

abled aircraft to an airfield in this country and effected a safe landing. He displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order. This officer has completed very many attacks against targets such as Berlin, Hamburg and Dusseldorf.

Acting Squadron Leader Joseph Finlay MARSHALL, A.F.C. (46669), Royal Air Force, No. 101 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties and has displayed inspiring leadership, great skill and devotion to duty. One night in December, 1943, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Soon after the take-off some equipment caught fire. The aircraft quickly became filled with smoke but the prompt fire-fighting instructions given by Squadron Leader Marshall were acted upon with efficiency and the flames were extinguished. Despite the loss of the equipment and after ensuring that no member of the crew had suffered any ill effect, Squadron Leader Marshall went on to complete the sortie. His action was typical of the resolution he has shown throughout his tour. Squadron Leader Marshall is a highly efficient flight commander, whose example has proved inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alan Lonsdale LAZENBY (121466), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Soon after the take-off, one of the aircraft's engines became defective, emitting dense quantities of black smoke and a long flame from the exhaust. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Lazenby continued his flight to the target which, despite difficulty in gaining height, he successfully attacked. When crossing the North Sea, on the return flight, it was evident that, to complete the sortie, the petrol supply would have to be carefully governed. By skilfully using his engines, however, Flight Lieutenant Lazenby succeeded in reaching this country. Flight Lieutenant Lazenby displayed great skill and determination throughout.

Flying Officer Leslie Harold BAVEYSTOCK, D.F.M. (139324), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 201 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot and captain of an aircraft which sighted an enemy blockade runner in December, 1943. After signalling the position, Flying Officer Baveystock determined to attack the vessel. In the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire he raked the ship with machine gun bullets and then attacked it with bombs which he released on his third run over the objective. His aircraft had been hit but he flew safely back to base. Visibility was extremely poor and the flare path could not be seen. Nevertheless, in absolute darkness, Flying Officer Baveystock brought his aircraft down on to the water close to the shore with masterly skill; no further damage was sustained. This officer has displayed outstanding keenness, efficiency and determination.

Flying Officer Johann Walter EINARSON, D.F.M. (Can/J.17276), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including 5 attacks on Berlin. On the last occasion, one night in November, 1943, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Einarson pressed home his attack. Soon after the bombs had been released, the aircraft was struck. The starboard wing tip and part of the aileron were torn away and the aircraft went into a steep dive. Flying Officer Einarson succeeded in regaining control, however, and afterwards flew safely to an airfield in this country. Throughout his tour of operations, this officer has invariably displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination.

Flying Officer Andrew Robert MACKENZIE (Can/J.10976), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 421 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, 3 of which he shot down during a sweep over Northern France in December, 1943. Flying Officer MacKenzie is a skilful and resolute fighter, whose determination to destroy the enemy has always been evident.

Flying Officer Arthur Wilson PARRY (Can/J.16704), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on important and well defended targets. He is an extremely skilful navigator, whose faultless work has played a good

part in the successes obtained. Not once has he failed to guide his pilot to the allotted target and back to base. His example of courage and determination has been highly commendable.

Acting Warrant Officer Walter Leslie EVANS (1436410), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, Warrant Officer Evans piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. It was his 9th sortie against this objective. Shortly after leaving base it was discovered that the rear turret was unserviceable. Undeterred, Warrant Officer Evans went on to the target and executed a successful attack. On the following night he volunteered to take part in another attack on Berlin. Although engine trouble developed on the outward flight, Warrant Officer Evans completed the sortie successfully. He is a highly efficient captain, whose great skill, high courage and unswerving devotion to duty have set an example of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1287364 Flight Sergeant Charles Leslie BOX, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

987685 Sergeant Edward STEVENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, these airmen were wireless operator/air gunner and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. When nearing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage, including one of the fuel tanks which was set on fire. The rear gunner was killed and the mid-upper gunner was wounded. Coolly and promptly, Sergeant Stevenson assumed the responsibility of maintaining watch and also directing the combat manoeuvres of his pilot who thus was able to evade 2 further attacks. Meanwhile, Flight Sergeant Box, who, along with his comrade had disregarded the order to prepare to abandon aircraft, tended to the wounded gunner whose oxygen equipment was useless. He quickly fixed a spare helmet on the injured man's head and supplied him with oxygen from bottles; he also rendered efficient first aid before returning to his duties. The fire died away and the pilot held to his homeward course. On the return flight, Flight Sergeant Box and Sergeant Stevenson did everything within their power to assist in the safe return of the aircraft and eventually this country was reached with little petrol to spare. In very trying circumstances, these airmen displayed great courage, coolness and devotion to duty.

Can/R.140664 Flight Sergeant Peter Woodrow DENNIS, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Dennis has completed numerous sorties and has displayed great skill, determination and devotion to duty. One night in November, 1943, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was attacked on 3 occasions by enemy fighters. Nevertheless, he skilfully evaded the enemy aircraft and successfully attacked the target, afterwards flying his badly damaged aircraft to base. His effort was highly commendable.

572262 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Lionel HOWARD, Royal Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties, including 4 attacks on Berlin and many others against important centres in the Ruhr. One night in December, 1943, he took part in an attack on Berlin. During the operation the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The hydraulic gear was damaged and the bomb doors could not be closed. Flight Sergeant Howard displayed much initiative and resource in his endeavours to make the gear serviceable, working unremittingly for 2 hours on repairs. For a greater part of the time he executed his task in the rear of the aircraft, without heat and, at times, without a supply of oxygen. As base was reached a defective engine burst into flames but prompt and efficient fire drill by Flight Sergeant Howard prevented any serious consequences. This airman has invariably displayed great keenness and devotion to duty.

657916 Flight Sergeant John LAURENS, Royal Air Force, No. 101 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Laurens has participated in numerous sorties, 7 of which have been against