

Junkers 88. Although his reflector sight was hit by a bullet and rendered useless, Flight Sergeant Gericke coolly withheld his fire until the attacker came into close range then, with a well placed burst of fire, shot the enemy aircraft down. His determination and efficiency have set an excellent example.

1316474 Flight Sergeant Raymond Percival HAYLES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

As wireless operator, this airman has participated in many attacks on targets in Germany, including such well defended targets as industrial centres in the Ruhr. He is a cool and efficient member of aircraft crew, whose unflinching devotion to duty has been highly commendable. On 1 occasion his aircraft sustained much damage in an engagement with a fighter. At times, on the homeward journey the aircraft was almost out of control but Flight Sergeant Hayles coolly worked at his wireless apparatus, obtaining fixes which greatly assisted his pilot to reach base. His efficient first aid to 2 of his comrades who had been wounded in the fight was a timely factor in saving their lives. His exemplary conduct in harassing circumstances was worthy of great praise.

Can/R.181818 Sergeant Richard Edward QUALLE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg one night in January, 1944. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Sergeant Qualle sustained many cuts by flying splinters when the glass surround of his turret was shattered by bullets which also put 1 of his guns out of action. Although dazzled by searchlights, Sergeant Qualle coolly brought his remaining guns to bear on the attacker which was seen to burst into flames. Despite intense cold and the lack of oxygen he refused to leave his turret throughout the homeward flight. On this, his first operational flight, this airman displayed determination, fortitude and devotion to duty of a high order.

1459209 Sergeant Raymond Loraine URWIN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 622 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this airman was the navigator of an aircraft which attacked Berlin. On the homeward flight, the aircraft was hit by cannon shells from a fighter. Sergeant Urwin was wounded in the neck and the shoulder. In spite of his injuries he insisted on fulfilling his duties and, although deprived of some of his equipment, he navigated the aircraft safely to base. This airman set a fine example of courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

*Air Ministry, 15th February, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Ekanayane Eward AMERASEKERA (155926), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lionel Goldsmith BERRY (161033), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Richard BLOTT (160590), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Laurence BOULTER (155960), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Reginald James BREWER (159673), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Sharp CAMPBELL (162614), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Vernon CLARK (53565), Royal Air Force, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leonard Arthur COXILL (156325), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Alexander Barclay CRAIG (155932), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Stanley Noel CUNNINGTON (159706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Anthony Logan CURRIE (155488), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alexander Herbert GIBSON (149691), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert GOLDSTRAW (160515), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald HALPERIN (162792), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Douglas HARRIS (161745), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Joseph Clifford HARRIS-WARD (158284), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Wilfred Henry HOLDEN (53224), Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alfred Samuel John HOLDER (160621), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Logan HOWELL (155929), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Louis Cedric HOWELL (160123), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Herbert ISAAC (155898), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Haydn Ernest JONES (161087), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Peter Frank JARVIS (158550), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Brian KING (161415), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Edward LOCKEY (149473), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Whiteside MCCONNELL (158915), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Andrew MAITLAND (155912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry MARSDEN (157952), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Richard Joseph Ernest MARTIN (149823), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert Edward Anderson MATTHEWS (156039), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kingsley MOUNTNEY (159504), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Arthur NEVE (155997), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert Edward NEWMAN (159101), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Ramsey OLIVER (159440), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederick Harold QUICK (162609), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Thomas RASHBROOK (155904), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Oliver ROLLAND (158794), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Allan Sharp RUSSELL (159436), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jack Samuel SALISBURY (156712), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry Thornton SHEWAN (158664), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Aubrey Clinton SMYTHE (157754), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan Walter SOLE (149697), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 196 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Aytoun SPARK (155494), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lawrence John STOW (155514), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Andrew Duff TODD (157749), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Franklin Hare TRITTON (158719), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Brown WARWICK (156612), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Henry Wager Dixon WATTS (159708), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan WASHBROOK (157197), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Donald Frank WEBB (159100), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold WILTSHIRE (161279), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.