

Pilot Officer John MAGUIRE (155394), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

As air gunner, Pilot Officer Maguire has participated in very many sorties and has proved himself to be a most reliable member of aircraft crew. He has displayed great skill and vigilance and his coolness and resolution in the face of enemy fire have set an excellent example.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Alasdair Leslie MACKENZIE (159055), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1085425 Flight Sergeant George MARLOW, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

1324217 Sergeant Thomas Christopher SOLOMAN, No. 51 Squadron.

This officer and airmen were pilot, wireless operator and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt one night in December, 1943. When nearing the target area, the aircraft was damaged by enemy action. The port elevator was severed, making the aircraft difficult to control. Nevertheless Pilot Officer MacKenzie continued his mission. A little later the bomber was again hit. The hydraulic gear was damaged, causing the main bomb doors to partially open and become jammed. The bomb aimer was desperately wounded. Despite a determined effort the bombs could not be released over the target and Pilot Officer MacKenzie set course for home. Meanwhile, Flight Sergeant Marlow and Sergeant Soloman gave all possible aid to their mortally wounded comrade and afterwards, in the face of great difficulties, resolutely executed their tasks, giving much assistance to their pilot in the homeward flight. Pilot Officer MacKenzie eventually reached base and, by a masterly effort landed the badly damaged aircraft, which was fully loaded with bombs, safely. This officer displayed courage, skill and determination of a high order, while Flight Sergeant Marlow and Sergeant Soloman set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty in very harassing circumstances.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

549161 Flight Sergeant William James WILSON, Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has participated in a large number of sorties against important and well defended targets. He is a confident and trustworthy member of aircraft crew, and, on more than one occasion, when the aircraft has been damaged by enemy action his engineering skill has played a good part in the successful completion of the sortie. His record is worthy of great praise.

1336721 Sergeant Lewis William CHAPMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 244 Squadron.

In October, 1943, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat during a patrol. His effort, brilliant in its execution, was worthy of great praise.

1308412 Sergeant David Gracie CREE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Sergeant Cree is a cool, confident and efficient air gunner, whose example in the face of the enemy has been most praiseworthy. He has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on strongly defended targets in Germany and throughout has displayed great determination and unflinching devotion to duty.

1439033 Sergeant John PRINGLE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

This airman has taken part in very many sorties, involving attacks on important industrial centres in the Ruhr and other parts of Germany. He is an air gunner of high merit and his skilful and resolute efforts have, on more than one occasion, contributed to the safe return of his aircraft. He has set a highly commendable example.

*Air Ministry, 14th January, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Service Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Fulton LANG (117275), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Distinguished Service Medal.*

622120 Flight Sergeant John Navarino Fellowes EDWARDS, B.E.M., Royal Air Force.

In August, 1943, this officer and airman were commanding officer and 1st coxswain respectively, of a high speed launch which rescued the crew of a Catalina aircraft which had been forced down on to the sea. Flight Lieutenant Lang, displayed great determination and cool judgment in directing the operation which was carried out under fire from the enemy. Flight Sergeant Edwards handled the launch, under Flight Lieutenant Lang's orders, with great skill and the air crew were finally rescued from their dinghy in the shortest possible time. Flight Lieutenant Lang's skilful seamanship, in spite of the swell prevailing, enabled the launch to emerge from this operation undamaged. Flight Sergeant Edwards remained at the wheel throughout the night passage back to base. During the whole of the 14 hours operation his coolness and judgment were an inspiration to all on board.

*Air Ministry, 14th January, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel who have been mentioned in despatches by Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief:—

*Air Commodores.*

A. P. DAVIDSON, C.B.E.  
T. FAWDRY, O.B.E.  
A. GRAY, M.C.  
H. J. F. HUNTER, C.B.E., M.C.  
L. M. ILES, C.B.E., A.F.C.  
W. E. G. MANN, C.B.E., D.F.C.  
H. J. ROACH, O.B.E., A.F.C.  
A. C. STEVENS.  
D. L. BLACKFORD (Acting).  
E. I. BUSSELL (Acting).  
R. M. FOSTER, D.F.C. (Acting).  
G. HARCOURT-SMITH, C.B.E., M.V.O. (Acting).  
R. G. HART, O.B.E., M.C. (Acting).  
I. T. LLOYD, C.B.E. (Acting).  
P. H. MACKWORTH, C.B.E., D.F.C. (Acting).  
F. J. W. MELLERSH, A.F.C. (Acting).  
C. B. R. PELLY, C.B.E., M.C. (Acting).  
R. L. RAGG, A.F.C. (Acting).  
F. J. VINCENT, C.B.E., D.F.C. (Acting).

*Group Captains.*

A. W. BATES.  
N. S. ALLINSON.  
L. J. V. BATES.  
I. C. BIRD.  
C. D. C. BOYCE.  
L. R. BRIGGS.  
H. M. K. BROWN.  
P. F. CANNING, O.B.E.  
W. S. CASTER, M.C.  
A. E. G. COLLINS, M.C., R.A.F.O.  
M. C. COLLINS.  
T. B. COOPER, D.F.C.  
W. R. COX, M.C., A.F.C.  
L. W. DICKENS, D.F.C., A.F.C.  
F. R. DREW.  
C. P. GABRIEL, O.B.E., A.A.F.  
R. HALLEY, D.F.C., A.F.C.  
H. N. HAMPTON, D.F.C.  
C. F. HORSLEY, M.C.  
G. V. HOWARD, D.F.C.  
W. H. HUTTON.  
P. JONES.  
L. T. KEENS, O.B.E.  
W. M. C. KENNEDY.  
W. H. KYLE, D.F.C.  
J. K. R. LANDELS, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.  
H. D. MCGREGOR, D.S.O.  
W. H. MERTON, O.B.E.  
N. V. MORETON.  
J. O. W. OLIVER, D.S.O., D.F.C.  
G. T. H. PACK.  
H. M. G. PARKER.  
H. L. PATCH, C.B.E.  
C. RYLEY, D.F.C.  
P. SLOCOMBE.  
F. A. R. SMITH.  
C. STEPHENSON.  
C. H. A. STEVENS.  
L. TAYLOR.  
C. H. TURNER.  
H. WARING.