

by the squadron he commands. In November, 1942, at night, he took part in an attack on an airfield at Tunis. In spite of heavy opposition and bad weather, the objective was bombed from a low level. The next night he participated in 3 attacks on Comiso airfield where a large fire was started. His determined and courageous example has inspired his fellow pilots.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald George LONG (40722), No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Edward William George ROSAM, D.F.M. (113328), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

In November, 1942, Squadron Leader Long and Flying Officer Rosam were captain and wireless operator respectively of an aircraft which was detailed to attack Genoa. On the outward flight, shortly after crossing enemy territory, engine trouble developed. Despite this Squadron Leader Long continued his mission, reached his target and bombed it. Soon after leaving the target area, the port outer engine caught fire and ceased to function. Displaying fine airmanship and ably supported by Flying Officer Rosam whose wireless skill was of the greatest value, Squadron Leader Long flew his aircraft back to this country and effected a masterly landing in difficult circumstances. Both these officers have invariably displayed high skill and outstanding devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Howard Earl DABBS (Can./J.15608), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 101 Squadron, (since missing).

One night in December, 1942, this officer was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt. When nearing the target area his aircraft, whilst held in a cone of searchlights was hit by anti-aircraft fire and one of its engines was put out of action. Despite this, Pilot Officer Dabbs flew on to his target but, as the bomb release mechanism was unserviceable, he was unable to drop his bombs. Displaying skilful airmanship he flew his aircraft back to this country without the assistance of wireless aids. With a full bomb load he made a masterly landing in poor visibility. This officer's skill and determination in the face of adverse circumstances set an example worthy of the highest praise. He has flown on several sorties with distinction.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can./R.100533 Sergeant Harry MORRISSY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 102 Squadron (since missing).

One night in November, 1942, Sergeant Morrissey captained an aircraft detailed to attack Turin. During the take off, the hatch cover above his head blew open and all attempts to close and secure it were unavailing. Although it was necessary to jettison the hatch cover, leaving him exposed to intense cold and extreme discomfort, Sergeant Morrissey flew on to the target and successfully bombed it. Throughout the flight, this airman displayed outstanding determination and unswerving devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 18th December, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services:—

Military Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Reginald Arthur LENTON (42315).

Military Medal.

Warrant Officer Fred William RIXON (515852).
904665 Sergeant Edgar Roy CERELY.

Air Ministry, 18th December, 1942.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of conspicuous service in operations against the Japanese:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John MacLean HAMPSHIRE (Aus.256).

Flying Officer Brian Hartley HIGGINS (Aus.400620).

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.406327 Flight Sergeant Aubrey Warne DUCAT.
Aus.406214 Flight Sergeant Mostyn Lloyd FRANKLIN.
Aus.400879 Flight Sergeant Hugh Douglass Haig LEARMONTH.

Aus.406221 Flight Sergeant Ernest Radcliffe OLDFIELD.

Aus.407633 Sergeant William Llewellyn ALLEN.

Aus.406217 Sergeant Robert Collyer LINDSAY.

Aus.37787 Sergeant Clive William MILLER.

Aus.4719 Sergeant Henry Phillips RILEY.

Air Ministry, 18th December, 1942.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following who have been mentioned in despatches:—

Squadron Leaders.

W. D. BROOKES (Aus.297).

A. D. SWANN, M.B.E. (Aus.1319).

C. F. THOMPSON (Aus.286).

Flight Lieutenants.

J. A. HORAN (Aus.2570).

W. K. BOLITHO (Aus.407016) (Acting).

Flying Officers.

T. L. DUGAN (Aus.400082).

A. L. NORMAN (Aus.40700).

Warrant Officers.

H. W. CHAPMAN (Aus.207703).

J. H. WILLMOTT (Aus.300479).

Flight Sergeants.

Aus.21372 G. L. DAWSON.

Aus.4289 C. E. McDOWELL.

Sergeant.

Aus.12090 V. P. CHAPMAN.

Corporals.

Aus.18005 A. R. HOCKING.

Aus.6853 A. H. LANAGAN.

Aus.34466 J. TRAM.

Leading Aircraftmen.

Aus.19574 J. J. BURNS.

Aus.25305 C. R. H. FRANCIS.

Aircraftman 1st Class.

Aus.8709 F. COLDHAM-FUSSELL.

Air Ministry, 18th December, 1942.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

CONFERRED BY THE KING OF NORWAY.

Order of St. Olav (Grand Cross).

Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Frederick Algernon PORTAL, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Order of St. Olav (Commander).

Group Captain Charles Frederick Hallyburton GRACE.

Order of St. Olav (Knight, First Class).

Wing Commander Desmond Edwin Braddon WHEELER (33103).

Wing Commander Vernon Charles Wood, A.F.C. (37309).

Norwegian War Cross.

Acting Air Commodore Wellard WHITNEY-STRAIGHT, M.C., D.F.C. Auxiliary Air Force.

Group Captain Richard Llewellyn Roger ATCHERLEY, O.B.E., A.F.C.

Acting Wing Commander Edward James FAWDRY (77443). Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Dennis Edward HEALY, D.S.O. (60278). Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (since deceased).

Norwegian War Medal.

915314 Sergeant Trevor Ralph THOMAS.

Air Ministry, 15th December, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

Wt. Off.

566056 Leslie William ROOKLEY (50219). 1st Oct. 1942.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.

11th Sept. 1942.

522270 David BOWIE, D.F.M. (50225).

550712 David James CUTTS (50224).