

Germany's most heavily defended targets. The great success he has achieved despite many difficulties has been due to his courage, determination and skill. He has set a praiseworthy example.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack VIVIAN, D.F.C. (116153), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Now on his second tour of operational duty, Squadron Leader Vivian's work both in the air and on the ground, has always been of a high order. He has attacked such heavily defended targets as Berlin, Hanover, Kassel and Dusseldorf. One night in August, 1943, when detailed for an operation against Leipzig, despite very adverse weather, he continued to the target and completed a successful attack. Both as a flight commander and captain of aircraft this navigator has set a high standard of courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick James GARVEY, D.F.C. (117420), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Garvey has been continuously engaged on operations since January, 1943. Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross he has continued to perform his duties with outstanding distinction and brilliance. During one of his sorties over Essen, a large bomb was hit by anti-aircraft fire after being released and exploded directly beneath his aircraft. Determined to complete his task, despite this hazardous experience, Flight Lieutenant Garvey made several runs over this most heavily defended target. Flight Lieutenant Garvey's fearlessness and resolution in the face of the enemy have, at all times been exceptional.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephanus Francois Du TOIT, D.F.C. (P.102712V), South African Air Force.

In November, 1943, this officer led a squadron in a low-level attack on an enemy landing ground in Yugoslavia. The attack was pressed home with vigour and resulted in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft; a number of others were damaged and 2 gun positions were silenced. By his gallant leadership, great skill and courage, this officer played a good part in the success achieved.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader George CRAWFORD, A.F.C. (72986), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 53 Squadron.

This officer was the captain of an aircraft detailed for an anti-submarine patrol recently. In spite of difficulties, Squadron Leader Crawford persisted in his mission and eventually a U-boat was sighted. Coolly and skilfully, Squadron Leader Crawford pressed home his attack with great determination. Undeterred by accurate and concentrated anti-aircraft fire, he made 2 runs over the vessel, straddling it with his depth charges on the second run. In this action, Squadron Leader Crawford displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alfred John Shirley HOBSON (130663), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties, involving attacks on various centres in the Ruhr and many other important targets in Germany. He is a fearless and skilful captain, whose determination to achieve success has always been apparent and his efforts have been worthy of great praise. His example has greatly inspired his crew.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie KILVINGTON (Aus.413312), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

This officer has set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty throughout his tour of operations which has included several attacks on Berlin. On a recent occasion, on the outward flight with targets in this city as the objective, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Although damage was sustained, Flight Lieutenant Kilvington went on to the target which he attacked with accuracy. He has displayed commendable courage and keenness.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas Allister MACDONALD (Can/J.14691), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 630 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Macdonald is a highly skilled and most determined pilot who has taken part in very many attacks on targets important to the enemy's war effort. He has displayed a high degree of courage and resolution in pressing home his attacks, qualities which have earned him much success. One night in November, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Macdonald piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a target in central Germany. Before reaching the target one engine of his aircraft became useless. Despite this, and in the face of extremely trying weather, Flight Lieutenant Macdonald completed his task successfully. His achievement was most commendable.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Wilfrid Cyril RICHES (121448), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Riches has completed many operational missions against the enemy's most important objectives. He is a most reliable captain of aircraft. One night in November, 1943, he was detailed for a leading role in the attack on Berlin. During the approach to the target, the bomber was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire which caused the port inner engine to catch alight. Nevertheless Flight Lieutenant Riches continued to his objective and completed an accurate attack. During the return flight, after flying for almost 2 hours on 3 engines, the bomber's starboard outer engine failed. Owing to his great skill this officer succeeded in reaching base where he made a safe landing. Flight Lieutenant Riches has displayed courage and resolution of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Frederick TURNER (125593), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including 3 attacks on Berlin and others against heavily defended areas in the Ruhr. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination, often in the face of heavy opposition. Flight Lieutenant Turner has displayed great skill and courage and his achievements have been highly commendable.

Captain Phillip Daniel BRYANT (103354V), South African Air Force, No. 2 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In November, 1943, this officer took part in a low level attack on an enemy landing ground in Yugoslavia. Much success was achieved and Captain Bryant, who led his flight with rare skill and dash in the face of intense opposing fire from the ground defences, destroyed 1 and damaged another Junkers 87. This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed a high degree of skill and courage. In air combat he has destroyed 2 Messerschmitt 109s.

Flying Officer Burgess JOHN BEARE (Can/J.21277), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has displayed commendable skill, keenness and devotion to duty. During a sortie early in October, 1943, Flying Officer Beare was compelled to bring his aircraft down on to the sea. His keenness was such, however, that, within a few days of being rescued, he had resumed flying duties. Towards the end of the month, Flying Officer Beare took part in an engagement against a large force of enemy bombers and fighters. In the fight, he manipulated his guns with deadly effect and shot down 3 Junkers 88s. in rapid succession; the enemy aircraft hit the sea almost simultaneously. He also drove off a fighter which was attacking his leader. Flying Officer Beare displayed great skill and determination throughout.

Flying Officer Henry Douglas ROBB (123195), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of attacks on important enemy targets, including such centres as Berlin, Bremen, Essen and Stuttgart. Throughout his long tour of operations he has displayed exceptional navigational ability and his excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. His courageous and determined example has inspired all with whom he has flown.

Lieutenant David Goring WOOD (206515V), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In November, 1943, this officer took part in an attack on a railway crossing at Castel Frentano,