

Flying Officer Victor Herbert TRIMBLE (Aus.414175), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including 8 attacks on the German capital. He is a gallant and efficient captain and pilot and his determination to complete his missions successfully has been highly commendable. One night in January, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Brunswick. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was engaged by a fighter and sustained much damage. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Trimble flew the aircraft to base, although on the homeward flight he suffered severely through the lack of oxygen. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Harry Nevill DAVIES (171929), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many sorties against heavily defended targets in Germany and has displayed navigational skill of a high order. On one occasion, in an attack on Berlin, Pilot Officer Davies was severely wounded in the arm and hand when his aircraft was hit by shrapnel. In spite of his injuries, Pilot Officer Davies navigated the aircraft home with great skill, setting a fine example of fortitude and devotion to duty. Since recovering from his injuries this officer has participated in attacks on such targets as Stuttgart, Schweinfurt, Augsburg and Berlin.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1800682 Sergeant John Arthur HARRIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

This airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. It was his first sortie. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter which made repeated attacks. Early in the fight the rear gunner was killed and Sergeant Harris was wounded in the arm and hands. Despite his injuries, this gallant airman used his guns most effectively and the accuracy of his fire finally drove off the attacker. Although in much pain and weak through loss of blood, Sergeant Harris remained in his turret throughout the homeward flight, fully determined to defend his aircraft if necessary. This airman set a fine example of courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

1795270 Sergeant Richard Stafford PARLE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

This airman has participated in very many sorties in the role of rear gunner. He has shot down 2 enemy aircraft, the last of which he destroyed on a recent sortie against Frankfurt. His successes are a fine tribute to his undoubted skill and fighting qualities.

1141628 Sergeant George Richard PIKE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

As rear gunner, Sergeant Pike has participated in several sorties and has proved himself to be a cool, competent and determined member of aircraft crew. On his first sortie he shot down an enemy aircraft and has since destroyed another one. His keenness and thoroughness have been most commendable.

Air Ministry, 7th April, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Alexander Joseph GLEGG, D.F.C. (84021), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 219 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Harry Spencer GRIMSEY (121202), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Francis PILLEY (100640), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant David GILES (121291), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Lionel Monck MASON (68818), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Jack Percival MILLS (64890), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 73 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George William CHATTINGTON (139212), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flying Officer Michael Bruce Henry CHALLIS (156336), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Welch HENDERSON (128431), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 92 Squadron.

Flying Officer Rodney Diran SCRASE (123465), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

Flying Officer Clement Watt WILSON (51105), Royal Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Hugh Wray Thomas BATES (169598), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Frank BOULTON (169716), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 153 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederick Maurice DRAKE (171081), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Wilfred Arthur Derick ARMSTRONG (926867), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1126043 Flight Sergeant James Richard ANDREW, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 93 Squadron.

1550900 Flight Sergeant Ian Murray THOMSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

1330951 Flight Sergeant Ronald Stuart WILLIAMS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Brian Alexander EATON, D.F.C. (Aus. 133), No. 3 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Lawrence McINTOSH (Aus.403596), No. 111 Squadron.

Flying Officer Edward John ELLIOTT (Aus.415127), No. 104 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey Ronald ANDERSON (Aus.413330), No. 150 Squadron.

Warrant Officer John Thomas CONNOLLY (Aus.413170), No. 72 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Albert Ulric HOULE, D.F.C. (Can/J.4887), No. 417 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Gordon Byron OUGH (Can/J.12882), No. 458 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick James RODDICK (Can/J.16289), No. 262 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cecil Leroy HEIDE (Can/J.16650), No. 39 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Warren Edward SCHRADER (N.Z.411944), No. 1435 Squadron.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Service Order.

Major Eric Melville BAKER, D.F.C. (47303V), No. 5 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Major Malcolm Stephen OSLER, D.F.C. (102677V), No. 601 Squadron.

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