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Flying Officer Terence Edward DODWELL (115307), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has displayed great skill and devotion to duty. As pilot, he has undertaken a large number of sorties, many of them involving a penetration far into enemy territory. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Dodwell has completed his missions with great skill and has achieved important successes thereby rendering most valuable service.

Pilot Officer James BOWMAN (148116), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them whilst serving in the Middle East. He has executed his tasks with skill and determination and his excellent example has proved a source of inspiration. On several occasions his aircraft has sustained damage by enemy action but each time, except on one occasion when he was forced to come down on to the sea, he has flown his damaged bomber to base. He has displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Frank William COSENS (149591), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover. Shortly after the target had been bombed, the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. The mid-upper and rear gunners were wounded and their turrets rendered unserviceable, the electrical system failed, while the wireless apparatus caught fire and had to be jettisoned. Just as Pilot Officer Cosens regained control of the bomber, which had lost considerable height, it was attacked by another fighter. Further damage was sustained and the situation became serious. Pilot Officer Cosens resolutely held to his course, however, and crossed the enemy coast. The aircraft was gradually losing height but Pilot Officer Cosens struggled on to reach an airfield, where he effected a safe landing. This officer displayed skill, courage and tenacity of a high order.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Atherton CRANKSHAW, D.F.M. (N.Z.404533), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

As air gunner, Pilot Officer Crankshaw has participated in a very large number of sorties and has displayed outstanding determination and devotion to duty. One night in August, 1943, during a sortie against Berlin, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. Coolly and skilfully, Pilot Officer Crankshaw engaged the attacker and his accurate shooting caused the enemy aircraft to dive away, apparently on fire. This officer has displayed courage and confidence, setting an excellent example.

Pilot Officer Henry Stewart GIFFORD (155257), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on important industrial centres in Germany and Italy. He is a resolute and skilful pilot, whose determination to achieve success has been most praiseworthy. In August, 1943, he participated in an operation on Peenemunde, executing his attack with accuracy. Pilot Officer Gifford is a model captain and his excellent qualities have been reflected in the high morale of his crew.

Pilot Officer Harry GOWAN (Can/J.17018), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As captain and pilot, this officer has participated in very many sorties, including attacks on Berlin, Dusseldorf, Cologne and Hamburg. On 1 occasion, when attacking the latter city in July, 1943, his aircraft was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Despite this, Pilot Officer Gowan successfully completed his attack and afterwards flew the damaged bomber to base. This officer has set a high standard of skill and resolution.

Pilot Officer Theodore George Lovell IRWIN (Aus.413200), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful pilot, whose determination throughout the many sorties he has undertaken has been a feature of his excellent work. Pilot Officer Irwin has obtained many successes,

including a noteworthy attack against an important target at Peenemunde. This officer has set an excellent example of courage and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Leslie William John KING (149660), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

As flight engineer, Pilot Officer King has completed many sorties and has displayed skill and keenness of a high order. On 1 occasion, at an early stage of a daylight sortie against Le Creusot, Pilot Officer King was badly injured in the face by flying splinters when the windscreens of his aircraft was shattered. Although in considerable pain and unable to see, this gallant flight engineer refused to allow other members of the crew to leave their stations to come to his aid. During the remainder of the flight he displayed great fortitude and constantly attempted to render assistance. His courageous example proved most inspiring. Upon recovery, Pilot Officer King resumed operations and has executed his duties with rare zeal.

Pilot Officer Alexander William LOWE (N.Z.415703), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 90 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked Mannheim one night in September, 1943. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was hit by machine-gun fire from a fighter. A fire broke out near the flare chute, while the inter-communication system was rendered unserviceable. Pilot Officer Lowe coolly withheld his attack, however, until the fire had been extinguished and the inter-communication system had been repaired. He then made a second run over the target and pressed home a vigorous attack. His coolness, courage and determination set a fine example.

Pilot Officer Henry Ronald Vincent WALKUP (155213), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover. On the outward flight whilst still over this country, the air speed indicator, the altimeter and other essential equipment became unserviceable. Pilot Officer Walkup continued to the target, however, and executed a successful attack. This officer, who has participated in numerous sorties, displayed great skill and resolution in adverse circumstances.

Pilot Officer Harold John Alfred WRIGHT, D.F.M. (Aus.405611), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this officer was the navigator of an aircraft detailed for an operation against Modane. In spite of adverse weather, Pilot Officer Wright unerringly guided his pilot to the precise target exactly as planned. His skilful and commendable efforts contributed materially to the success of the operation. This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has set a high standard of devotion to duty throughout.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1234969 Acting Flight Sergeant David Mark Claude SILVERMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Silverman has participated in very many sorties over enemy territory. He has displayed keenness, while his vigilance and skill have made him a valuable member of aircraft crew. On one occasion, during an attack on Hamburg in July, 1943, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The turret was badly damaged and the inter-communication system rendered unserviceable. In spite of this, Flight Sergeant Silverman resourcefully maintained contact with his pilot by means of signals and thus assisted in driving off an enemy fighter which attempted to attack. His example has been worthy of high praise.

1080088 Acting Flight Sergeant Michael John Ernest STONELEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

As wireless operator, this airman has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on important enemy targets. He has displayed great skill and devotion to duty and proved himself to be a most reliable member of aircraft crew. On one occasion, during an attack on Hamburg in July, 1943, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. The flight engineer