

650538 Sergeant Mairne Edwin PLAXTON, Royal Air Force, No. 178 Squadron.

One night in June, 1943, this airman was the flight engineer of an aircraft which attacked the airfield at Comiso. During the action, the aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences. Two of the crew were injured, while a fire broke out near the entrance hatch. Displaying great promptitude, Sergeant Plaxton succeeded in quelling the flames and afterwards rendered efficient first-aid to his wounded comrades; he also succeeded in freeing the rear gunner who was trapped in his turret. By his initiative and promptitude this airman contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft.

1056289 Sergeant John Frederick TROTTER, Royal Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

In July, 1943, this airman was the air bomber of an aircraft detailed to attack an industrial plant at Bologna in Northern Italy. He displayed great skill and efficiency throughout the operation and proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

#### *Air Ministry, 17th August, 1943.*

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

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Sidney HUSKINSON (49300), Royal Air Force, No. 50 Squadron

Flying Officer Walter Stephen JOBLING (120547), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer Bernard William LE SUEUR (80373), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer Thomas LIDDLE (Aus.404426), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Donald McCLELLAND (139420), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alexander McCURE (Can/J.9737), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 76 Squadron.

Flying Officer Maurice Robert McCULLAGH (Can/J.15747), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Theodore John MARTIN (Can/J.8628), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Flying Officer Stanley Allan MORRY (Aus.401074), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 193 Squadron.

Flying Officer Nigel William Cramant MOULD (125916), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Francis Dunsford NORTON (127794), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer Walter Gabriel O'TOOLE (125560), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Flying Officer Earl Frank REID (Can/J.8751), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric James RICHARDS (126507), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Wynne SCAMMELL (49314), Royal Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald Reginald SHADBOLT (110567), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Flying Officer Douglas Dalton SHUTTLEWORTH (Can/J.13018), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer John Baird SMITH (NZ.414691), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 466 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alan Henry John SUMNER (126845), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Owen VAN NOTE (121803), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Flying Officer Phillip William WARD (Aus.402626), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Hurst WILLIS (127863), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Boris Olen BODNAR (Can/J.17669), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Paul Windermere Wilson BRUNTON (N.Z.413541), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth John BULLOCK (51502), Royal Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Francis Campbell CARSWELL (N.Z.404457), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ralph Johnston CLARK (Can/J.17004), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Evan Lionel COLES (139643), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederick Charles COOPER (Can/J.17003), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald COOPER (144190), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Edward Leslie CRAMP (144772), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan CRESSWELL (143221), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Travis CROSSMAN (Can/J.17501), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lawrence Wesley CURTIS (139644), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Earle George DOLBY (Can/J.17608), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Peter DORMAND (51503), Royal Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alfred Ernest FENTON (141833), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Earl Francis FLANAGAN (Can/J.17232), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Norman Dick FYNN (80466), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ivan ROSS GALBRAITH (Aus.406593), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Reginald Arthur GALE (144263), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Cooke Meldrane GALLOWAY (51691), Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Raymond Peter GRIMWOOD (143388), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Edward Fred Hutchinson HALY (144463), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Victor Arthur HARRIS (142510), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Peter HEATON (Can/J.16801), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Roy Alexander HENRY (Can/J.17441), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Rex HOOD (144767), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Stuart Reginald HOOPER (Aus.408844), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold Clifford HOOVER (Can/J.17343), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry LADLAW (142565), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Robert LAWS (Can/J.16669), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald William LAWTON (Aus.406599), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Terence McKINLEY (N.Z.402544), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 102 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William Mead MAXWELL (Can/J.17114), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Earl Edward MORGAN (Can/J.17009), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Mossop, D.F.M. (144165), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 176 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Matthew John MURPHY (Can/J.16832), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ward Clifford PARSONS (Can/J.17328), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Thomas Oswald PLEDGER (Can/J.9694), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Norman PULLAN (145329), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan Arthur REDBOND (138208), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leonard Thomas Christopher RICHARDS (144461), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Burgess ROSS (139642), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.