

aircraft, which had sustained damage, became difficult to control but, in spite of this, Flight Sergeant Lawrence displayed great skill and determination in accomplishing the return flight to this country where he effected a masterly landing at the nearest airfield.

1093893 Sergeant Kenneth BRECKON, No. 103 Squadron.

Can/R.117536 Sergeant George FERRELL, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 103 Squadron.

Sergeants Breckon and Ferrell were pilot and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft which attacked Dortmund one night in May, 1943. On the return flight the aircraft was subjected to repeated attacks by an enemy fighter. Although his turret was rendered unserviceable early in the combat, Sergeant Ferrell operated it manually, at the same time giving his captain a commentary on the attacker's movements. In spite of his difficulties, Sergeant Ferrell eventually delivered a well directed burst of fire and shot the attacker down. Soon after crossing the enemy coast, one of the bomber's engines caught fire and became unserviceable, while a little later another engine ceased to function. Despite this, Sergeant Breckon flew on and, although a third engine became unserviceable as the English coast was reached, he succeeded in gaining an airfield where he executed a masterly landing without the aid of flaps. These members of aircraft crew displayed great skill, courage and determination in circumstances fraught with great danger.

1375166 Sergeant Victor Henry NEW, No. 166 Squadron.

This airman, who has completed 28 sorties, is a most efficient captain. He has invariably displayed great determination in pressing home his attacks while on several occasions his fine airmanship has been responsible for the safe return of his aircraft. Sergeant New has a fine record of achievement and has set a most inspiring example.

*Air Ministry, 15th June, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Sydney WOOLNOUGH (109158), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Edward William WYNVARD (122981), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Sidney Charles Bertram ABBOTT (Aus. 400404), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 464 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer William Gordon APPS (120404), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer William Robert CHALK (47910), No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frederick Jackson CHITTENDEN (Can/J. 15369), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 424 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Francis Stanislaus COCKER (124633), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 3 Squadron.

Flying Officer Anthony Thomas COVACEVITCH (Aus. 405173), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frederick Gordon DAVY (121512), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Frank Radley DERRY (87862), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald Frederick FRIEND (Aus. 411138), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Alexander Brown HOUSTON (47729), No. 487 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Herbert William Finnegan JENNINGS (110792), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Flying Officer Maxwell Allwey KEDDIE (Aus. 403110), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer John Clarence LASCELLES (122352), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Aitcheson MAGUIRE (N.Z. 402113), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 161 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alexander Fielding MINNIS (126499), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Fray ORMEROD (N.Z. 413340), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flying Officer George Alfred PATRICK (N.Z. 411442), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

Flying Officer Joseph Forster REED (47686), No. 51 Squadron.

Flying Officer Victor ROLFE (Can/J. 10676), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Francis Grant RUMBLES (120350), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Flying Officer Basil Francis SMITH (126548), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Flying Officer James Menzies SMITH (N.Z. 404957), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer William John SMITH (131886), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Flying Officer George SPENDING (127058), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer George Andrew SWEANY (Can/J. 9783), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Norman THORP (Can/J. 9525), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 207 Squadron.

Flying Officer Fred WESTON (126909), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Arthur Edward Clifford WHEELER (106240), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur George WILLIAMS (45986), No. 464 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth WILLIAMS (121256), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Mathers BAILEY (N.Z. 412183), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Kopf BELL (Can/J. 16345), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Hubert Charles BECKMAN (135151), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Robert Charles BERRY (Can/J. 16128), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth BRIERLEY (139290), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer James COBB (51114), No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Laurence Herbert George COLES (139929), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leslie CROOK (124736), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leonard CUPDINGTON (Can/J. 16758), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Marcel Edmund Charles CUELENAERE (Can/J. 16384), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Krishna DANDEKER (138834), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Eric George DUDLEY (129262), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leonard George EXTON (142139), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Allen FAIRLEY (Can/J. 17088), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Tom GALLANTRY (142537), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Daniel Buntin GAUNT (80446), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Robert Marshall HETHERINGTON (Aus. 403242), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Wallace James HORNE (133563), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

Pilot Officer George William LANCEY (Can/J. 15596), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Irvin LeRoy LAUCKNER (Can/J. 16959), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Edgar William LOVEJOY (142868), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Joseph McGAVOCK (Can/J. 17116), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lawrence Ellis MCKENZIE (142869), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Erle James McLENNAN (50208), No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Stuart McMENENY (Can/J. 17117), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.