

attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. The wind screen was shattered and the bomb doors were shot away. The aircraft went into a spin and considerable height was lost before the pilot regained control. Sergeant Dickinson severely hurt his back when he was thrown from his seat. All his equipment was useless. Nevertheless, he navigated the damaged aircraft to base. His skill and devotion to duty, in spite of great personal discomfort, contributed greatly to the safe return of the aircraft.

1229957 Sergeant Harold Ernest HALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in November, 1943, this airman was the wireless operator/air gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Shortly after the take-off, smoke was observed to be issuing from some important equipment. Displaying commendable promptitude and much technical ability Sergeant Hall eliminated the cause of the fire. Whilst over the target area a generator in the wireless apparatus started emitting smoke. Sergeant Hall switched off the apparatus but it was of no avail. The aircraft became filled with black smoke which almost blinded him. Nevertheless, he succeeded in disconnecting leads, plugs and fuses and then by means of extinguishers managed to put out the fire. By his skilful, cool and resourceful efforts, this airman contributed greatly to the success of the sortie.

Air Ministry, 7th January, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Lloyd Julius JOEL, D.F.C. (41087), Royal Air Force, No. 55 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Heathcote Huia BEALE, D.F.C. (N.Z.41465), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Phillip BARTLE (Aus.406171), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader William Reginald Lancelot BEAUMONT (72949), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 219 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader John BROWN (84952), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Harold Eustace TURNER (111478), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Ronald Thomas SUSANS (Aus.280760), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 3 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Robert Alan SWIFT (Aus.402416), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 27 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Henry Alfred Stanley WAGGETT (Can/J.5680), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 23 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Derek WHITE (111262), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.
Captain Basil Charles COWIE (103204V), South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Earl BLAKE (107986), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 459 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Avery BOYCE (122057), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Wallace Montague FRANKLIN (115936), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 27 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Jack Hubert HUSSEY, D.F.M. (145116), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Joseph Albert Lloyd JONES (Can/J.14034), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Oliver Hardyman LUSH (120478), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Stanley TREVALLION (114082), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 278 Squadron.
Flying Officer Lewis Gerald BETTRIDGE (120089), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.

Flying Officer Gordon Ralph BURTON (Can/J.16558), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 114 Squadron.
Flying Officer William George CROSSBY (Aus.413968), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.
Flying Officer Henry Hazard DEACON (143239), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.
Flying Officer John Arthur KEELING (122959), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron.
Flying Officer Frederick Arthur MELLORS (125701), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron. (since deceased).
Flying Officer John Edward PANNIFER (117400), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 681 Squadron.
Flying Officer Keith Bernard ROGERS (N.Z.415368), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.
Flying Officer Marten Trevor Scott RUMBOLD (121370), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 225 Squadron.
Flying Officer Gordon Wesley SMALL (Aus.403150), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 145 Squadron.
Flying Officer Kenneth SMITH (115521), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.
Flying Officer James Ernest Frederick WRIGHT (143599), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Lieutenant Lewis Masterman JACOBS (27810V), South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
Pilot Officer Arthur James ADAMS (156036), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron.
Pilot Officer William HALL (142146), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 159 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Leonard MORAN (52937), Royal Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Raymond Arthur SMITH (148046), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
Pilot Officer John Gilbert SPENCE (Aus.403832), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.
Warrant Officer Kenneth William ADAMS (1174912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 223 Squadron.
Warrant Officer Walter Ernest BOTELER (581167), Royal Air Force, No. 159 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

755651 Flight Sergeant David Richard James BARRELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 159 Squadron.
Aus.408969 Flight Sergeant Keith Ellwood CLARKSON, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 72 Squadron.
Aus.412412 Flight Sergeant Hubert Sylvester ECCLESTON, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 111 Squadron.
906012 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Winston ELT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
633836 Flight Sergeant Colin SMITH, Royal Air Force, No. 159 Squadron.
1187084 Flight Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) Maurice John SMITHSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
1159543 Sergeant Arthur William BEARD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.
535421 Sergeant Harold HILL, Royal Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.
1576800 Sergeant William PALMER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.
1251848 Leading Aircraftman Alan Fox, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 681 Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry, 7th January, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the South-West Pacific area:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Aubrey John Raymond OATES (Aus.260822), Royal Australian Air Force.
Flying Officer John Harold SMITHSON (Aus.401252), Royal Australian Air Force.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 2nd June 1943, Birthday Honours List 1943 (p. 2455, col. 1), mentions in despatches, Squadron Leaders, for R. H. COLLEN (72320), R.A.F.V.R., read R. H. GOLLAN (72320), R.A.F.V.R.