

members of the crew. Thrice he entered the wreckage and was successful in assisting 2 of his injured comrades to safety. This airman displayed exemplary conduct throughout and his gallant efforts in harassing circumstances were worthy of high praise.

1433893 Sergeant William Surtees LAMBERT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 283 Squadron.

In June, 1943, this airman piloted an aircraft to the aid of 4 members of a bomber crew who were in their dinghy and drifting near the enemy coast. The sea was exceedingly rough, making the task of alighting his aircraft on the water very hazardous. Nevertheless, Sergeant Lambert accomplished the feat and took his comrades aboard. It was impossible to take-off again but Sergeant Lambert resourcefully taxied the aircraft for some 50 miles before being towed by a launch for the remainder of the homeward journey. In circumstances of great difficulty this airman displayed courage and resource of a high order.

1815007 Sergeant Austin John SARGEANT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this airman was the flight engineer of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Whilst over the city the aircraft was repeatedly hit by fire from a fighter. The rear gunner and bomb aimer were seriously wounded while Sergeant Sargeant was hit in the knee by fragments of cannon shell. The inter-communication was rendered unserviceable but Sargeant, who told his captain that he was unhurt, made contact with his injured comrades, tended to them and then coolly resumed his duties. Later, whilst over the sea, the pilot was compelled to bring his aircraft down on to the water and acting on his own initiative, during the descent Sargeant jettisoned much moveable equipment in an effort to lighten the aircraft. After 6 hours in the dinghy an air-borne lifeboat was dropped to the crew and it was only when they were transferring to it that the captain became aware of the flight engineer's injury. This airman displayed great fortitude, courage and devotion to duty in very trying circumstances.

*Air Ministry, 28th September, 1943.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Dennis Frank SPORSWOOD, D.F.C. (37733), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 500 Squadron.

*Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader George Urquhart HILL, D.F.C. (Can/C.1075), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. III Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Stephen Walter DANIEL, D.F.C. (46874), Royal Air Force, No. 72 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Alexander Kenneth Stebbing McCURDY, D.F.C. (82683), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 614 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Evan Dall MACKIE, D.F.C. (N.Z.41520), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 243 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Wilfred Max SIZER, D.F.C. (40758), Royal Air Force, No. 93 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Denys Crosbie SANDEMAN (81052), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Harry William George ANDREWS (85639), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader David LINLEY (118543), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 221 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Paul PETERS (40641), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 142 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Laurence Hinton STYLES (44882), Royal Air Force, No. 153 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Jack FENWICK-WEBB (64279), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Noel Rupert KING (N.Z.41337), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 162 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Hugh Donald RAMSAY (62658), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 1435 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Raymond Johnson WATSON (N.Z.404978) Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 162 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Munro Don WYLIE (60083), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip Goodrich ADAMS (Aus.402835), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 95 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harold Vincent HORNER (Aus.406595), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 204 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Le Page LANGLOIS (Aus.416685), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas Keith THORBURN (121408), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 13 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cyril Stanley BAMBERGER (116515), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 93 Squadron.

Flying Officer Stanley Franklin BROWNE (N.Z.411853), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 93 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur Reginald CARTER (Can/J.15673), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 153 Squadron.

Flying Officer Philip Hugh Capel HANBURY (118400), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Francis Warren LEDBETTER (Aus.400425), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flying Officer Warren LEWIS (N.Z.413094), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 172 Squadron.

Flying Officer William Frederick MATTEN (135166), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 162 Squadron.

Lieutenant Christopher KAVANAGH (92435V), South African Air Force, No. 40 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant McClellan Eric Sutton ROBINSON (102531V), South African Air Force, No. 1 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frank MASON (127328), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.406801 Flight Sergeant Jocelyn Coyte BARTLETT, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

31541 Flight Sergeant Jeremiah Cornelius SMIT, South African Air Force, No. 24 Squadron.

1077187 Sergeant Ralph HARRISON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.

1435463 Sergeant William HOLMES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Can/R.122464 Sergeant John Patrick LEE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

529248 Sergeant Arthur MOY, Royal Air Force.

656445 Sergeant Francis George WILKINSON, Royal Air Force, No. 153 Squadron.

Aus.414424 Sergeant Gordon Robert WILSON, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

*Air Ministry, 28th September, 1943.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to members of the Royal Australian Air Force:—

*Air Force Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Frederick Robert MAGUIRE (Aus.261537).

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Victor ROBERTSON (Aus.250752).

*Air Ministry, 28th September, 1943.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the Solomon Islands:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Errol Howard BROWN (N.Z.1296).

Flying Officer Geoffrey Bryson FISKEN (N.Z.401556).

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.42499 Sergeant Roland Charles Cecil NAIFF,