

on the outward flight, one of the port engines failed. Despite this, Flight Sergeant Roberts continued his mission. Considerable height had been lost by the time the target was reached but, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, this captain pressed home a vigorous attack. After the bombs were released the bomb doors jammed. The aircraft began to lose height but, some 15 minutes later, Flight Sergeant Roberts succeeded in getting the doors closed. Displaying superb airmanship he eventually flew the aircraft safely to base with 3 engines. This airman displayed great skill and determination throughout.

1384539 Sergeant William BRAZILL, No. 150 Squadron.

One night in September, 1942, Sergeant Brazill was the navigator of an aircraft engaged on an operational mission. In hazardous circumstances his courage, fortitude and devotion to duty were of the highest order.

Air Ministry, 2nd April, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

*Air Force Cross.*

Wing Commander James Clifford McEwan GIBB (19157), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Wing Commander Roger Clutton MEAD, D.F.C. (26115).

Acting Wing Commander Thomas Clare CHAMBERS (32096), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader Edward Albert BEAUMONT (Aus.342), Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Oliver Blythe HALL (Aus.239), Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Ronald HAWKINS, M.C. (70802), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Squadron Leader John Frank SUTTON (37835), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Heron IRVING (72865), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack KORNDORFFER (72444), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Brian LORD (41039).

Acting Squadron Leader Howard Fortescue MARCOU (41350).

Acting Squadron Leader Albert Percy PESKETT (43466).

Flight Lieutenant Henry Desmond BISLEY (43057).

Flight Lieutenant Adolf Jarvis BLAYNEY (90538), Auxiliary Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Patrick Clement COX (81913), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Frank William Henry DARLINGTON (80823), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Henry HADLAND (85940), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Frank HOLT (82508), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Thomas JAMES (81615), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Harold JOSEPH (Aus. 412), Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Edgar Nelson LEWIS, A.F.M. (43415).

Flight Lieutenant Charles Ward LOFTHOUSE (70405), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant William Murray MACKAY (75167), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Sidney James MANSELL (44596).

Flight Lieutenant Alfred George SMITH (44418).

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Victor VAUGHAN (79061), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred Lionel WOODE (43080).

Flying Officer Horatio Herbert CHANDLER, D.F.M. (106245), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Herbert RITCHIE (60875), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Air Force Medal.*

1265850 Sergeant Arthur Lewis FREEMAN.

1393818 Sergeant Henry Anselm de FREITAS.

958136 Sergeant Herbert SMART.

Air Ministry, 2nd April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned personnel as having been commended for valuable service in the air:

*Squadron Leaders.*

F. T. GARDINER (72100), R.A.F.V.R.

E. P. LASH (70383), R.A.F.V.R.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

A. J. CORMACK (75605), R.A.F.V.R.

F. J. POULTER, A.F.C., B.E.M. (45008).

W. F. RATHBONE (88422), R.A.F.V.R.

*Flying Officer.*

T. S. JAMESON (102083), R.A.F.V.R.

*Flight Sergeant.*

1255342 R. A. GIBBS.

Air Ministry, 2nd April, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flt. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

J. R. RAMSHAW, D.F.M. (45227). 20th Jan.

1943. (Seny. 1st Jan. 1943.)

D. C. BARNETT (45524). 3rd Feb. 1943.

A. J. HODGKINSON, D.F.C. (45353). 20th Feb.

1943. (Seny. 19th Feb. 1943.)

J. G. CANSDALE (45377). 26th Feb. 1943.

(Seny. 12th Feb. 1943.)

Flt. Lt. L. WANLESS-O'GOWAN (03094) (ret.) is granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.). 1st Sept. 1942.

Flt. Off. J. M. GARLICK, D.F.C. (45425), is granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 26th Jan. 1943.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flt. Offs. on prob. (war subs.):—

R. W. KEEN (48697). 27th Oct. 1942.

1st Nov. 1942.

J. R. E. FULLERTON, D.F.M. (50664).

S. I. HARDCastle (48737).

S. H. MARTIN (49148).

R. J. REYNOLDS, D.F.C., D.F.M. (48905).

3rd Nov. 1942.

T. G. W. BAYFIELD (49119).

H. PLANT (49653).

12th Nov. 1942.

C. W. STACEY (49698).

G. R. WATKINS (49548).

A. S. HOLGATE (49530). 30th Nov. 1942.

H. D. QUILTER (48947). 6th Dec. 1942.

E. D. GREEN (49306). 5th Feb. 1943.

W. F. BRYANT (49878). 16th Feb. 1943.

J. R. WILLIAMS (49690). 17th Feb. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Air Cdre. (tempy.) H. I. T. BEARDSWORTH, C.B.E., is granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.) 19th Dec. 1942.

Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) K. J. MCKAY (34212) is granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.). 27th Nov. 1942.

Flt. Lts. (tempy.) granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

G. B. BLACKLOCK, D.F.C., D.F.M. (44874).

1st Aug. 1942.

C. S. READ (43660). 10th Nov. 1942.

S. H. GRAHAM (43493). 13th Nov. 1942.

E. G. WOOBERRY (43652). 7th Dec. 1942.

Flt. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (tempy.):—

E. L. THOMPSON (44423). 1st Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st Dec. 1941.)

G. W. MARTIN (45991). 1st Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st June 1942.)

1st Jan. 1943. (Seny. 1st Sept. 1942.)

B. URQUHART (46228).

W. C. SMITH (48332).

C. W. CRIMMIN (45260). 1st Jan. 1943.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) to be Flt. Offs. (prob.) war subs.:—

J. CRAWFORD (48232). 13th Nov. 1942.

F. J. NEW (48717). 16th Nov. 1942.

A. P. BUCKLEY (48306). 20th Nov. 1942.

C. G. STILL (48403). 27th Nov. 1942. (Seny. 21st Nov. 1942.)

13th Dec. 1942.

A. G. COOKSLEY (48973).

W. H. PALMER (48971).

H. J. H. KEAY (47759). 2nd Jan. 1943.

P. J. JARVIS (48952). 15th Jan. 1943.

W. ROBERTS (47947). 30th Jan. 1943.

D. T. WATKINS (48762). 15th Feb. 1943.