

on important enemy targets. He is a model of efficiency and his efforts have contributed materially to the successes obtained. By his unswerving devotion to duty and outstanding keenness he has set an example of a high order.

Flying Officer James Stewart LEES (Can/J.20727), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig one night in December, 1943. Whilst many miles from the target the aircraft was hit by bullets from an enemy fighter. The rear turret was rendered unserviceable and the main hydraulic gear was damaged. The windscreen near the pilot was shattered causing intense cold in the cabin. In spite of this, this resolute pilot flew on to the target and executed his attack, afterwards flying the aircraft to base where he effected a masterly landing. His skill, courage and tenacity set an example of the highest order. Pilot Officer Lees has successfully completed very many sorties, including 5 attacks on Berlin.

Flying Officer Thomas ГОРНАМ (145307), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets in the Middle East and, more recently, in Germany. His navigational ability has always been evident and has played a good part in the success achieved. He has displayed great zeal for operations, setting an example worthy of emulation.

Pilot Officer Eric Burling GOODALL (155262), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Goodall has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on most of the important and heavily defended targets in Germany. He has displayed great skill and has invariably pressed home his attacks with determination. On 1 occasion his aircraft was attacked by a fighter but, by skilful manoeuvring, Pilot Officer Goodall enabled his gunners to engage the attacker which was shot down. On another occasion his aircraft was attacked by 3 enemy fighters. By good tactics he enabled his gunners to drive off the attackers. He is a fine leader whose example has proved inspiring.

Pilot Officer Hylton Lewis MACKAY (149104), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

As air gunner, this officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has displayed great keenness and devotion to duty throughout. He is a most efficient member of aircraft crew, whose services have been of great value.

Pilot Officer Alan Cargill SMART (161078), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. During the operation the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. In the ensuing engagement the bomber was repeatedly hit. One engine was rendered useless and a second one was damaged as were the ailerons and the flaps. Nevertheless, by skilful tactics, Pilot Officer Smart enabled his gunners to engage and destroy the attacker from close range. Some 30 minutes later another fighter was encountered. Although his aircraft had become difficult to control, Pilot Officer Smart outmanoeuvred the enemy aircraft and his gunners shot it down. This officer displayed great skill, courage and resolution. He has completed many sorties, on 9 of which his aircraft has been attacked by fighters; 6 of them were shot down.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1324950 Sergeant Denys Gino ROGORA, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Sergeant Rogora has taken part in many sorties and has proved himself to be a valuable member of aircraft crew. He has never failed to navigate his aircraft to the allotted target and back to base and his faultless work has played a good part in the success achieved. Sergeant Rogora has rendered excellent service.

Air Ministry, 28th December, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

625281 Frank GARBUIT (53721). 13th Sept. 1943.
651594 Robert FRAZER (53739). 23rd Sept. 1943.

535166 Herbert LORD (53673). 8th Oct. 1943.
611601 Charles Ernest HUNTER (53723). 16th Oct. 1943.
515475 Chris CARTER (53362). 30th Oct. 1943.
511574 Thomas George Daniel HAMMOND (53734). 10th Nov. 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

630114 Denis STONE (53725). 12th June 1943.
559206 Eric Claud DOWLING (53729). 18th June 1943.
543783 Malcolm Melhuish YENDELL (53684). 5th Aug. 1943.
628021 Garner ROBINSON, D.F.M. (53730). 3rd Oct. 1943.
544109 Jack STINGEMORE (53724). 24th Oct. 1943.
527190 William Randolph BIRKETT (53722). 2nd Nov. 1943.
515383 James Horace Ralph HICKS (53719). 4th Nov. 1943.
614539 John Henry BROOKS (53735). 5th Nov. 1943.

Temp. Flt. Sgt.

633430 Frank Alfred George PARKER (53732). 21st Sept. 1943.

Sgts.

570211 John Victor HOLF (53683). 17th Aug. 1943.
640456 James Dennington LONG (53728). 1st Sept. 1943.
546413 Harold Owen SCATCHARD (53733). 14th Sept. 1943.
650522 Archibald Leonard Richard JORDAN (53727). 23rd Sept. 1943.
633255 Peter Ewan HEAD (53736). 8th Oct. 1943.
569801 John Edward MILLIS (53252). 23rd Oct. 1943.
575654 Edward Austin DOWLAND (53731). 26th Oct. 1943.

Cpls.

632444 Dennis Gilbert DUMPER (55261). 17th Sept. 1943.
630032 Selwyn Albert BARRETT (53251). 23rd Oct. 1943.

Acm. 2nd Cl.

526612 Edward Luke HORSFALL (53271). 16th Oct. 1943.

Amendment.

In notifi. of 9th Feb. 1943 (p. 702, col. 2) concerning George Edward BAILEY, D.F.M. (50567) for 16th July 1942 read 23rd Dec. 1941.

The notifi. of 30th Nov. 1943 (p. 5249, col. 2) concerning Flt. Lt. G. A. TANSLEY should have appeared under R.A.F. and not R.A.F.V.R.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Appointment to commission.

As Flg. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

Wts. Offs.

28th Oct. 1943.
362056 Byron John MARTIN (53339).
348780 Albert George SALTER (53340).

18th Nov. 1943.

361695 Arthur Gilbert HAYWOOD (53533).
509223 John HOEY (53532).
362649 Arthur Edward PELL (53536).
507847 William James SAUNDERS (53541).

As Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—

Wt. Offs.

516512 Arthur Martin PORTER (53289). 21st Oct. 1943.
561456 George Douglas BEAGARIE (53328). 28th Oct. 1943.
356385 Harry Arthur READ (53466). 11th Nov. 1943.

18th Nov. 1943.

510713 John Herbert CROWTHER (53527).
534492 Cyril Noel EVANS (53529).
566987 George Albert GRAHAM (53531).
515199 Leonard Eric GREGORY (53530).
566549 John William Frederick SAUNDERS (53544).
566736 William SWAN (53543).
565027 Richard Fred TAYLOR (53546).

Flt. Sgts.

534186 David Derrick BARBER (53292). 21st Oct. 1943.

4th Nov. 1943.

364524 Albert Frank BRYANT (53410).
560085 Leslie Alan DEUCHAR (53400).
561948 Harold John TUCK (53381).