

Pilot Officer Bruce Haynes TUPPER (Can/J.17428), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, many of them over difficult terrain. He is a resourceful captain, whose unsurpassed skill and judgment have been largely responsible for the successes obtained. Pilot Officer Tupper has set an example worthy of the highest praise.

Sub-Lieutenant (A) Dennis Theodore John STANLEY, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

As observer, this officer has taken part in a large number of attacks on enemy shipping. He has at all times displayed a high degree of skill and determination and has contributed materially to the successes obtained by his squadron. Lieutenant Stanley has been a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Sub-Lieutenant (A) Eric Michael WELCH, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has participated in many attacks on enemy shipping and has invariably displayed great determination to ensure accurate bombing. One night in May, 1943, in an attack on a number of enemy R. boats, Lieutenant Welch accomplished excellent work. This officer is a skilful and tenacious pilot, whose example has proved inspiring.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Lloyd Emerson LOGAN (Can/C.1359), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth James BOLTON (45525), No. 102 Squadron.

Flying Officer Gordon Henry Francis CARTER (Can/J.11213), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold Jack JENNINGS (Can/J.16817), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1072959 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Maurice Alfred Torwerth DAVIES, No. 76 Squadron.

745880 Sergeant William Roberts LAWS, No. 102 Squadron.

Can/R.128527 Sergeant Harry Lindsay McBEATH, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

Can/R.70152 Sergeant Donald Victor SMITH, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

1071615 Sergeant Malcolm Black STRANGE, No. 76 Squadron.

In air operations these officers and airmen displayed courage, fortitude and determination of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John Lawson TEMPEST (122516), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.16655 Sergeant Clifton Donald CURNOW, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

1057611 Sergeant James Roberts GORDON, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Tempest and Sergeants Curnow and Gordon were members of the crew of an aircraft engaged on a bombing operation one night in May, 1943. During the flight, the starboard inner engine failed and the pilot altered his course and flew out to sea where the bomb load was jettisoned. Soon, one of the port engines failed and, as the aircraft was gradually losing height, all moveable equipment was thrown overboard. Deficient of power and battling against strong winds, the bomber was soon forced down to 1,000 feet when a third engine failed. In the face of a perilous situation, these members of aircraft crew displayed great steadiness in the execution of their tasks and proved of assistance to their captain who skilfully brought the aircraft down safely on to a rough sea, causing no injury to any of his crew all of whom embarked safely in the dinghy. After 10½ days the dinghy drifted ashore. During this

trying period, Flying Officer Tempest and Sergeants Curnow and Gordon displayed great fortitude and high morale, co-operating with their captain in a most praiseworthy way. These members of aircraft crew have invariably displayed great skill and determination in the course of their operational tasks.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Warrant Officer Harold VERTICAN, D.F.C. (565380), No. 462 Squadron.

This captain of aircraft has taken part in operational missions against targets in Greece, Crete, Sicily and North Africa. While engaged on a sortie in May, 1943, the starboard inner engine of his aircraft failed, and Warrant Officer Vertican turned his aircraft and flew out to sea where the bombs were jettisoned. Soon the port inner engine failed and as the aircraft was gradually losing height all equipment possible was thrown overboard. Deficient of power and battling against strong winds the bomber was soon forced down to a height of 1,000 feet when a third engine failed. Warrant Officer Vertican was now faced with a perilous situation but skilfully he brought the aircraft safely down on to a rough sea causing no injury to any of his crew all of whom successfully embarked in the dinghy. After 10½ days the dinghy had drifted to shore. During all this time Warrant Officer Vertican organised the consumption of the meagre rations, and did all he could to maintain the spirit of his companions at a high level which contributed much to the survival of them all. Warrant Officer Vertican displayed great courage and fortitude throughout this hazardous experience.

Aus.411624 Flight Sergeant Norman Francis WILLIAMS, D.F.M., Royal Australian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in June, 1943, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. During the operation, the bomber was intercepted by 2 enemy fighters. In the first encounter, Flight Sergeant Williams' turret was rendered unserviceable, while he sustained several bullet wounds in the legs and body. Nevertheless, when the second fighter attacked, Flight Sergeant Williams skilfully gave his captain directions which enabled the fighter to be evaded. Flight Sergeant Williams then delivered an accurate burst of fire which caused the enemy aircraft to explode in the air. The first fighter resumed the attack but, although in considerable pain, with both legs partially paralysed, Flight Sergeant Williams with a well placed burst of fire from close range, shot the enemy aircraft down. Making light of his injuries he remained in his damaged turret until a landing was effected when his turret had to be cut away before he could be extricated. By his great skill, courage and determination, this airman contributed in a large measure to the safe return of the bomber and its crew.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.401634 Flight Sergeant David Thomas BARNARD, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 459 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman captained an aircraft which attacked and sunk a U boat in June, 1943. The operation was executed with skill and reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of Flight Sergeant Barnard. Although his aircraft was badly damaged by blast, he flew it safely to base.

1191336 Flight Sergeant Eric John HANN, No. 254 Squadron.

922911 Flight Sergeant Bernard Alan REYNOLDS, No. 254 Squadron.

As pilot and navigator respectively, Flight Sergeants Hann and Reynolds have completed many sorties, including reconnaissances and attacks on enemy shipping. They have displayed great skill and determination and have proved themselves worthy members of aircraft crew.

628229 Flight Sergeant Robert Leonard Myles SMITH, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, Flight Sergeant Smith has taken part in a large number of sorties, including attacks on some of the most heavily