

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Ronald George KNOTT (39442), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 179 Squadron.

During his present tour of operational duty this officer has sighted 4 enemy submarines at night and has made determined attacks on 3 of the U-boats. On each of these occasions Squadron Leader Knott pressed home his attack in the face of intense fire from the U-boat's guns. This officer has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Squadron Leader Charles William McNab NEWMAN (33347), Royal Air Force, No. 613 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed great courage and resolution. In April, 1944, Squadron Leader Newman participated in an attack on a target in Holland. The operation called for a high degree of skill and this officer played a worthy part in the success achieved. He has rendered most valuable service.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Stanley LISSON (Can/J.4330), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked airfields and installations with success. In air fighting, Squadron Leader Lissou has shot down 2 enemy aircraft at night. His fine fighting qualities have always been evident and he has set an outstanding example of keenness and devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Michael NEGUS (33574), Royal Air Force, No. 605 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties. He has achieved much success, including the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft at night and damaging attacks on ground targets. He is a most efficient flight commander, whose example of determination and devotion to duty has proved most inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Fred TAYLOR, D.F.M. (126902), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

As air gunner, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, most of which have been against well defended targets in Germany. He is a fearless and determined member of aircraft crew and has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. In a recent attack on Nuremberg, Flight Lieutenant Taylor's aircraft was engaged by a fighter. In spite of difficulty, this resolute gunner defended his aircraft with great skill and finally with a well placed burst of fire shot the attacker down. His efficiency and coolness in action have set a very fine example.

Flying Officer Joseph BRADBURN (157696), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including 9 attacks on the German capital. In one of these his aircraft was seriously damaged by anti-aircraft fire before reaching the target. In spite of this he went on to complete a successful attack and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. In another attack on the same target, Flying Officer Bradburn's aircraft was intercepted by 2 enemy fighters but he cleverly evaded them and pressed home his bombing attack. Shortly afterwards, the aircraft was attacked by another fighter but Flying Officer Bradburn manoeuvred to a good position and his gunners shot the attacker down. This officer has invariably displayed praiseworthy skill and courage.

Flying Officer Frederick Henry BUNCE (Aus. 424550), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 461 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer was captain of an aircraft which was intercepted by nine Junkers 88's while over the Bay of Biscay. A determined engagement, against these tremendous odds was fought for 20 minutes and was only broken off when Flying Officer Bunce's aircraft was so seriously on fire that the port wing commenced to melt and the aircraft was brought down on to the sea. The force of the impact threw Flying Officer Bunce some 20 yards ahead of his aircraft but after having swum back through the very heavy seas he saw a dinghy break loose from the aircraft and drift away. He immediately dived into the water but his endeavour to reach the dinghy was in vain and he returned to where the aircraft had sunk. After inflating another dinghy this officer got six members of his crew into it and after 48 hours afloat they were rescued. Flying Officer Bunce displayed great courage and fortitude in most harassing circumstances.

Flying Officer Colin Gowans FINLAYSON (Can/J.13956), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer is an observer of high merit and his fine work throughout the many sorties in which he has taken part has earned great praise. In the course of his tour many airfields and much enemy transport have been successfully attacked. In addition to these successes, Flying Officer Finlayson has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft at night and 2 by day. He has displayed great skill, courage and resolution.

Flying Officer Arthur Edmond FRANKLIN (Can/J.14225), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide variety of targets. He has displayed great courage and coolness and his high standard of navigational ability has contributed materially to the many successes obtained. His services have been of great value.

Flying Officer Edward Richard HEDGECOCK (86574), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 85 Squadron.

Throughout his tour of operations this officer has displayed great skill and has set the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty. He has shot down 3 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer Robert Campbell MUIR (131832), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 605 Squadron.

As observer, Flying Officer Muir has taken part in a very large number of sorties during which numerous ground targets have been successfully attacked. He is a cool and determined member of aircraft crew and his undoubted skill has played a good part in the results obtained. Flying Officer Muir has also assisted in the destruction of an enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Eric Thomas ORRINGE (127170), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 605 Squadron.

As observer, this officer has participated in very many sorties at night. He has displayed exceptional skill and has assisted in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft, 3 of which were shot down in one sortie. He has at all times displayed great keenness and devotion to duty and his example has been most commendable.

Flying Officer Bernard John STANDISH (151666), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties and has proved himself to be an exceptionally able and resolute member of aircraft crew. In April, 1944, he was the navigator of the leading aircraft of a formation detailed to attack a difficult target in Holland. The operation called for a high degree of skill but, in spite of difficulties, Flying Officer Standish guided his pilot to the exact target with his usual accuracy. His work was worthy of the highest praise and contributed in a good measure to the success achieved. This officer has at all times displayed great determination and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Edward Arthur Thomas TAYLOR (Can/J.20993), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 252 Squadron.

One night in March, 1944, Flying Officer Taylor was detailed for a meteorological flight. Having completed this task, he then flew on to seek enemy aircraft and succeeded in engaging and destroying 2 Junkers 52. At all times this officer has exhibited exceptional courage and determination.

Pilot Officer Ray Thomas Henry MANNING (Aus. 416783), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Manning has participated in numerous sorties against the most heavily defended enemy targets including 10 attacks against Berlin. During one attack against Berlin, an engine failed soon after crossing the enemy coast on the outward flight. Although it was not possible to attain the allotted altitude given for the attack, this officer flew on to Berlin at a height much below that of the main-bomber force. Before reaching the target the bomber was intercepted by an enemy aircraft which was only evaded after still further height had been lost. Nevertheless, the target was attacked successfully and the aircraft returned safely to base. Pilot Officer Manning has displayed cool courage and great determination in all his operational tasks.