

down into the sea. Again in January, 1944, he engaged an enemy fighter with successful results. His achievements have been most commendable.

1319244 Flight Sergeant Gerald CARREL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When nearing the target a Junkers 88 was encountered. As the enemy aircraft came into the attack, Flight Sergeant Carrel opened fire and then directed his captain in the necessary combat manoeuvres. Two more attacks were repelled and finally a well directed burst of fire from Flight Sergeant Carrel's guns struck the enemy aircraft, which caught fire and fell to the ground. A few minutes later another fighter was encountered but, although the enemy aircraft attacked with great persistence, it was finally driven off. During these combats, Flight Sergeant Carrel displayed great coolness and resolution and his excellent work contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft.

1550890, Flight Sergeant William Ferguson POLLOCK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

As air gunner, this airman has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on targets in the Ruhr and numerous other centres. On 1 occasion in an encounter with a fighter, Flight Sergeant Pollock sustained wounds in the legs. In spite of this, he insisted on remaining at his post until the sortie was completed. On recovering from his injuries, Flight Sergeant Pollock returned to his flying duties with undiminished keenness and zest. He has set a worthy example.

577155, Flight Sergeant Thomas Lawrence SALTER, Royal Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets important to the enemy's war effort. Throughout his long tour he has displayed noteworthy devotion to duty and his technical skill has, on more than 1 occasion, contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft. He has rendered excellent service.

1452572, Sergeant Robert William JOY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

As air gunner, Sergeant Joy has participated in very many sorties, including 8 attacks on the German capital. On the last of these he assisted in the destruction of an enemy fighter. He is a most vigilant and determined member of aircraft crew and has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

1439962, Sergeant Arthur George WRIGHT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron.

This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig one night in February, 1944. Long before reaching the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter, but a telling burst of fire by Sergeant Wright drove off the enemy aircraft. Shortly afterwards the bomber was intercepted by another fighter. Sergeant Wright quickly informed his captain of the presence of the enemy aircraft and prompt evading action was taken. The fighter attacked with much persistence but finally Sergeant Wright drove off the attacker with a long and accurate burst of fire from close range; when last seen the enemy aircraft was falling to the ground with large quantities of black smoke pouring from it. Twice on the return flight the bomber was attacked by fighters but, on each occasion, Sergeant Wright's good shooting and concise evading directions to his captain were responsible for frustrating the attackers. His cool, skilful and confident work in the face of the enemy set an example of a high order.

Government House, Canberra, 10th March, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the Japanese:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander James Andrews HEPBURN (Aus. 247).

Wing Commander William George LEER, A.F.C. (Aus. 173).

Wing Commander Thomas Vincent STOKES (Aus. 250279).

Flight Lieutenant Peter Searle AMBROSE (Aus. 407160).

Flight Lieutenant Henry Brown CRAIG (Aus. 402229).

Flight Lieutenant John Drew ENTWISTLE (Aus. 250796).

Flight Lieutenant Louis William HALL (Aus. 406717).

Flight Lieutenant Claude Robert Mascot SLADEN (Aus. 1765).

Flight Lieutenant William George Searle WHITE (Aus. 404192).

Flying Officer John West McMASTER (Aus. 405754).

Flying Officer Arthur Hilary MORTON (Aus. 406947).

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Aus. 416212 Flight Sergeant (now Flying Officer) Clarence Reginald GREEN.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus. 416560 Flight Sergeant Ronald William Thompson FRANCIS.

Aus. 32903 Acting Sergeant Donald Arthur ROBERTS.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

*Air Force Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Donald Lionel McGILVERY (Aus. 271354).

Flight Lieutenant John Archibald BONNINGTON (Aus. 271926).

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Graham CORNFoot (Aus. 250630).

Flying Officer Eric Tully WILLCOCKS (Aus. 416473).

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment to the Royal Red Cross:—

*Associate of the Royal Red Cross.*

Acting Matron Alice Jean WHEATLEY.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following Royal Australian Air Force personnel who have been mentioned in despatches:—

*Squadron Leaders.*

B. F. N. ISRAEL (Aus. 262817) (Acting).

L. D. MCKENZIE (Aus. 250653) (Acting).

C. H. MACKINNON (Aus. 250892) (Acting).

I. J. ROBERTS (Aus. 400008) (Acting).

J. YEAMAN (Aus. 266324) (Acting).

*Flight Lieutenants.*

R. B. ANDERSON (Aus. 409070) (Missing).

P. B. CREAGH (Aus. 405396).

R. G. MULLINS (Aus. 404799).

L. E. H. PARSONS (Aus. 250826).

J. W. STONE (Aus. 407689).

W. L. VON DOUSSA (Aus. 284198).

R. H. WOOLLACOTT (Aus. 407144) (Missing).

I. R. OLORENSHAW (Aus. 416062) (Acting).

*Flying Officers.*

G. ALLAN (Aus. 1272).

K. N. BISHOP (Aus. 255384).

T. McD. S. C. BURNETT (Aus. 403901).

H. K. GRAHAM (Aus. 120562).

T. B. MORGAN (Aus. 413404).

R. R. RICHARDS (Aus. 405095).

J. M. ROTHERY (Aus. 411388).

R. SNEYMOUR (Aus. 406879).

E. N. SHARPE (Aus. 254899).

J. M. UTBER (Aus. 401866).

R. MacF. WHITECROSS (Aus. 405334).

*Pilot Officers.*

F. K. FOSTER (Aus. 408827).

J. O. JENKINS (Aus. 410119).

F. C. JOHNSTON (Aus. 401965).

*Warrant Officer.*

A. G. WAITE (Aus. 406817).