

Acting Squadron Leader Dillwyn Henry THOMAS, D.F.M. (46302), Royal Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Thomas has displayed exceptional skill which has contributed materially to the success of many sorties in which he has participated. He has displayed great keenness and has proved himself to be a valuable asset. In addition to his operational activities, Squadron Leader Thomas has devoted much of his knowledge and energies towards the training of other air crews with excellent results. His sterling qualities have been worthy of high praise.

Flight Lieutenant John Rupert PREEDY (79183), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them in the Middle East. He is a navigator of high merit and his skilful efforts have played a good part in the successful bombing of a wide variety of targets. Flight Lieutenant Preedy is an ideal captain, whose fearlessness and unswerving devotion to duty have set an example of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Wynne Brunson KELLY, D.F.C. (N.Z.403562), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg, Milan and important centres in the Ruhr. He is an exceptionally skilful navigator, whose efforts throughout have been featured by great persistence and determination to achieve success. Flight Lieutenant Kelly has also displayed great keenness in the training of other members of the squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur William RAYBOULD, D.F.M. (122402), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and his efforts have been attended with much success. He is an outstanding captain, whose gallant example, dogged determination and unflinching devotion to duty have set an example of the highest order. Flight Lieutenant Raybould has participated in attacks on a wide variety of targets, including Essen, Hamburg, Dortmund and Cologne.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Heath WILSON, D.F.C. (123621), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 83 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Wilson has participated in a very large number of sorties over Germany and German occupied territory. He is a highly efficient officer, whose accurate and skilful work has contributed in a large measure to the successes achieved. Flight Lieutenant Wilson has rendered most valuable service.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Leonard WRIGHT, D.F.C. (N.Z.405781), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

This officer is an outstanding captain, who has proved his skill in very many attacks on important enemy targets. Throughout his tour he has displayed great keenness and his determination to press home his attacks has always been evident. Flight Lieutenant Wright is an inspiring leader, whose courageous example has won great praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Ernest Francis George HADDESLEY (Can/J.26846), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in November, 1943, this officer was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft which attacked Dusseldorf. Soon after the bombs had been released the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. An accurate burst of machine-gun fire from the enemy hit the bomber and caused much damage. Although he was struck in the shoulder by three bullets, Pilot Officer Haddesley opened fire with good effect, driving off the enemy aircraft which fell away with its engines and fuselage on fire. Despite the severity of his injuries and the loss of blood, this gallant gunner remained at his guns until his aircraft had neared the English coast. He displayed courage, skill and fortitude of a high order.

Pilot Officer Ivan Alderwin HIBBERT (149827), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

As air bomber, Pilot Officer Hibbert has participated in very many sorties and has displayed

great skill, coolness and devotion to duty. On several occasions his aircraft has been damaged by enemy action but, unperturbed, Pilot Officer Hibbert has executed his bombing tasks with accuracy and determination. He has displayed great confidence throughout, setting a very fine example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1335655 Sergeant James Henry JENNINGS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

As navigator, Sergeant Jennings has participated in a large number of sorties and has displayed skill of a high order. With unfailing accuracy he has guided his pilot to the target, often in the face of strong opposition, and his efforts have contributed materially to the successes achieved. Sergeant Jennings has rendered fine service.

Air Ministry, 30th November, 1943

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain John DARWEN, D.F.C., Royal Air Force (since deceased).

Acting Group Captain William George MOSEBY, D.F.C., Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 153 Squadron.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Roy MCKENZIE (103566), South African Air Force, No. 458 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Terence Martin CHANNON (63076), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Huntley Gordon HOLMES, D.F.C. (42464), Royal Air Force, No. 500 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Frederick James ODOIRE, D.F.C., A.F.C. (43139), Royal Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Storrs MORTON, D.F.C. (90727), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 219 Squadron.

Flying Officer Reginald Joseph GILLIES, D.F.C. (125945), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Geoffrey Frederic POWELL (70550), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 47 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Cyril BAILEY (102088), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 219 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Richard BRADWELL (60522), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant George Edward Frederick GOODE (88447), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Graham HUNTER (68161), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Donald Cameron WILSON (Can/J.15542), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Gordon BELL (Can/J.9673), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 221 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Henry EARL (Can/J.12674), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Norman GOURLIE (104471), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bruce Kinsella HOWARTH (Aus.409308), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry Algernon LANGTON (113396), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 104 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gerald Bernard LEDDY (Can/J.17478), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 424 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Owen Althorp PHILLIPS (Aus.406445), Royal Australian Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant David RAMSAY (Can/J.12973), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Keith STAUNTON (Aus.404415), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Victor Dempster ARDIS (Can/J.16907), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Harold Lackland BEVAN (86005), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.