

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1337754 Flight Sergeant Charles James MEDLAND, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 514 Squadron.

This airman piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Chambly one night in May, 1944. Soon after leaving the target area the aircraft was struck by machine gun fire from a fighter. The starboard inner engine was so badly damaged that it became completely dislodged from its mountings. In spite of this, Flight Sergeant Medland succeeded in out-maneuvring the attacker which was finally evaded. The port engine now began to vibrate so violently that it had to be put out of action. Subsequently, the aircraft was attacked on 3 occasions by fighters. In the last of these attacks the bomber became uncontrollable and went into a steep dive. It seemed as if the aircraft would have to be abandoned but Flight Sergeant Medland succeeded in regaining control and afterwards flew the badly damaged aircraft to base. He proved himself to be a skilful, courageous and resolute captain and pilot.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services in air operations:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant George Desmond GRAHAM, M.B.E. (61855), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 357 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant James Albert KING, D.F.C. (45734), Royal Air Force, No. 357 Squadron.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

638217 Acting Flight Sergeant Thomas Emmanuel WHITE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, attached No. 357 Squadron.

Air Ministry, 2nd June, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Alfred Kitchener GATWARD, D.F.C. (83251), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Squadron Leader John Hugh SAFFERY (61457), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Ramsay AYTOUN, D.F.C. (68164), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Reginald Yates POWELL, D.F.C. (45714), Royal Air Force, No. 202 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Alexander Cuninghame PEARSON (24138), Royal Air Force, No. 202 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Frank Ronald BIRD (33526), Royal Air Force, No. 105 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Peter BRAY (42793), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 31 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Rodney Bernard ROACHE (61298), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader James Gordon WOOLLATT (82710), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant John Bernard BURT (116579), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 109 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Horace GILBERT (106049), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Thomas Anthony GRIFFITH (118482), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant George Angus GRUNDY (115642), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Leonard George Alfred HADLAND (115932), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant William HUNTER (103049), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Vernon PEREIRA (160233), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Eugene QUINN (116408), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William Gordon WESLEY (115726), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Edward Russell WILLIAMS (117696), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Vernon Wentworth ARMITAGE (129160), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Norman ARMSTRONG (126555), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald FERGUSON, D.F.M. (50960), Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald HARTLEY (122548), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 109 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Liddle HILDREW (134369), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard Victor HYDE (149552), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard Cyril JONES (138589), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Richard LEEDER (130638), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gomer Stanley MORGAN (134150), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Hewett PALMER (138398), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Derry PERKS (145348), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 434 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Henry PIDDING (148113), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Frank POORE (109369), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Joseph SIMMS (129547), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard SIMPSON (129050), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth James ANDERSON (132741), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles William BARNETT (155501), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Flying Officer William BENTLEY (130704), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Flying Officer Anthony Gervase BLOIS (156046), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

Flying Officer Albert Edward BRISTOW (147484), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Flying Officer James CARLIN (131016), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Hope CRANSWICK (160067), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Flying Officer Roy DAVIS (139624), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Edward John DENSLEY (133733), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Flying Officer Reginald James ELSEY (132870), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Flying Officer Philip Blundell HALL (155093), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Flying Officer William HALL (139892), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

Flying Officer Peter Medley John HARRIS (144318), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Flying Officer Matthew HOLLIDAY (52822), Royal Air Force, No. 77 Squadron.