

taken many successful sorties against enemy airfields. During a recent operation they shot down 2 enemy aircraft, one of them after a long pursuit. Their skill and tenacity were highly commendable. Squadron Leader Beveridge is a most efficient flight commander who has set a fine example of devotion to duty, while Sergeant Bays has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.408945 Flight Sergeant Gordon Campbell ALLSOP, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 269 Squadron.

In October, 1943, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft engaged on an anti-submarine patrol. During the sortie, a U-boat was sighted on the surface of the sea and about a mile ahead. Flight Sergeant Allsop immediately dived to attack. He was met with intense anti-aircraft fire from the U-boat but, despite this, Flight Sergeant Allsop executed his attack with such accuracy that the vessel sank almost immediately, leaving a large patch of oil and survivors in the water. Flight Sergeant Allsop has invariably displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

Can/R.66602 Flight Sergeant Robert John BURTON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Burton has participated in very many sorties against well defended targets and has proved himself to be a most dependable member of aircraft crew. One night in September, 1943, Flight Sergeant Burton took part in an attack on Bochum. During the operation, an enemy fighter flew in to attack the bomber from close range. Coolly and skilfully, Flight Sergeant Burton directed his captain in the necessary evading tactics and subsequently, with a well directed burst of fire, he shot the enemy aircraft down. His efforts contributed materially to the success of the operation and the safe return of the bomber.

1338939 Flight Sergeant Bernard BOLSWORTH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

975634 Sergeant George Muirhead GOGGANS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

These airmen were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover one night in October, 1943. Nearing the target area the bomber was attacked by a fighter from close range. Sergeant Goggans immediately engaged the attacker, and, with a well directed burst of fire, shot the enemy aircraft down. In the combat, the bomber had sustained damage, but, in spite of this, Flight Sergeant Bolsworth continued his bombing run and executed a successful attack. He displayed exceptional skill and tenacity throughout, while Sergeant Goggans proved himself to be a vigilant and skilful gunner, whose example was highly commendable.

971845 Flight Sergeant Christopher William CHARLTON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner this airman has taken part in a very large number of sorties. He has at all times proved himself to be a most reliable member of aircraft crew and his skilful work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. Flight Sergeant Charlton has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Can/R.695111 Flight Sergeant Duncan Archibald CHISHOLM, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Chisholm is a skilful, cool and determined air gunner. He has undertaken very many sorties and, on more than one occasion in encounters with enemy fighters, he has fought with great zest. Flight Sergeant Chisholm has set a very fine example by his keenness and confidence.

941556 Flight Sergeant Leonard Gordon HALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Hall is a very efficient wireless operator/air gunner. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on important and well defended targets. His coolness and resolution in the face of the enemy have proved inspiring.

522582 Sergeant Lewis Edward HOPKINS, Royal Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

As flight engineer, Sergeant Hopkins has participated in very many sorties against important targets and throughout has displayed great zeal and resolution. He is a highly efficient engineer, whose exemplary conduct has been worthy of great praise.

1313405 Sergeant Eric Edwin WAKEFORD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

This airman is a highly skilled wireless operator/air gunner and, throughout his tour of operations, has displayed great determination and devotion to duty. Sergeant Wakeford has rendered excellent service and his efforts have proved a valuable contribution towards the success of many of the sorties in which he has taken part.

*Air Ministry, 9th November, 1943.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

*Appointment to commission.*

*As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—*

*Wt. Offs.*

580789 Ronald James Plumbridge WARREN (53310). 18th June 1943.

565534 William GAIR (53263). 2nd Aug. 1943.

520738 Ronald Charles Alfred KERRY (52611). 14th Aug. 1943.

564520 James Lewis Alfred BAILEY (53302). 8th Sept. 1943.

*Flt. Sgts.*

644561 Allan Patterson RICHARDSON (53280). 13th Feb. 1943.

569282 Harold John STAMMERS (53301). 9th Aug. 1943.

527331 John Edward WILLIAMS (53300). 16th Aug. 1943.

570556 George Richard BRADLEY (53275). 31st Aug. 1943.

631859 Dennis Samuel Leo REID (53313). 22nd Sept. 1943.

569484 Alfred Leslie LANGWORTHY (53279). 23rd Sept. 1943.

*1st Oct. 1943.*

568611 Michael Arthur Norman HILLS (55131).

541998 Douglas Terence ISRAEL (55127).

650204 Arthur Joseph Philip MONK (55133).

631063 Dennis Walter SPIRY (55128).

352784 George Frederick TALMAGE (53220). 9th Oct. 1943.

*Sgts.*

526603 Charles James ADAIR (53312). 19th June 1943.

562791 Austin James Bernard MACKRETH (52608). 31st July 1943.

571066 Arthur Edward HESSEL (53276). 19th Aug. 1943.

636827 Leonard Andrew Lodge GREGORY (53317). 11th Sept. 1943.

639576 George Charles HOLLAND (53318). 16th Sept. 1943.

639022 Harry Rowan BRIGGS (53303). 19th Sept. 1943.

526564 John Ross MUNRO (55129). 1st Oct. 1943.

*Cpls.*

568782 Raymond Claude ANDREWS (52612). 14th Aug. 1943.

*1st Oct. 1943.*

591770 Edward Leonard CONNOR (55130).

570030 Cyril George LEWIS (55132).

*Amendment.*

The notifi. of 22nd Sept. 1942 (p. 4116, col. 1) concerning R. L. DEVERS (53254) should have appeared under the R.A.F. and not the R.A.F.V.R. and his number is as now stated.

*Transfer between branches.*

Flt. Lt. A. J. J. KIRK (45979) to the Tech. Br. 10th July 1943.

*Commission terminated.*

Flg.-Off. S. S. BRUGH (52602) on return to Army duty. 11th Oct. 1943.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

*Appointment to commission.*

*As Flg. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—*

*Wt. Offs.*

361607 Herbert Alfred OLDFIELD (52840). 2nd Sept. 1943.

*23rd Sept. 1943.*

361716 John Henry HOLMAN (52983).

507589 Norman KENNEDY (53057).

359193 Basil Frederick KNIGHTLEY (53058).

508959 Samuel James SHARPE (53030).

*As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency), 23rd Sept. 1943:—*

*Wt. Off.*

561503 Harold James CHENERY (53031).