

Balme therefore instructed the flight engineer to feather the port inner engine. The petrol thus conserved enabled Flight Lieutenant Balme to fly the bomber to an airfield in this country. This officer displayed great skill, courage and resolution.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frank Oswald DIMBLEBEE (I33260), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 273 Squadron.

This pilot is engaged on air/sea rescue operations. He has displayed skill and daring throughout, often effecting rescues far from his base and well within sight of the enemy's coastline and fighter aircraft. On other occasions he has brought his aircraft down on to rough and dangerous seas to accomplish his purpose. Flight Lieutenant Dimblebee has been instrumental in picking up 34 of his comrades. He has displayed great ability and keenness and has contributed materially to the efficiency of his flight which has been responsible for rescuing 100 personnel. During an earlier period of his operational career, Flight Lieutenant Dimblebee destroyed an enemy aircraft and a petrol bowser in the course of a low-flying attack.

Flying Officer Joseph Laurier DE HOUX (Can/J.15145), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 137 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, including attacks on enemy airfields both by day and night, and on military installations and shipping. In the course of his activities, Flying Officer De Houx has inflicted damage on 19 barges, 3 minesweepers and 5 locomotives. He has displayed great skill and fighting qualities.

Pilot Officer John GOOD (Aus.408806), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in July, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Turin. Although one of the bomber's engines became unserviceable on the outward flight, causing the aircraft to lose height, Pilot Officer Good continued his mission. When nearing the Alps he ordered a quantity of movable stores to be jettisoned and thus regained height sufficient to cross the mountains and so, on to the target, which was bombed successfully. On the return flight, whilst over the sea and, in daylight, Pilot Officer Good observed one of our bombers in distress. Despite the possibility of enemy fighter interference, he escorted the damaged bomber to an airfield in this country. Pilot Officer Good displayed great skill, courage and resource throughout.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John Frederick HANDASYDE (Aus.400985), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 53 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1250042 Flight Sergeant Harold Arthur POMEROY, No. 53 Squadron.

Flying Officer Handasyde and Flight Sergeant Pomeroy were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft which was attacked by 7 enemy aircraft during an operational flight in July, 1943. During the combat, Flying Officer Handasyde displayed great skill and determination and frustrated no less than 30 to 40 attacks before the engagement terminated 45 minutes later. Early in the fight, Flight Sergeant Pomeroy sustained serious and painful wounds but, displaying great fortitude, he continued to man his gun although he collapsed several times during his efforts. In the face of harassing circumstances, these members of aircraft crew displayed courage and tenacity of a high order.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

616330 Sergeant Alfred James AMES, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has participated in numerous sorties and has displayed great skill and devotion to duty. On one occasion, in November, 1942, during an operation against Turin, his ability was amply demonstrated, thereby proving of great assistance to his pilot in most difficult circumstances. One night in June, 1943, he was a member of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack Gelsenkirchen. During the take-off, he was jolted from his feet in such a way that he sustained an internal injury. In spite of considerable pain, Sergeant Ames refrained from informing his captain and executed his

duties until the operation had been successfully concluded. His devotion to duty set a commendable example.

1239421 Sergeant John Victor Francis FOULSTON, No. 51 Squadron.

One night in July, 1943, this airman was captain and pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Gelsenkirchen. The target was successfully attacked but, whilst over the target area, the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Almost simultaneously, the aircraft flew into a severe electrical storm. Instruments were rendered unserviceable and the aircraft went into a spin. Much height was lost before Sergeant Foulston regained control but his aircraft was again hit by fire from the ground defences and sustained damage to one of its engines. Although in difficulties Sergeant Foulston, by skilful evading action, eventually flew clear. Later, on the return flight, all the petrol from the starboard tanks was lost when the bomber again came under fire and was hit. Despite this, Sergeant Foulston struggled on to reach this country. He was unable to reach an airfield, however, as the petrol became exhausted and the aircraft crashed but the crew escaped injury. In the face of great odds, this pilot displayed superb airmanship, great courage and resolution.

*Amendment.*

In notification of 2nd June, 1943 (Birthday Honours List) (p. 2456, col. 2), Acting Squadron Leaders. For W. J. R. Shepherd (100575), R.A.F.V.R. read W. J. R. Shepherd (84799), R.A.F.V.R.

*Air Ministry, 30th July, 1943.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Air Cdres. (tempy.) granted the rank of Air Cdre. (war subs.):—

C. H. K. EDMONDS, C.B.E., D.S.O. 18th May 1943.

W. F. DICKSON, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C. 26th June, 1943.

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.):—

L. F. PENDRED, M.B.E., D.F.C. 2nd May, 1943.

H. BROADHURST, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C. 29th May, 1943.

F. W. LONG. 5th June 1943.

The undermtd. are granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs.):—

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) C. H. TURNER. 21st June, 1943.

Wg. Cdres. (tempy.):—

Viscount ACHESON (05244). 6th May, 1943.

W. P. SUTCLIFFE, D.F.C. (26247). 9th June 1943.

B. A. CHACKSFIELD (33051). 16th June 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. P. S. JACKSON-TAYLOR (02192). 23rd May, 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. J. G. FRASER (33249) to be Wg. Cdr. (tempy.). 1st July 1943.

The undermtd. are granted the rank of Sqn. Ldr. (war subs.):—

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) B. R. MACNAMARA (25123). 1st June 1943.

Flt. Lts.:—

G. H. WOMERSLEY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (43696). 18th May 1943.

R. W. COX, D.F.C. (43145). 19th May 1943.

H. W. JONES (42711). 1st June 1943.

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

V. PHILLIPS (45749). 16th May 1943.

R. A. COOPER (45814). 19th May 1943.

K. A. MAJOR (47262). 24th May 1943.

F. B. MOSS (45812). 26th May 1943.

J. C. WELLS, D.F.C. (45883). 27th May, 1943.

29th May 1943.

P. C. BARGH (45896).

F. W. HODDINOTT (45900).

N. H. JOSLING, D.F.C. (45844).

G. HALL (45978). 1st June 1943.

A. A. B. CLEAVER (45952). 10th June 1943.

12th June 1943.

P. R. H. HENRY (46126).

H. V. HUBBARD (46018).