

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.405487 Flight Sergeant William Leonard HARVEY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in February, 1943, Flying Officer Drummond and Flight Sergeant Harvey were captain and wireless operator respectively of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission in an area close in to shore. During the run-in, the aircraft was subjected to considerable searchlight activity and intense opposing fire which raked the bomber from front to rear. Much damage was sustained and three of the crew were hit, including Flight Sergeant Harvey, who suffered a deep wound in the head. Despite this, Flying Officer Drummond held on his course and released his mines exactly as planned. On the return flight, Flight Sergeant Harvey, although in pain and bleeding profusely, remained at his post, continuing his duties. He obtained a number of fixes and bearings which proved of great assistance to his captain who eventually flew the badly damaged aircraft to base. Both these members of aircraft crew, who have completed many sorties, have always displayed great determination, skill and devotion to duty.

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937265 Flight Sergeant John Eric James WATERHOUSE, No. 178 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Waterhouse has taken part in numerous sorties, some of which were completed in daylight. In September, 1942, following an attack on shipping, his aircraft was attacked by enemy aircraft. In the ensuing engagement, Flight Sergeant Waterhouse gave his captain clear evading directions while his skilful control of the aircraft's fire power enabled its gunners to beat off 8 attacks. One day in October, 1942, he flew in the leading aircraft of a bomber formation which attacked a convoy. The formation was attacked by enemy fighters before and after bombing the target. During the fights, Flight Sergeant Waterhouse displayed great confidence, directing the fire of the formation with skill. In all, 9 attacks were beaten off and 1 enemy aircraft shot down. Some days later, this airman's excellent work contributed materially to the safety of his aircraft when it was subjected to enemy fighter attacks. Flight Sergeant Waterhouse has displayed courage, skill and determination of a high order.

1198328 Sergeant Ronald Dennis MILNER, No. 226 Squadron.

In January, 1943, this airman was the air gunner of one of a formation of Boston aircraft detailed to attack a target at Flushing. During the operation heavy anti-aircraft fire and much fighter opposition were encountered. Observing a Messerschmitt 109 flying in to attack from the rear and below the formation, Sergeant Milner coolly withheld his fire until the attacker came within closer range. Then, with a well directed burst, he shot it down in flames. Four days later, this airman took part in a bombing attack on the viaduct at Morlaix. On the return flight, near the French coast, the formation was attacked by a number of enemy fighters. During the engagement, Sergeant Milner displayed great skill and determination and played a large part in frustrating the enemy's attacks. His conduct was worthy of high praise.

Air Ministry, 16th March, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Richard Charles Marler COLLARD, D.F.C. (32121), No. 12 Squadron, awarded with effect from 18th August, 1942.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Bathurst PANTER, D.F.C. (42521), No. 70 Squadron, awarded with effect from 15th August, 1942.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Group Captain John Charles MACDONALD, D.F.C., A.F.C., No. 15 Squadron, awarded with effect from 15th June, 1942.

Flying Officer Henry Ronald BAILEY, D.F.C. (48547), No. 95 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Charles Lealand OLSSON (37635), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 142 Squadron, awarded with effect from 20th July, 1942.

Acting Squadron Leader William Andrew ANDERSON (Can/C.1099), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 15th December, 1941.

Major John Loch HEWITSA (102733), South African Air Force, No. 5 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron, awarded with effect from 2nd June, 1942.

Flight Lieutenant John Frank DAVIS (78867), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 95 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Leslie NUNN (74685), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron, awarded with effect from 9th September, 1942.

Flight Lieutenant John Edwin Ashley WILLIAMS (40652), No. 450 Squadron, awarded with effect from 23rd September, 1942.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Donald BAKER (Can/J.5060), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 214 Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 30th March, 1942.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Golding BIRD (119122), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 268 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Hugh Evelyn GOLDIE (60116), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 200 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Michael John GRAY (106182), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 168 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Clifford George MARSHALL (61223), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 95 Squadron.

Flying Officer Herbert Lindsay COONS (Can/J.5083), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 95 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald Jack COOPER (43281), No. 38 Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 28th October, 1941.

Flying Officer Bertram John Fyson (83301), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 21st March, 1942.

Flying Officer Lionel Abel John MILLS (79190), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 26th August, 1941.

Acting Flying Officer Norman Edward WINCH (66533), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron, awarded with effect from 14th May, 1942.

Pilot Officer John Alan WORSWICK (116145), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron (deceased), awarded with effect from 24th May, 1942.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.405267 Flight Sergeant John David Monroe HERRON, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 207 Squadron, awarded with effect from 31st October, 1942.

628707 Flight Sergeant William James McLEAN, No. 103 Squadron, awarded with effect from 2nd September, 1942.

623718 Sergeant John Hemphill STEWART, No. 95 Squadron.

The following awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry, 16th March, 1943.

AWARD OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF NORWAY.

War Medal.

Wing Commander Howard Bertram JOHNSON, D.F.C. (37182).

Air Ministry, 16th March, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

565367 Kenneth Fraser EDWARDS (50968), 17th Sept. 1942.