

Pilot Officer Harry Elmore FENWICK (Can./J.15790), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 81 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Fenwick has participated in a very large number of sorties. He has always displayed great determination to achieve success and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer Arthur Alexander O'LEARY, D.F.M. (630959), No. 89 Squadron.

During night flying operations this observer has taken part in the destruction of at least 7 enemy aircraft. He has always set a splendid example of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Halstead BURNS (40340), No. 61 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Can/R.107825 Flight Sergeant John Kenneth McAvoy, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Burns and Flight Sergeant McAvoy have flown together as captain and navigator on a number of operational sorties, including a reconnaissance of Turin from a height of 500 feet. In January, 1943, they took part in a raid on Berlin and after releasing their bombs in the target area obtained an excellent photograph. These two officers have always displayed exceptional courage and determination. Their fine fighting spirit has been an inspiration to all other members of their squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John Hill ETHERTON (63093), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1413553 Sergeant Nigel Lidgett GIBBS, No. 89 Squadron.

One night in November, 1942, Flying Officer Etherton and Sergeant Gibbs were pilot and observer of an aircraft engaged on a patrol in North Africa. Whilst attempting to land at an airfield, after completing their mission, 1 engine failed, causing the aircraft to crash. Despite this, Flying Officer Etherton and his observer took off in another aircraft for a second patrol. Owing to engine trouble Flying Officer Etherton was compelled to return to the airfield but, after his aircraft had been serviced, he again took off and, in the course of the patrol, destroyed a Heinkel III. In a short period Flying Officer Etherton has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft. Sergeant Gibbs contributed materially to the successes achieved. Both these members of aircraft crew have displayed great skill and gallantry.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Warrant Officer Cyril Thomas PHILLIPS (1155781), No. 176 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1258998 Flight Sergeant Arthur Maurice Owers PRING, No. 176 Squadron.

On his first operational flight in the Far East Warrant Officer Phillips as observer and Flight Sergeant Pring as pilot co-operated in the destruction of a formation of 3 Japanese aircraft within 4 minutes. Warrant Officer Phillips and Flight Sergeant Pring have completed numerous operational sorties, in the course of which they have displayed outstanding skill and courage. Flight Sergeant Pring has destroyed a total of 6 enemy aircraft while Warrant Officer Phillips has taken part in the destruction of 8 enemy aircraft at night.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

N.Z.404104 Flight Sergeant Leslie Bruce WALLACE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft detailed to attack Munich. On the outward flight the aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter and subjected to a number of attacks. In the first, which was made directly from beneath the bomber, the bomb aimer was seriously wounded while Flight Sergeant Wallace received a bullet wound in the leg. Some flares inside the aircraft were set alight while the matting on the floor below the mid-upper gunner's turret and everything inflammable in close proximity became ignited and commenced to burn furiously. Despite his injury, and with complete disregard for danger, Flight

Sergeant Wallace immediately attempted to quell the flames. The heat and stifling fumes compelled him to desist several times but, undaunted he jettisoned all moveable burning material through the rear turret and finally subdued the fire. On the homeward flight, Flight Sergeant Wallace displayed great skill in obtaining fixes, sending signals and doing everything in his power to assist his pilot in flying the damaged aircraft back to this country. This airman's gallant conduct in the face of an extremely perilous situation was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force. He has completed numerous sorties and has always displayed exceptional devotion to duty.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1254447 Flight Sergeant Douglas Alfred Oxbv, D.F.M., No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Oxbv has displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty. He has taken part in the destruction at night of 13 enemy aircraft.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

548743 Flight Sergeant Joseph BARTLEY, No. 18 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, Flight Sergeant Bartley has taken part in numerous sorties. Throughout, he has displayed great skill and has contributed materially to the successes obtained. His exemplary conduct in the face of the enemy has set a praiseworthy example. By his untiring efforts Flight Sergeant Bartley has rendered excellent service in training fellow wireless operators.

746769 Flight Sergeant Frank William CURTIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Curtis has shown outstanding keenness and devotion to duty over a long period. He has taken part in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft at night.

Can/R.110183 Flight Sergeant John McBride DEMPSTER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

As air gunner, this airman has participated in numerous sorties, including an attack on Berlin and the daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan. One night in December, 1942, during a flight to Duisburg, Flight Sergeant Dempster shot down an enemy fighter which attempted to attack his aircraft. One night in January, 1943, he took part in an attack on Essen. During the return flight his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter but Flight Sergeant Dempster drove it off with devastating fire which caused it to fall towards the ground with 1 of its engines alight. This airman is a courageous and skilful gunner.

759302 Flight Sergeant Ronald David Stainton FOX, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, this airman has participated in many operational missions. He has operated from bases in England, Malta and North Africa. Flight Sergeant Fox has always displayed great efficiency and devotion to duty and has proved himself to be a valuable member of aircraft crew.

N.Z.41577 Sergeant Ronald FLORENCE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 214 Squadron.

This airman, who has participated in many sorties, has displayed great skill both as air bomber and front gunner. On one occasion his accurate shooting extinguished many searchlights which menaced his aircraft whilst flying at low level. One night in December, 1942, during an operational sortie, he effectively silenced a gun of an armed ship with well aimed bursts. One night in January, 1943, during an attack on Lorient, he displayed great determination in attacking searchlight positions. He has proved himself to be a valuable member of aircraft crew.

1289028 Sergeant James Robin MALLINSON, No. 242 Squadron (since missing).

In the campaign in North Africa, this airman has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. In November, 1942, he destroyed 2 of a formation of 5 Junkers 88's which attempted to attack an Allied airfield. His skill and determination have set a praiseworthy example.

1078314 Sergeant Sidney Percival MOSTON, No. 81 Squadron.

This airman is a first class pilot, whose keenness has set a fine example. In operations in North Africa, Sergeant Moston has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft.