the enemy's gun positions. He has displayed excellent leadership and initiative.

Pilot Officer Robin Patrick THOMAS (104415), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

In August, 1942, this officer was the observer of an aircraft detailed to attack an industrial target in Northern France. The operation, which demanded a high degree of skill, was successfully carried out in daylight despite the presence of enemy fighters. By his sound judgment and coolness under fire, Pilot Officer Thomas contributed materially to the success achieved.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Warrant Officer Leonard Alfred JOHNSON (Can/R.78489), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 214 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1260468, Sergeant Richard William AGG, No. 214 Squadron.

1357708, Sergeant John McGOWN, No. 214 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, Warrant Officer Johnson and Sergeants Agg and McGown were captain and air gunners respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Saarbrücken. Before the target was reached, the aircraft was engaged by a Messerschmitt 110. Sergeants Agg and McGown met several attacks with resolute fire and succeeded in destroying the attacker. The skilful airmanship of Warrant Officer Johnson contributed materially to this success. On another occasion in August, 1942, this air crew were detailed to attack Nuremberg. On the outward flight, whilst still a considerable distance from the target, their aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter. Skilful manoeuvring by Warrant Officer Johnson enabled his gunners to deliver their fire from a favourable position and destroy the attacker. Despite damage sustained to his aircraft, Warrant Officer Johnson continued his mission, located his target and bombed it. These airmen have displayed praiseworthy determination to achieve their purpose.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

958932, Flight Sergeant Cecil Percy KING, No. 263 Squadron.

In the course of many sorties, Flight Sergeant King has inflicted much damage on enemy targets. He is a skilful and determined pilot whose example has been most praiseworthy. He has destroyed 1 enemy aircraft.

Aus.403718, Sergeant Colin Osborn CHAPMAN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

One night in August, 1942, this airman was the front gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Mainz. On the outward flight, the aircraft was hit and damaged by anti-aircraft fire but the pilot pressed on and bombed the objective. On the return journey, the aircraft was attacked by an enemy aeroplane and sustained further damage. The rear gunner was killed and the wireless operator seriously wounded. Displaying great coolness, Sergeant Chapman left his turret and assumed the duties of the wounded wireless operator. His subsequent efforts proved of the greatest assistance to his pilot and contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft to its base. On another occasion, when his aircraft was intercepted by a