

to attack the Gestapo Headquarters during the Quisling Rally at Oslo. Whilst over the target area the formation was intercepted by enemy fighters but, evading them, Flying Officer Bristow pressed home his attack and bombed the objective. Throughout, these officers displayed great skill and determination. They constitute an excellent operational crew and have completed many sorties.

Flying Officer Roy Oldfield CALVERT (N.Z.404890), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Acheson SEARS (Aus.402676), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer Calvert and Pilot Officer Sears as pilot and navigator of aircraft respectively have flown together on many sorties. Whatever the weather or the opposition they have always endeavoured to press home their attacks and, on numerous occasions, have obtained excellent photographs. Throughout their tour of duty, these officers have displayed a high standard of skill, together with great devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Cyril Keith SILCOCK (N.Z.411461), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

One night in September, 1942, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack an aircraft works in Northern Germany. On arrival at the target area, Flying Officer Silcock descended to only 60 feet and, despite barrage balloons and anti-aircraft fire at point-blank range, he released his incendiary bombs over the objective. Flying Officer Silcock piloted his aircraft through the tops of the flames which rose from burning buildings. The whole fuselage was filled with smoke and pieces of burnt ash. Throughout, this officer displayed high skill and courage. He has completed several sorties all of which have been successful.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1162032 Flight Sergeant Paul CAMPBELL, No. 61 Squadron.

1390988 Sergeant Stanley Dennis GUNNELL, No. 61 Squadron.

1312943 Sergeant Ernest Humphries CORBETT, No. 61 Squadron.

657816 Sergeant Frank Charles BUNCLARK, No. 61 Squadron.

1268257 Sergeant Cyril Hugh COAKLEY, No. 61 Squadron.

1128846 Sergeant Sydney SMITH, No. 61 Squadron.

968521 Sergeant Stanley James THOMPSON, No. 61 Squadron.

These airmen were members of the crew of a heavy bomber detailed for an operational mission one night in September, 1942. Flight Sergeant Campbell was captain and first pilot. The allotted task was completed successfully but, whilst on the return flight, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. A shell exploded in the bomb compartment, starting a large fire and setting some flares and distress signals alight. Simultaneously, another shell burst in the nose of the aircraft, shattering the perspex as well as the major portion of the perspex of the pilot's cupola. The resultant rush of air through the aperture swept away all the navigational charts and maps and flung Sergeants Gunnell and Bunclark backwards on to the floor of the aircraft. Both suffered facial burns as did the pilot, the navigator, the wireless operator and the mid-upper gunner. The aircraft became full of smoke and it was attacked by 2 enemy fighters. The pilot could not see his instruments and the aircraft went out of control and fell 2,000 feet before Flight Sergeant Campbell regained control and evaded further attacks by diving and reaching cloud cover. Meanwhile the flames in the fuselage had extended, causing ammunition to explode in all directions. Despite this, Sergeants Corbett, Bunclark and Smith fought their way through the flames to the rear turret to extricate Sergeant Thompson who, despite suffering from a broken leg and being unable to operate his guns, had greatly assisted his captain by reporting the position of the attacking aircraft. Sergeant Coakley, in spite of his injuries, and with amazing skill in the circumstances, established wireless contact with base and continued to obtain bearings throughout the homeward flight. When this country was reached, Flight Sergeant Campbell, who had displayed fine captaincy, resumed the controls and landed the damaged aircraft safely with the undercarriage retracted and without the aid of flaps. Throughout this perilous flight, this gallant crew displayed conduct in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

1377581 Sergeant Frederick Arthur BARKER, No. 102 Squadron.

928104 Sergeant John Thomas BENNETT, No. 35 Squadron.

These airmen have been engaged on operational missions against the enemy and, in most hazardous circumstances, both have displayed great courage and resolute devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

1253905 Sergeant Colin Widdowson GRAY, No. 50 Squadron.

As air bomber, Sergeant Gray has participated in many operational sorties, including attacks on industrial targets in the Ruhr. His efficient work, often in the face of fierce opposition, has contributed materially to the success achieved. He has at all times displayed great devotion to duty.

Aus. 407380 Sergeant Frederick Michael SPAFFORD, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Sergeant Spafford is an air bomber of high merit. He has taken part in many sorties and, by his skill, has played a great part in the successes obtained. He has set a praiseworthy example.

Air Ministry, 20th October, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to approve the following awards:—

Air Force Cross.

Wing Commander Harry Marlowe KENNEDY (Can/C.471), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Wing Commander Ernest Hutchison Glenn MONCRIEFF (Can/C.535), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Wing Commander William Mitchell PENMAN (37362), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader Humphrey William Albert CHESTERMAN (26198), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Douglas Irving MACKLIN (Can/C.2361), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader Dennis Mowbray MAW (70456), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Frederick William WESTLEY (43624), Royal Air Force.

Flying Officer Andrew Francis MADORE (Can/C.2851), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Force Medal.

Can/R.52890 Sergeant Victor Alfred HAW, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Can/R.78549 Sergeant Stephen Andrew SANDERSON, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 20th October, 1942.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred on the officers indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS.

Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau.

Group Captain Sidney Leo Gregory POPE, D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander Waters Eveleigh RANKIN (29260), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

CONFERRED BY THE KING OF YUGOSLAVIA.

Order of the White Eagle, 5th Class.

Acting Squadron Leader William Allcock GRIFFITHS (70800), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Desmond Malcolm ROLPH-SMITH (36249), Royal Air Force.

Order of the Crown of Yugoslavia, 5th Class.

Flying Officer Samuel Jackson MADILL (N.Z. 404395), Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Flying Officer John Austin Henry SMITH (N.Z. 402474), Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Air Ministry, 20th October, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (temp.) on being employed with the R.A.F. 16th Sept. 1942:—

Clement Aldhelm Shean ALEXANDER, Lt. R. Fus. (49767).