

with its engines on fire. Pilot Officer Roberts then completed his bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This officer and airman displayed commendable skill, courage and coolness.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z. 421742 Flight Sergeant Colin Rupert MARRIOTT, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 626 Squadron.  
1853148 Sergeant John Victor BREWER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

These airmen were captain and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt one night in March, 1944. When nearing the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Although Flight Sergeant Marriott manoeuvred with much skill and his gunners got in several bursts of fire, the bomber sustained severe damage before the attacker could be evaded.

Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Marriott determined to complete the task for which he had been detailed went on to execute his attack, afterwards flying the badly damaged aircraft back to this country. He displayed skill, courage and resolution beyond praise; Sergeant Brewer also set a fine example. The windscreen of his turret had been shattered and he had been wounded in the foot. Although suffering severely from the cold and the lack of oxygen he insisted on remaining in his turret, fully determined to defend his aircraft at any time on the homeward flight. He displayed outstanding fortitude and great devotion to duty.

Government House, Canberra, 11th April, 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 enemy in the South West Pacific area:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Gordon Henry STERGE, D.F.C. (Aus. 213).

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Barton HONEY (Aus. 260429).  
Squadron Leader Richard Henry THOMPSON (Aus. 260285).

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington,  
New Zealand, 11th April, 1944

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the South West Pacific area:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Percival Guy Haig NEWTON (N.Z. 1069), No. 17 Squadron.  
Acting Flight Lieutenant Jesse Julius Anzac de WILLIMOFF (N.Z. 413038), No. 15 Squadron.  
Flying Officer Donald Stanley BEAUCHAMP (N.Z. 42188), No. 6 Squadron.  
Flying Officer Alexander Gardyne Stanley GEORGE (N.Z. 415758), No. 17 Squadron.  
Flying Officer Geoffrey Reid Burton HIGHET (N.Z. 42402), No. 6 Squadron.

Air Ministry, 11th April, 1944.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred upon the personnel indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

*Order of Suworov (3rd Class).*

Air Vice-Marshal William Forster DICKSON, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

*Order of Kutusov (3rd Class).*

Acting Air Vice-Marshal Frank Linden HOEPS, C.B.E., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

*Order of Alexander Nevsky.*

Acting Air Vice-Marshal Donald Clifford Tyndall BENNETT, C.B.E., D.S.O., Royal Air Force.

*Order of Patriotic War (1st Class).*

Acting Group Captain Charles Patrick GREEN, D.S.O., D.F.C., Auxiliary Air Force.  
Wing Commander John CUNNINGHAM, D.S.O., D.F.C. (90216), Auxiliary Air Force.  
Acting Wing Commander Walter George GARDINER, D.F.C., A.F.C. (43134), Royal Air Force.  
Acting Squadron Leader Frank Anthony ROBINSON, D.F.C. (33520), Royal Air Force.

*Order of Patriotic War (2nd Class).*

Group Captain Geoffrey William TUTTLE, O.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Air Force.  
Acting Wing Commander Brian Radley MacNAMARA (25123), Royal Air Force.  
Acting Squadron Leader Arthur REECE, D.F.C., A.F.C. (44128), Royal Air Force.  
Flight Lieutenant Richard Durant FAIRLEY (109930), Royal Air Force.

*Order of the Red Star.*

Air Vice-Marshal Arthur Penrose Martyn SANDERS, C.B.E., Royal Air Force.  
Acting Squadron Leader John George BROWNING (87854), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Acting Squadron Leader Victor Arthur GITTINS, M.B.E. (44208), Royal Air Force.  
Warrant Officer John Richard BUSWELL (513036), Royal Air Force.

*Medal for Valour.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edmund Basil CHANDLER, D.F.C. (122814), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Flying Officer Douglas BARBER (49574), Royal Air Force.  
620212 Flight Sergeant Cyril CALLINSON, Royal Air Force.  
1425290 Flight Sergeant William Arthur WARNER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
815066 Acting Sergeant Ronald JEPHSON, Auxiliary Air Force.

*Medal for Distinguished Battle Service.*

Acting Air Commodore Henry Iliffe COZENS, A.F.C., Royal Air Force.  
Flying Officer Burton Roy KENWRIGHT (122960), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Warrant Officer Michael Antony RUDDY (906023), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
945874 Flight Sergeant Louis Ernest Charles CROUCHER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
1142447 Sergeant Edward CAMPBELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
576326 Acting Corporal Harold Edward SMALE, Royal Air Force.  
949081 Acting Corporal Walter Henry WROUGHTON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Government House, Canberra, 11th April, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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*Medal for Valour.*

Flight Lieutenant Donald Hamilton SMITH (Aus. 407256).

*Medal for Distinguished Battle Service.*

Flight Lieutenant John Hugh DIXON (Aus. 405595).

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa,  
11th April, 1944.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred upon the airman indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

*Medal for Valour.*

Can/R.54212 Flight Sergeant William Lorraine MCGUNTY.