

nearing the target area the aircraft was struck by a burst of machine gun fire from a fighter. The aircraft controls were substantially damaged and the inter-communication system was rendered unserviceable, while the rear gunner was badly wounded. In spite of this, Pilot Officer Mullins was determined to bomb his target and went on to make a successful attack. During the difficult return flight, the damaged elevator trim could not be altered from its original climb setting, consequently, at times, Pilot Officer Mullins had to obtain the assistance of two members of the crew to keep the aircraft on a level course. Nevertheless, after a hard and tiring struggle, this resolute pilot succeeded in reaching base. In most trying circumstances he displayed skill, courage and determination beyond praise.

Pilot Officer William Charles Alfred PAX (171335), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer is a skilful and courageous pilot, whose keenness and determination have been inspiring. He has completed a very large number of sorties, most of which have been against heavily defended targets such as Berlin, Hanover, Frankfurt and Stuttgart. His achievements have been noteworthy.

Pilot Officer Harry SHERLOCK (162517), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order. He has completed many sorties and throughout has shown the utmost determination to press home his attacks. His fine record includes 12 attacks on the capital of the German Reich.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Can/R.216097 Sergeant Joseph PETSCHÉ, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

In March, 1944, this airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed for a sortie. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by bullets from a fighter. Sergeant Petsche was wounded. Although in much pain and suffering from the loss of blood he displayed great devotion to duty and gallantly assisted in extinguishing a fire which had commenced in the rear of the aircraft. Not until then did he inform his captain of his injuries. On this, his first sortie, this airman set a worthy example.

*Air Ministry, 21st April, 1944.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader John Patrick GEOGHEGAN, D.F.C. (62263), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Joseph Richard WOOD, D.F.C. (43373), Royal Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice Rendall CHICK, D.F.C. (49191), Royal Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard William OVERTON, D.F.C. (52569), Royal Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Lambert SLOPER, D.F.C. (147214), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice Bertram WHITBREAD, D.F.C. (127309), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander George Arthur Carey FOSTER, A.F.C. (29009), Royal Air Force, No. 101 Squadron.

Wing Commander Graeme Elliott HARRISON (37012), Royal Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Mervyn Richard ATTWATER (61253), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Ryan BENSON (87650), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 109 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Frank CAWDERY (40671), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Albert Robinson DUNN (40897), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Harold GRANT-DALTON (88036), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Douglas SAUNDERS (111991), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Josiah Lewis SPILLER (77212), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Donovan John BACON (132592), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Herbert Moore BAILEY (113385), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant David Alexander DUNLOP (104431), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Laurence BARNES (127345), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Owens Pontifex BEATTY (117570), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh CURRY (121549), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Kingdom EGGINS (120444), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gerald Roland GLOVER (156130), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Dennis GOLDINGAY (130244), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Aubrey Henry HOWELL (159469), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bernard MOORCROFT (147001), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald Victor MUNDAY (133102), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Henry SMITH (122748), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William George WRIGHT (138402), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Flying Officer Bertram Harvey George ADAMS (155462), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Flying Officer Duncan Campbell ARMSTRONG (130703), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Flying Officer Walter BOOTH (155571), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Henry Clark DARTON (155572), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Douglas FOSTER (143467), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cyril Leslie FRENCH (141831), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Flying Officer Jack Richard GOODMAN (126540), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 627 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric George GREENHALGH (134686), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur John Linzee HICKOX (129203), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 627 Squadron.

Flying Officer Norman HINDLEY (144450), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Flying Officer George Sidney Bertie HONEY (149946), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric John KNELL (122445), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Edgar KNIGHTS (155224), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 619 Squadron.

Flying Officer Norman Lewis (47820), Royal Air Force, No. 627 Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth Robert MIDDLETON (135031), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.