

he has so skilfully led Twenty enemy aircraft have been destroyed at night, 3 of them by Squadron Leader Passy He has set a most inspiring example

Flying Officer Arthur Leslie Mervyn SPURGIN (Aus 404120), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 89 Squadron

In operations in North Africa, this officer has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft He is a skilful and courageous pilot, whose fine example has been an inspiration to others

Pilot Officer William Henry HOPKINS (137132), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 103 Squadron

As bomb aimer during numerous operational sorties, Pilot Officer Hopkins has invariably exhibited keenness and determination to achieve success On one occasion in January, 1943, undeterred by the pain from a wound in the eye sustained when the perspex in his turret was shattered by anti-aircraft fire, he remained at his post and made a successful attack on Essen. On another occasion, while attacking Turn, Pilot Officer Hopkins replaced the mid upper gunner, who became ill, and enabled his captain to complete the mission Throughout, this officer has displayed courage, coolness and devotion to duty, which have contributed much to the success attained by his crew

Pilot Officer Robert Edward George HUTCHISON (120854), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron

This officer has flown on numerous operational sorties, including attacks on the majority of the enemy's most heavily defended targets, he also participated in daylight raids on Danzig, Le Creusot and Milan. One night in January, 1943, he was detailed to attack Berlin On the outward journey the electrical circuits in the mid-upper turret of his aircraft failed. With skill and determination Pilot Officer Hutchison repaired the defect although owing to the intense cold he was nearly unconscious by the time the repair was finished At all times this officer has set an outstanding example of courageous devotion to duty which has been an inspiration to his squadron

Pilot Officer Robert Leslie SMITH, D F M. (129958), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 137 Squadron

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, Pilot Officer Smith has taken part in numerous operational flights, including attacks on shipping and railways. On one occasion he engaged 4 Focke Wulfe 190s and seriously damaged one of them Although his own aircraft also received severe damage during the combat, he flew it safely to base and effected a masterly landing

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Theodore Dudley MISSELBROOK (42353), No. 101 Squadron

*Distinguished Flying Medal*

Can/R 111540 Sergeant Arthur HARRISON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No 101 Squadron

One night in January, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Misselbrook and Sergeant Harrison were captain and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft which was attacked by an enemy fighter when near the north west coast of Germany By skilfully out-manceuvring the attacker, Flight Lieutenant Misselbrook enabled his rear gunner to shoot it down from close range Although his aircraft sustained much damage and 1 of its engines failed, Flight Lieutenant Misselbrook flew the aircraft back to this country and landed it safely On a previous occasion he flew his damaged aircraft back to base in most trying circumstances Both these members of aircraft crew have always displayed outstanding determination and devotion to duty

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer George Reicher ROYDE (118604), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 149 Squadron

Pilot Officer Norman Edward SKINNER (118084), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 149 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1366018 Flight Sergeant Leslie Anderson HYDER, No 149 Squadron

971446 Flight Sergeant Douglas CAMERON, No. 149 Squadron

1130087 Sergeant Harold Wray GOUGH, No 149 Squadron.

On 28th November, 1942, these members of an aircraft crew took part in an attack on a target at Turn. Whilst over the target area, their bomber was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire, and sustained much damage A shell, which burst in the cockpit, rendered the captain, the late Flight Sergeant Middleton, V C, unconscious and wounded the second pilot, Flight Sergeant Hyder, in the face and legs, Pilot Officer Skinner, the wireless operator, was also wounded in the leg. Despite his injuries, Flight Sergeant Hyder, took over the controls and succeeded in regaining control of the aircraft which had dived from 2,000 to 800 feet Later the bomb load was released. Shortly afterwards, the captain recovered consciousness but Flight Sergeant Hyder after receiving first aid, insisted on remaining beside him in case of emergency On the return flight, when crossing the Alps, Flight Sergeant Cameron and Sergeant Gough greatly assisted the pilot to maintain height by jettisoning all movable equipment. Skilful navigation by Flying Officer Royde enabled the aircraft to be flown back to this country Shortly after crossing the coast the aircraft had to be abandoned owing to lack of petrol In the face of almost insuperable odds, these members of the aircraft crew displayed courage, fortitude and determination of a high order

*Distinguished Flying Medal*

Can/R 92109 Flight Sergeant Ronald Ernest MACFARLANE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No 101 Squadron

One night in January, 1943, Flight Sergeant MacFarlane was captain of an aircraft which was attacked by 3 Junkers 88s when returning from an operational sortie The mid upper gunner was killed, the rear gunner severely wounded and the aircraft was badly damaged Flight Sergeant MacFarlane took violent evasive action and succeeded in shaking off the enemy aircraft. Shortly afterwards the bomber was held by searchlights and engaged by intense anti-aircraft fire and height was lost down to 4,000 feet in avoiding further damage Soon afterwards a formation of 5 hostile fighters was sighted but when they attempted to attack Flight Sergeant MacFarlane skilfully evaded them. By masterly airmanship this airman extricated his aircraft from a perilous situation and flew it safely back to this country.

1376928 Flight Sergeant Donald Athelston NORRIS, No 89 Squadron

During operations in North Africa, this airman rendered excellent service He has taken part in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft at night He has set an admirable example

1294471 Sergeant Kenneth Herbert BERRY, No 103 Squadron

This airman has completed many operational missions and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination On one occasion, when attacking Kiel, his aircraft was hit and damaged by anti-aircraft fire Despite this, Sergeant Berry displayed great persistence and bombed his objective successfully On another occasion he displayed commendable skill and initiative during a fight to Turn In a recent attack on Essen, Sergeant Berry pressed home his attack with great spirit although his aircraft was damaged by opposing fire Throughout his operational career, this airman has set a fine example.

643093 Sergeant Edward PARRY, No 106 Squadron

1319236 Sergeant Robert Sidney GREEP, No 106 Squadron

On the night of 17th January, 1943, Sergeants Parry and Grep were the mid-upper and rear gunners respectively of an aircraft which was detailed to bomb a target in Berlin On the return journey, whilst still over enemy territory, the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter from close range Sergeants Parry and Grep, coolly withheld their fire until the range was shortened and then delivered accurate bursts which caused the fighter to break away In a second attack, Sergeant Parry's concise commentary enabled the