

by Flight Sergeant Hexter who, though in considerable pain, had insisted on remaining at his post. Shortly afterwards, the oxygen supply failed but Flight Sergeant Schofield came down to a lower altitude and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to this country where he effected a safe landing at an airfield near the coast. This airman displayed skill, courage and determination of a high order, Flight Sergeant Hexter also set a fine example of courage and fortitude and his conduct in trying circumstances was worthy of great praise.

539154 Sergeant Alfred Ernest HARRIS, Royal Air Force, No 61 Squadron.

As flight engineer, Sergeant Harris has completed a large number of sorties, including 11 attacks on the capital of the German Reich. Throughout his tour he has been of inestimable help to his captain and has played a worthy part in the many successes obtained. His example of courage and devotion to duty has been highly commendable.

*Air Ministry, 14th April, 1944*

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

*Distinguished Service Order*

Wing Commander Arthur Edmond CLOUSTON, D.F.C., A.F.C. (29162), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 224 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Edgar Jacques WICHT, D.F.C. (41546), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 224 Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Wing Commander Ian James SPENCER, D.F.C. (40150), Reserve of Air Force Officers

Acting Squadron Leader Herbert Edward TAPPIN, D.F.C. (89304), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 157 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Lord Malcolm Avendale DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, O.B.E. (70189), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 540 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Paul Wade ARBON (41893), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 29 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Vincent Joseph CLARKSON (67679), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron

Acting Squadron Leader John FINCH (64308), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron

Acting Squadron Leader John Vincent HADLAND (206845), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 98 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Cyril Arthur Trevor JONES (43693), Royal Air Force, No. 79 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader James Gordon KEEP (78729), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 181 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Percy Walter MASON (41721), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 168 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Kenneth Cornell RITCHIE (41739), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 21 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Amos GASS (119730), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Frederick Andros GRANTHAM (104542), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 174 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Victor Albert HESTER (112695), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Donald Drummond LIPMAN (117475), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Menzies PATERSON (61232), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Edward TOMBLIN (114080), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 132 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Raymond George WITCOMBE (119100), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 280 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Ronald WRIGHT (69514), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert William LONSDALE, M.M. (127169), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron

Acting Flight Lieutenant John George MEJOR (119016), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 112 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harold Edward WALMSLEY (139425), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 132 Squadron.

Flying Officer David Murray ELLIS (144294), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric PHILLIPS (159056), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer Isaac Hopkin THOMAS (129538), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 157 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Brian SPENCER (1131825), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 86 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

816240 Flight Sergeant Robert William BARRETT, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 120 Squadron.

628588 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Vivian ERRINGTON, Royal Air Force, No. 215 Squadron.

1107720 Flight Sergeant William Alan JOHNSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

1543940 Sergeant Eric WASS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 202 Squadron.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Squadron Leader Rene Maurice CROOKE (Aus.400914), No. 30 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Stephen Edward CALDER (Aus.416069), No. 247 Squadron.

Flying Officer Wesley Glen LONEY (Aus.400279), No. 59 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Hugh Constant GODEFROY, D.F.C. (Can/J.3701).

Acting Wing Commander Robert Wendell McNAIR, D.F.C. (Can/J.4745).

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader George Clinton KEEFER, D.F.C. (Can/J.5022), No. 412 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Jack Andrew Hubert De Le PAULLE (Can/J.8964), No. 422 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kail Raymond LINTON (Can/J.17417), No. 421 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Vernon Irving GORRILL (Can/J.18534), No. 541 Squadron

Flying Officer Robert Huycke WATT (Can/J.18309), No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron

Flying Officer James Edward WILLIAMS (Can/J.17906), No. 215 Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 7th April 1944 (p. 1616, col. 1), regarding award of Distinguished Flying Cross to acting Wing Commander H. S. GRIMSEY (121202) for "No. 105 Squadron" read "No. 52 Squadron."

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