

occasion, 1 engine of his aircraft was rendered unserviceable when hit by anti-aircraft fire. Nevertheless, he skilfully flew the aircraft to base many hundreds of miles distant. This officer has displayed courage, skill and tenacity of a high order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Grey MANIFOLD (Aus.409003), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1452164 Sergeant Austin Charles Frederick BROWN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Manifold and Sergeant Brown were pilot and bomb aimer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an industrial plant at Cislago one night in July, 1943. Visibility was poor in the vicinity of the target but, displaying great persistence, Flight Lieutenant Manifold flew over the area for some considerable time until the precise objective could be identified. Despite fighter interference, Flight Lieutenant Manifold flew in to attack and Sergeant Brown released his bombs with accuracy. Both these members of aircraft crew displayed great skill, courage and tenacity.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John Howard TURNBULL (Can/J.6211), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 600 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1186762 Sergeant Cecil Frank James FOWLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, this officer and airman have taken part in many night operations and have destroyed 5 enemy aircraft. They have displayed skill and tenacity worthy of high praise.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Robert WAUGH (125453), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1336334 Sergeant Douglas Alaric BOARDS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

917104 Sergeant Frederick John WATSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in July, 1943, Flying Officer Waugh and Sergeants Boards and Watson were captain, second pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed for an operation against Hamburg. When nearing the target engine trouble developed, causing the bomber to vibrate violently. The defective engine caught fire and burned fiercely. In an effort to extinguish the flames by the force of the wind, Flying Officer Waugh dived the aircraft to 6,000 feet. His efforts were unsuccessful and it was not until the bomber was down to 2,500 feet that the flames were extinguished. Some height was then regained and course was set for home. When over the North Sea a second engine became defective and, in an effort to maintain height, all movable equipment was jettisoned and thus Flying Officer Waugh was enabled to reach an airfield where he effected a safe landing. During the return flight, Sergeants Boards and Watson displayed great coolness and resource and assisted materially to the safe return of the aircraft. In very trying circumstances these 3 members of aircraft crew displayed great courage, coolness and determination.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1182061 Flight Sergeant Raymond Gordon AKHURST, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman is a courageous and determined pilot who has undertaken many sorties. On 1 occasion, with a target in Crete as the objective, he pressed home a most determined attack in the face of intense fire from the ground defences, obtaining good results. During the operation his aircraft was extensively damaged. Despite this, he attempted to reach base. Whilst over the sea, the aircraft could no longer be flown but Flight Sergeant Akhurst brought it skilfully down on to the water without injury to any of his crew. His skill and coolness were mainly responsible for their safety.

1316702 Sergeant Geoffrey Lewis COXON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

One night in July, 1943, Sergeant Coxon piloted an aircraft detailed for air operation against Hamburg. Whilst many miles from the target, 1 of the bomber's engines caught fire and was rendered unserviceable. Despite this, Sergeant Coxon continued his mission. Shortly after altering course, in an effort to save time, a second engine caught fire and in spite of all attempts to extinguish the flames the engine burned until the target had been bombed and the aircraft was over the sea on the return flight. All movable equipment had to be jettisoned in an effort to maintain height and, displaying great determination, Sergeant Coxon succeeded in flying the damaged bomber to an airfield. He displayed skill and resolution of a high order.

N.Z.414382 Sergeant Bernard CULLINANE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

This airman has completed 35 sorties and has invariably displayed great skill and determination in pressing home his attacks often in the face of heavy opposition. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on the seaplane base at Syracuse and his excellent work contributed materially to the successes obtained. He is a first class pilot whose record is worthy of high praise.

*Air Ministry, 20th August, 1943.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Major Eric Marlin LEWIS, D.F.C. (103088), South African Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Thornhill SHAW, D.F.C. (108962), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 32 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander William George MOSEBY (37327), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 153 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Basil HOLGATE (33426), Royal Air Force, No. 143 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Angus William HORNE, A.F.C. (40708), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 600 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader James Richard Eastham PROCTER (42435), Royal Air Force, No. 120 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Stanley Sutherland DUFF (42340), Royal Air Force, No. 153 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant David William EADIE (62665), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 210 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Muir GALL (64310), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 201 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Duncan Kennedy McCUAIG (67629), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 543 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Elliott HANLON (N.Z.40228), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Peter Henry STEMBRIDGE (118184), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 172 Squadron.

Flying Officer Michael Julius Wedgwood BENN (103589), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 153 Squadron.

Flying Officer Peter Humphrey DENE (126952), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 172 Squadron.

Flying Officer William Maynard FRENCH (Can/J.4742), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 228 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Russell HOWARD (134193), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 143 Squadron.

Flying Officer Thomas Reid JONES (Can/J.6016), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 280 Squadron.

Flying Officer Murray Clarence JOHNSON (Aus.407678), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flying Officer Leslie Eyre PARKER (Aus.401535), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flying Officer Raymond Joseph PATERSON (N.Z.404646), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Flying Officer Harold REEVES (133999), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 543 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Harold SHELMEKDINE (108825), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 542 Squadron.