

nearing the English coast, a second engine became useless. The aircraft became difficult to control and was gradually losing height but Flight Sergeant Burcher succeeded in reaching an airfield where he effected a safe landing. This airman displayed great skill, courage and devotion to duty throughout.

*Air Ministry, 11th February, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader John Roy Hugh MERIFIELD, D.F.C. (74337), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 540 Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Alan James DOWLING, D.F.C. (121284), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Frederick Campbell GALLAHER, D.F.C. (63434), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Michael Douglas Sutcliffe Hood, D.F.C. (41023), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 540 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Graham Lloyd MANDENO, D.F.C. (64937), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Charles Thomas BRAY, D.F.C. (130209), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Samuel Rene GREEN, D.F.C. (122120), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Terence Edgar DODWELL, D.F.C. (115307), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Fulwar Rupert Craven FOWLE (37526), Royal Air Force, No. 102 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Wilfred CARTER (43164), Royal Air Force.

Acting Wing Commander Charles McKenzie DUNNICLIFFE (49010), Royal Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Peter Nelson JENNINGS (37771), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 207 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Reginald John TWAMLEY (29252), Royal Air Force, No. 166 Squadron.

Squadron Leader William Gordon OLDBURY (37708), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 218 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Dudley Peter David ARCHER, D.F.M. (135430), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Billy George ASTON (42328), Royal Air Force, No. 544 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Richard CANHAM (40799), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 625 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Clifford DAY (127331), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Thomas Robinson KING (79568), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley McNEILL (87363), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Hugh WALKER (116419), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Colin Howard WILSON (75996), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Montague Ellis Hawkins DAWSON, D.F.M. (112407), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 196 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur John FINUCANE (118188), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 228 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Joseph FISHER (118070), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Kirwan FITZGERALD (89339), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 172 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Frederick GRIME (112314), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Fight Lieutenant Neville Alan MERVYN-SMITH (89382), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Trevor William ROBINSON (108049), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Silas Foster WALMSLEY (66501), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Roy AUST, D.F.M. (48957), Royal Air Force, No. 224 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Donald AUSTIN (129384), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Leonard BAGG (129522), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harold John BIDMEAD (139293), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Wilson Syme BORTHWICK (132740), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stuart Crawford BRAYSHAW (149971), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 90 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stephen BURROWS (51696), Royal Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ralf John Henry CLAYTON (139962), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Fred COWLING (138504), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald Victor CUTTS (130587), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stephen Rayner DAWSON, D.F.M. (142531), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Alfred DAY (131599), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Andrew EDWARD (51120), Royal Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard FISH, D.F.M. (130934), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ian Richard HARVEY (128903), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Eric HIDERLEY (131592), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Alfred HOWARD (128372), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frank William KENRICK (134497), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Wilson KERR (49633), Royal Air Force, No. 199 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frank James ROBERTS (149622), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Wilson ROWLAND (127942), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth RUSKELL (131595), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bernard John STARIE (133485), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Munro STEVEN (129506), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Lee WAKE (120992), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Joseph William WILKINSON (131968), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Thomas WILSON (130617), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Flying Officer Philip Haddon ACKLING (134682), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Flying Officer Jack ASHBROOK (148486), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Flying Officer James Pymar BILLING (147744), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Flying Officer William BODEN (124312), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.