

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Raymond GLASS (104445), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on various heavily defended targets. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with vigour. On one occasion, on the outward flight to a target in Germany, his aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters. Skillfully manœuvring his aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Glass enabled his rear gunner to deliver an accurate burst at one of the attackers causing it to dive away with its engine on fire. Although the bomber was damaged during the engagement, Flight Lieutenant Glass flew it back to base. He is a steady and reliable captain who has set a very fine example.

Pilot Officer Peter Murray ANDERSON (Can/J.16379), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including 7 attacks on targets in Italy. He has always displayed great courage and skill. One night in February, 1943, he completed a successful attack on Lorient in difficult circumstances. Three nights later, he flew with distinction in an attack on the same target.

Pilot Officer Charles Richard BLUMENAUER (Can/J.16226), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 103 Squadron.

Since the beginning of February, 1943, this officer has completed a number of night sorties against targets in Germany, Italy and Northern France. He has never failed to reach his objective and has pressed home his attacks with accuracy and determination. In operations against Lorient, Milan and Cologne, Pilot Officer Blumenauer obtained excellent photographs. By his courage and skill, this officer has won the admiration of all with whom he has flown.

Pilot Officer Alfred Raymond POOLE (129193), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Poole, is an air gunner of high merit. He has taken part in a large number of operational flights, including many in the Middle East. On one occasion he was forced to abandon his aircraft over the desert. Four days later he was picked up by an army patrol. Pilot Officer Poole took part in the raids on the Ruhr and Bremen when 1,000 of our bombers operated; he has also flown on 3 attacks against Berlin. His skill and courage have been of the highest order.

Pilot Officer George Frederick Hind SAYERS (50457), No. 90 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational missions. He is an exceptionally determined pilot who invariably presses home his attacks with skill and courage.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1304253 Sergeant George Charlton McDUGLE, No. 10 Squadron.

As air gunner, this airman has flown on a large number of operational missions. In December, 1942, during a return flight from Duisburg, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter from close range. Although 2 of his 4 guns jammed, Sergeant McDougale delivered a burst, causing the fighter to break away and fall towards the ground with its engine apparently on fire. In February, 1943, when returning from an attack on Wilhelmshaven, Sergeant McDougale observed an enemy fighter flying in to attack from astern. He immediately attempted to engage it but his guns jammed. Coolly and skillfully he gave his captain a commentary on the enemy aircraft's movements enabling him to evade it successfully. Shortly afterwards, another fighter appeared and attacked fiercely. Sergeant McDougale had only 1 gun serviceable but opening fire with it from very close range, he drove the attacker off. Suddenly it disintegrated in the air and burning pieces were observed to fall into the sea. This airman's gunnery skill contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. He invariably displays great confidence in the face of the enemy.

*Air Ministry, 26th March, 1943.*

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the Japanese:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Archibald Bertram McFARLANE (Aus.207).

Acting Squadron Leader Simon John FRASER (Aus.524) (since deceased).

Acting Squadron Leader Leslie Douglas JACKSON (Aus.520).

Flight Lieutenant Neil Thomson BADGER (Aus.407161).

Flight Lieutenant Ian Archibald McCOMBE (Aus.813).

Flight Lieutenant John Walter Wedgwood PIPER (Aus.828).

Flight Lieutenant Richard Frederick OVERHEU (Aus.406115).

Flying Officer Bert Augustus GRACE (Aus.402053).

Flying Officer Arthur John SHARP (Aus.402140).

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.10521 Flight Sergeant Lindsay Richard RUNDLE.

Aus.14697 Sergeant Albert BATES.

Aus.8876 Sergeant Alan John CROWE.

Aus.15488 Sergeant Russell Thomas Anthony FLEMING.

Aus.6460 Sergeant Noel Morgan HALL.

Aus.15914 Sergeant Reginald John LONGHURST.

Aus.8963 Sergeant George William McMASTER.

Aus.14966 Sergeant Jack Stuart RIDDELL.

Aus.27447 Acting Sergeant Robert Mason CALDWELL.

Aus.27220 Acting Sergeant Lionel Henry CAMPBELL.

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

*Air Force Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Norman David FADER (Aus.2045).

*Air Ministry, 26th March, 1943.*

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

*Squadron Leader.*

K. W. TRUSCOTT, D.F.C. (Aus.400213).

*Flight Lieutenants.*

H. D. GILLET (Aus.1743).

H. W. HANNAM (Aus.3105).

I. H. A. HAY (Aus.720).

A. W. WOOLLEY (Aus.2409).

*Flying Officers.*

G. C. ATHERTON (Aus.408030).

J. C. GOURLAY (Aus.5833).

R. R. JAMES (Aus.408811).

*Flight Sergeant.*

Aus.401702 M. A. McDONALD.

*Sergeants.*

Aus.18044 D. A. NORMAN.

Aus.412185 P. S. REEN.

Aus.414081 H. REILLY.

Aus.416470 F. V. WEBSTER.

*Corporal.*

Aus.28080 G. S. DUNN.

*Leading Aircraftmen.*

Aus.43040 C. ANEAR.

Aus.35999 W. R. A. WATTS.

*Air Ministry, 26th March, 1943.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) S. A. D. PIKE (40344). 24th Jan. 1943.

Flt. Lts.:—

D. PEVELER, D.S.O., D.F.C. (42764). 1st Jan. 1943.

T. G. MAHADDIE, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C. (44456). 1st Mar. 1943.

Flg. Off. J. R. G. RALSTON, D.S.O., D.F.M. (47650) is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 24th Jan. 1943.

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—  
15th Feb. 1943.

H. J. J. AITCHISON (Lt. S. Stafford R.) (45327).

P. M. C. HILL (Lt. R.A.) (45330).

D. W. JACKSON (2nd Lt. R.A.) (45334).

C. T. P. STEPHENSON (2nd Lt. R.A.) (45333).

H. T. WINTER (2nd Lt. Lancs. Fus.) (45329).