

Flying Officer Roy Hamilton CANNELL (130462), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has displayed high qualities of skill and devotion to duty. He has completed a very large number of sorties, including many successful attacks on shipping. In May, 1944, Flying Officer Cannell took part in an attack on a large well armed convoy. In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, he pressed home his attack with great accuracy and obtained a hit on a medium sized merchantman. He displayed a high degree of courage and tenacity throughout.

Flying Officer Ronald Spencer MALLET (158594), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 141 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and his record is worthy of the greatest praise. He is an extremely efficient and determined member of aircraft crew and has assisted in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer Ian Hamilton MASSON (127828), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Now on his second tour of operations this officer has taken part in several attacks on enemy shipping and has displayed courage and skill of a high order. In May, 1944, Flying Officer Masson participated in an attack on a large and heavily armed convoy. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire, this officer pressed home his attack with the greatest resolution. His aircraft was repeatedly hit and sustained much damage but he flew it back to base where he effected a successful crash-landing. His determination on this occasion was typical of that he has shown throughout his tour.

Flying Officer Leonard Joseph SUMPTER, D.F.M. (149045), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, this officer has participated in many sorties, and has continued to display high qualities of courage and devotion to duty. He is a skilful bomb aimer whose determination to ensure accuracy in the face of the heaviest opposition has been most commendable. He has set a fine example to all.

Pilot Officer Ronald James AUCKLAND (169582), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including eleven attacks on the capital of the German Reich. He is an intrepid and skilful pilot whose determination to achieve success has been most commendable. One night in May, 1944, after an attack on Toulouse, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained much damage. The rudder control was severed, the elevator trimming tabs were shot away, the bomb doors could not be closed and the fuselage was pierced in many places. The aircraft became extremely difficult to control but Pilot Officer Auckland flew it back to this country. He displayed skill, courage and determination of a high order.

Pilot Officer Alfred George EDGAR (172180), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

One night in May, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft to attack a target in Belgium. On the homeward flight the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter and sustained much damage in the ensuing fight. The aileron controls and the trimming tabs were severed, whilst a fire broke out in the fuselage. The flames were extinguished but the aircraft was difficult to control. To keep the aircraft level it was necessary for Pilot Officer Edgar and another member of the crew to apply their full weight against the control column. In this manner the aircraft was flown for 2 hours until an airfield was reached where Pilot Officer Edgar executed a masterly landing. This officer displayed great skill and resolution in the face of heavy odds.

Pilot Officer Ronald James LONE (173055), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties, including seven attacks on Berlin. He has displayed notable skill and set a fine example in pressing home his attacks. On a recent occasion he successfully bombed the railway junction at Aulnoye. On the homeward flight the aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire and Pilot Officer Lone sustained multiple wounds. In spite of his injuries,

this gallant pilot insisted on remaining at the controls, whilst another member of the crew attended to his injuries as much as possible. Although in great pain and much weakened by the loss of blood Pilot Officer Lone succeeded in reaching an airfield where he landed the aircraft safely. This officer displayed high qualities of skill, courage and endurance and his example was beyond praise.

Pilot Officer Cecil Harold OGDEN (54597), Royal Air Force, No. 103 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Karlsruhe one night in April, 1944. When nearing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The engagement ended with the destruction of the enemy aircraft but the bomber had sustained severe damage. Despite this, Pilot Officer Ogden completed his bombing run. The aircraft became very difficult to control but course was set for home. Eventually the enemy coast was crossed but, within a few miles from the English shore the odds became too heavy and Pilot Officer Ogden was compelled to bring the aircraft down on to the sea. All the engines had ceased to function but he accomplished the task successfully, and some time later all the crew were rescued. In the most trying circumstances this officer displayed superb captaincy, exceptional gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Alan Barker Lloyd WINSTANLEY (170661), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 514 Squadron.

This officer has completed a notable tour of operations during which he has attacked Berlin on 7 occasions. In one sortie against this target his aircraft was attacked by a fighter when nearing the objective. Pilot Officer Winstanley skilfully evaded the attacker, however, and afterwards made a successful bombing run. Soon afterwards the aircraft was struck by bullets from another fighter. One engine was damaged, whilst the mid-upper turret was put out of action but Pilot Officer Winstanley out-maneuvred the attacker and afterwards flew safely to base. This officer has invariably displayed commendable skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Second Class Jack Hewitson HAYES (Can/R.140172), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 254 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Hayes has completed numerous sorties and has displayed a high standard of efficiency throughout. His fine fighting spirit was well illustrated on a recent occasion when, single-handed, he engaged a force of 6 enemy aircraft 1 of which he shot down. He has set an inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Kossuth John NEWMAN (N.Z.401286), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 684 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1336789 Flight Sergeant Raymond Kenneth SMITH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 684 Squadron.

As pilot and navigator respectively, this officer and airman have completed many sorties, including successful reconnaissances over various far distant targets. They have displayed great skill, fortitude and devotion to duty and have set an example which has impressed all.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Wallace Gordon SHADFORTH (61040), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1853807 Sergeant Alfred Joseph VEALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.
1370487 Sergeant Robert Walker Thomas WEIR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

This officer and these airmen were pilot, flight engineer and wireless operator (air) respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Karlsruhe one night in April, 1944. Early on the outward flight some navigational equipment became useless. This did not deter Flight Lieutenant Shadforth who continued to the target and executed a successful attack. On the return flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. The throttle connections