

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Malcolm Sydenham HUMPHREY (Aus.400473), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In April, 1943, this officer captained an aircraft engaged on a patrol off the Norwegian coast. Although the weather was bad and visibility was poor, a medium sized merchant ship escorted by an armed ship was sighted. Despite interference by an enemy aircraft, Flying Officer Humphrey flew in to attack the merchant vessel, being met by intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire from both ships. He was wounded in both knees and in the thigh, while his aircraft was hit in many places, including both engines; the instrument panel and the port aileron control were damaged and the navigator was injured in the shoulder when oxygen bottles exploded. In spite of his injuries, Flying Officer Humphrey pressed home his attack, releasing his torpedo. Displaying great skill and determination he succeeded in flying the damaged aircraft to base. This officer, who has completed 25 operational missions, has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Gustave Henry Edwin MALONEY (Can/J8779), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 683 Squadron.

This officer has completed 84 flights, including a number of sorties over Germany, Northern France and Holland. In the Middle East he has rendered valuable service. Photographs which he obtained over the El Alamein battle zone were an important contribution to the pictorial record on which the advance was planned. On a recent occasion he dived under the balloon defences in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire to obtain photographs of Italian naval units. This officer is an outstanding pilot whose courage and devotion to duty have been of a high order.

Flying Officer Gordon Leonard SHELMT (Can/J8405), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 23 Squadron.

This officer has completed 42 sorties, including a number of attacks on air fields and lines of communication in Northern France and the Low Countries. In the Middle East he has achieved much success in attacks on road and rail transport. During a sortie in February, 1943, Flying Officer Shemilt shot down a Junkers 88. The same night he reported the presence of a big convoy near Maritimo. The convoy was later attacked with great success by torpedo-carrying aircraft. This officer has at all times displayed great skill, determination and devotion to duty.

*Air Ministry, 27th April, 1943.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Keith Louis Bate HODSON, D.F.C. (Can/C.807), Royal Canadian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Peter George Hooke PEARSON, D.F.C. (91068), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 178 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Alec REID (79184), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Clifford Ingledew HOOPER (61955), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 219 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alastair Cavendish Lindsay MACKIE (68747), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Gerald ROBERTS, D.F.M. (129108), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Noel Fraser VINCENT (Aus.411832), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur Frederick William BUDDEN (109924), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Edward James COLVIN (120527), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Richard HILL (112518), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Flying Officer Philip Stanley KENDALL (127038), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur George LAWRENCE (Can/J.6409), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 406 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer William Taylor STORY (111546), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Goodhugh SWAIN (117401), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron (since deceased).

Flying Officer Cecil Roland WHITE (N.Z.412913), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

937487 Flight Sergeant Leonard Douglas BOWMAN, No. 178 Squadron.

580866 Flight Sergeant Royston Harry BURR, No. 178 Squadron.

N.Z.40604 Flight Sergeant David Baillie CAMPBELL, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 178 Squadron.

N.Z.401808 Flight Sergeant Francis Murray Haslett HENDERSON, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 178 Squadron.

1386251 Flight Sergeant Harry John WILMER, No. 406 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Aus. 411270 Sergeant Roy Frank ANDERSON, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

Aus.404463 Sergeant Raymond Victor BANKS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 178 Squadron.

1255370 Sergeant David Kenneth BREAREY, No. 150 Squadron.

1041906 Sergeant John George HAYDEN, No. 142 Squadron.

1285164 Sergeant William Edward LANCHBERY, No. 150 Squadron.

Can/R. 77184 Sergeant Joseph Charles LEPINE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

567753 Sergeant Maurice PENMAN, No. 150 Squadron.

913613 Sergeant Edmund Patrick Osborne WATSON, No. 608 Squadron.

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

*Air Ministry, 27th April, 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 enemy in the New Guinea area:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Keith MacDermott HAMPSHIRE (Aus. 147).

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus. 412537 Sergeant John Charles HOSKINS.

*Air Ministry, 27th April, 1943.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Air Vice-Mshl. (Actg. Air Mshl.) R. S. SORLEY, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.C., D.F.C., is appointed an additional Member of the Air Council *vice* Air Mshl. F. J. LINNELL, C.B., O.B.E. 20th Apr. 1943.

John Arthur Barnett BURN, Lt., R.T.R. (51301), to be Plt. Off. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F.

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

363682 Arthur Edward Cyril OAKSHOTT (51505). 31st May 1942.

529865 Albert Warnford WALKER (51345). 3rd Oct. 1942.

581318 Gabriel Robb BRYCE (51376). 6th Feb. 1943.

519698 Sam BROOK (51346). 12th Feb. 1943.

580742 John Nevil Warren JONES (51377). 23rd Feb. 1943.

## Flt. Sgts.

953782 Kenneth Marvin TOWLE (51222). 13th Oct. 1942.

615352 Charles Coburn Elliott CLELAND, D.F.M. (51212). 18th Nov. 1942.

621402 Douglas William BALE, D.F.M. (51331). 4th Dec. 1942.

551793 Harold ROWSON (51208). 11th Dec. 1942.

552498 Sidney Charles CHAPPLE (51223). 2nd Jan. 1943.

544436 Arnold WELDON, D.F.M. (51330). 11th Feb. 1943.

621605 John ALLINSON (51349). 19th Feb. 1943.