

fuselage. To keep the aircraft level it was necessary for two members of the crew to help with the control column and the rudder control. Despite this, Pilot Officer Reed kept to his homeward course and finally reached base where he landed the crippled aircraft on one wheel. He displayed superb skill, unbeatable courage and determination and his leadership in the face of hazardous circumstances proved most inspiring.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Nigel BUNTING, D.F.C. (60523), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed a high standard of skill and keenness throughout. He has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft at night, successes which pay a good tribute to his ability and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Phillip REED, D.F.C. (104432), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer is an observer of high merit and his example of courage and resource has been most praiseworthy. He is a very valuable member of aircraft crew and has assisted in the destruction of 11 enemy aircraft at night.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Alexander John MACKIE, D.F.C. (88410), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties and has continued to show the highest qualities of skill and devotion to duty. His successes are an excellent tribute to his unwavering determination to make every sortie a success.

Flying Officer Phillip KELLY, D.F.C. (130515), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed very many sorties against dangerous and difficult targets. Throughout he has displayed navigational ability of the highest standard which has contributed in a large measure to the successes obtained. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer Kelly was the navigator of an aircraft which attacked Munich. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire and much searchlight activity, Flying Officer Kelly coolly and skilfully directed his captain to the precise target which was successfully attacked. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and his record is worthy of the greatest praise.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Rollo KINGSFORD-SMITH (Aus.381), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many attacks against well defended targets. He has displayed a high degree of skill throughout, and his determination to press home his attacks has won him much success. He is a gallant squadron commander, whose contempt for danger and outstanding ability has been well reflected in the operational efficiency of the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Ian Rose ARTHUR (41241), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 72 Squadron.

In May, 1944, this officer flew the leading aircraft of a formation which engaged a force of 18 enemy fighters 9 of which were shot down without loss. By his skilful and determined leadership, Squadron Leader Arthur played a worthy part in this brilliant success. This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has displayed outstanding devotion to duty. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Stephen Legh COCKBAIN (67707), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

In March, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. One engine was rendered useless, the cupola of the mid-upper turret was shattered and the hydraulic gear was damaged. Despite this, Squadron Leader Cockbain succeeded in evading a second attack and went on to the target to complete his task. This officer

has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed great skill, leadership and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Cameron McArthur FORBES (121289), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 53 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties and has set a fine example of devotion to duty. Within a period of several days recently, Flight Lieutenant Forbes has made 4 attacks on U-boats. In one of these sorties his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and one engine was set on fire. Despite this Flight Lieutenant Forbes pressed home his attack with the greatest determination. This officer has displayed the highest standard of courage and tenacity in his efforts to destroy the enemy's under water craft.

Flight Lieutenant John Anthony Sanderson HALL (107269), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Hall is a highly efficient and courageous fighter. He has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed notable keenness and devotion to duty. He has shot down 4 hostile aircraft at night.

Flight Lieutenant Patrick William KEMMIS (118368), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 169 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald George WOODMAN (69464), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 169 Squadron.

As observer and pilot respectively these officers have participated in many sorties and have set a fine example of skill, perseverance and zeal. They have displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and have destroyed 4 hostile aircraft at night.

Flight Lieutenant John Milton PILCHER (Aus.402880), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations during which he has participated in several attacks on shipping. Recently he took part in an attack on a convoy of 19 ships, pressing home his attack with exceptional skill and vigour. Some days later, Flight Lieutenant Pilcher participated in an attack on another convoy. In the face of intense opposing fire, he led his section with great skill and gallantry and his brilliant work contributed in good measure to the success achieved. This officer has set an example of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Francis Robert HARRIS (Can./J.20064), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

One night in April, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Montzen. Soon after leaving the target area the aircraft was involved in an encounter with a fighter and sustained much damage. The port inner engine was damaged, two petrol tanks were pierced and the rear turret was rendered unserviceable. A fire started to the rear of the fuselage but, by the prompt action of 2 members of the crew the flames were extinguished. Nevertheless, the fighter was evaded and Flight Lieutenant Harris, in the face of much difficulty, flew the damaged aircraft to an airfield in this country. His skill, coolness and tenacity set an excellent example.

Flying Officer Lorenzo John BATEMAN (Can./C22661), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage in the course of his attacks on the enemy. Recently he executed a most determined attack on a U-boat. Despite intense opposing fire, the attack was pressed home with great skill and resulted in the destruction of the vessel. This officer has completed many sorties and has set an excellent example of keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John Paul Wargrave CAIRNS (124540), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

As observer, Flying Officer Cairns has displayed high qualities of skill. He has taken part in very many sorties during which he has assisted in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft at night; he has also played his part well in the destruction of 6 locomotives. This officer has set a fine example of courage and determination.