

invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination and his successes are a good tribute to his skill and accuracy. He has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty and has devoted much energy in the training of other members of the squadron.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

Warrant Officer Wilfred George BICKLEY (530493), Royal Air Force, No. 617 Squadron.

As air gunner, Warrant Officer Bickley has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them calling for a high degree of courage and resolution. His appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him and his determination to achieve success have been a notable feature of his service. His great gallantry and fine fighting qualities have set an example in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1481880 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Law SUMNER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of successful sorties including 7 attacks on Berlin. In April, 1944, he was the bomb aimer in an aircraft detailed to attack Schweinfurt. Long before the target was reached the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Flight Sergeant Sumner was hit in the hand and arm by fragments of shrapnel but coolly informed his captain that his injuries were not serious and insisted on fulfilling his duties. When the target area was reached he directed the bombing run with skill and successfully attacked the objective. Only when the enemy coast had been crossed on the homeward flight would he allow anyone to attend to his injuries. His actions throughout were characteristic of the determination and devotion to duty he has shown throughout his tour.

1397521 Sergeant Frederick (Henry) JOY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

1592172 Sergeant Jack Harrison MALTBY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

As rear and mid-upper gunners respectively these airmen have taken part in very many attacks against well-defended targets in Germany. They have displayed a high standard of determination and devotion to duty and, on more than one occasion, their good shooting and excellent co-operation have frustrated enemy fighters. Their example has been most commendable.

Air Ministry, 26th May, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Rowland David GEORGE, O.B.E. (75777), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Wing Commander George, the senior movements staff officer, was responsible for the smooth and efficient working of the supply system from the beaches to the airfields during the assault landings at Salerno. He landed with the first assault troops on the beaches in the early morning of 10th September, 1943. Thereafter, he was under fire, both on the beaches and whilst travelling between the various supply dumps and airfields, until the enemy had been forced to retreat sufficiently to allow the airfields to be occupied by units of the Tactical Air Force. Wing Commander George was wounded when his tented camp was hit by 2 enemy bombs; he did not, however, allow this to interfere with his personal supervision of the work of unloading and distributing the urgently required supplies. Throughout the operation Wing Commander George displayed great gallantry and his example and coolness whilst under fire were an inspiration to those under his command and contributed largely to the success of the operation.

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