

his missions successfully has been most commendable. On a recent occasion, Squadron Leader Kipp flew one of a small formation of aircraft detailed for a mission far into enemy occupied territory. Success was achieved and, by his careful planning and audacious tactics, Squadron Leader Kipp played a prominent part in the results obtained. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, 2 of them in one sortie at night.

Acting Squadron Leader John William Ernest TYLER (111498), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has successfully attacked a variety of targets important to the enemy's war effort. He is a gallant and determined captain whose example has inspired all.

Captain Thomas Reginald James TAYLOR (103704V), South African Air Force, No. 93 Squadron.

In April, 1944, Captain Taylor led a small formation of aircraft in an engagement against 14 enemy fighters. In the fight four enemy aircraft were shot down, two of them by Captain Taylor. On a previous occasion this officer flew the leading aircraft of a formation which engaged a large force of bombers escorted by fighters. Three of the bombers were shot down and the remainder were forced to jettison their bombs and turn for home. In both these operations, Captain Taylor displayed high powers of leadership, great courage and determination. This officer has always shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and has destroyed 3 hostile aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Grover Arnold BERRY (Can/J.23390), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great courage and determination in his attacks on the enemy and his achievements have been most commendable. On one occasion, in an attack on Berlin, his aircraft sustained severe damage in an encounter with a fighter. One engine was put out of action, the elevators were damaged, both the turrets were put out of action and two of the petrol tanks were pierced by shrapnel. In spite of this Flying Officer Berry flew the aircraft home. More recently, on the outward flight to Aachen one engine became defective and later failed completely but Flight Lieutenant Berry continued to the target and executed a successful attack. He set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Gordon EMPY [Can/J.16917], Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 115 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties against a wide range of targets in Germany. He is a wireless operator of high merit and has proved himself to be a courageous and resolute member of aircraft crew. During a sortie in March, 1944, his aircraft was extensively damaged when attacked by fighters. The intercommunication system was rendered useless but although working under great difficulties, Flight Lieutenant Empey skilfully effected repairs. His coolness and resource proved most inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ewen John Campbell GUTHRIE (N.Z.417052), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 199 Squadron.

Throughout his operational career this officer has displayed a high standard of courage, determination and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties, many of them necessitating a high degree of ability and resolution and the successes achieved are an excellent tribute to his fine qualities. His example has been worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer Benjamin BENT (52078), Royal Air Force, No. 25 Squadron.

This officer is an observer of high merit. He has participated in a very large number of sorties and throughout has displayed notable keenness and devotion to duty. He has assisted in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer Desmond CURTIS (127996), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 248 Squadron.

As navigator, this officer has participated in very many sorties and has proved himself to be a highly efficient member of aircraft crew. In March, 1944, he took part in destructive attacks on a tanker. Four days later he was the navi-

gator of the leading aircraft of a formation which attacked a convoy and probably sank a U-boat. Another two days afterwards, Flying Officer Curtis was again the leading navigator of a bomber force which attacked a large convoy. During the operation a U-boat was hit and damaged. In these operations this officer displayed a high standard of navigational ability which contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Barclay William Gaunt FELGATE (156831), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

One night in May, 1944, this officer was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern France. When approaching the target, Flying Officer Felgate sighted an enemy fighter closing in. He promptly gave his pilot clear and concise evading directions and then brought his guns to bear with telling effect. His second burst of fire struck the enemy aircraft which caught fire and fell to the ground. Flying Officer Felgate defended his aircraft with much skill. This officer has taken part in a number of sorties and has proved himself to be an alert and confident member of aircraft crew.

Flying Officer Joseph Patrick FINNESSY (128592), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 172 Squadron.

In March, 1944, this officer captained an aircraft which attacked a U-boat with damaging effect. In spite of accurate anti-aircraft fire the operation was pressed home with great determination and reflects the greatest credit on the skill shown by this officer. Flying Officer Finnessy has completed very many sorties and has displayed devotion to duty of a high order.

Flying Officer Tom FLETCHER, D.F.M. (158251), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal, Flying Officer Fletcher has undertaken many air/sea rescue sorties. He has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination and has at all times set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Flying Officer William Geoffrey HASLAM (130325), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 25 Squadron.

As observer, this officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has displayed a high standard of skill and resolution. He has assisted in the destruction of 6 enemy aircraft at night, 3 of which were destroyed in one sortie. He is a most keen and devoted member of aircraft crew.

Flying Officer Victor Lewis JACKSON (55072), Royal Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

One night in April, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern Italy. Whilst over the target area the aircraft sustained damage. Smoke and oil immediately commenced to pour from one of the engines. Nevertheless, the bombing run was completed and course was set for home. The aileron control rod had been badly bent and it was only possibly to retain control of the aircraft after the rudder bar had been firmly tied down. In the face of great difficulty, Flying Officer Jackson reached an airfield. When coming in to land the second engine failed, but Flying Officer Jackson effected a masterly landing. He displayed skill, coolness and courage throughout.

Flying Officer Ronald Henry PHILLIPS (145674), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this officer has completed numerous sorties on his second tour of operations. On one occasion, whilst over Berlin, Flying Officer Phillips was wounded in the arm. Although in great pain he gave his captain every assistance in extinguishing a fire in one of the engines. His action was typical of the determination and devotion to duty he has invariably displayed.

Pilot Officer Douglas Arnold WADSWORTH (159050), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

This officer has attacked many targets in Germany, including Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich and other such strongly defended objectives. He has