and intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Despite this Pilot Officer Pile held to a steady course and dropped his mines in the specific area. His skill and determination on this occasion were typical of that which he has invariably displayed.

Warrant Officer Vincent Rex JAMIESON (N.Z.416431), R.N.Z.A.F., 149 Sqn.

As rear gunner this airman has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on such targets as Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Berlin. On one occasion when over the last named target, Warrant Officer Jamieson destroyed 2 enemy fighters. On another occasion, en route to an enemy target, this rear gunner sighted an enemy aircraft closing in. He promptly gave his pilot the necessary control manoeuvre and then opened fire. His bullets struck the fighter which caught fire. The mid-upper-gunner then opened fire and almost immediately the enemy aircraft exploded in the air. Warrant Officer Jamieson is a highly skilled and resolute gunner, whose fine fighting qualities and unfailing devotion to duty have won great praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Vivian BRIDGES (124625), R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1586841 Flight Sergeant Donald Gerald WEBB, R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively, this officer and airman have proved themselves to be highly skilled and resolute members of aircraft crew. They have completed numerous sorties and have destroyed 4 enemy aircraft at night. In the last of these fights, Flight Lieutenant Bridges pressed home his attack from close range. Following his accurate bursts of fire the enemy machine exploded in the air. The British aircraft was struck by flying debris. One engine caught fire and the aircraft temporarily went out of control. With great presence of mind, Flight Sergeant Webb feathered the burning engine whilst his pilot fought to regain control. Considerable height was lost before Flight Lieutenant Bridges succeeded in getting the aircraft on an even keel. Although one engine was useless he flew the aircraft to base. This officer and airman have invariably displayed commendable coolness and courage.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.409977, Flight Sergeant John Allan CAMERON, R.A.A.F., 104 Sqn.

This airman has completed many sorties and throughout has set a fine example of efficiency, resolution and zeal. He is a first class captain, whose determination to complete his missions successfully has won much praise. One night in July, 1944, Flight Sergeant Cameron participated in a mine-laying mission. Undeterred by intense light anti-aircraft fire which was directed at his aircraft, this resolute pilot maintained a steady run-in and laid his mines in the area as planned. He displayed the highest standard of skill and gallantry.

Aus.410183, Flight Sergeant Kenneth Sydney TROLLOPE, R.A.A.F., 104 Sqn.

This officer has displayed notable skill, courage and keenness in air operations. He has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a variety of targets. One night in July, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. In spite of intense light anti-aircraft fire, Flight Sergeant Trollope maintained a steady run-in and laid his mines in the prescribed area. A few days later, this airman took part in an attack on an enemy airfield and his skilful and resolute efforts contributed materially to the successes obtained.

1609273 Sergeant Terence Frederick FROGLEY, R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack a target near Paris. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. Early in the fight the bomber was struck by the enemy's bullets. The intercommunication system was rendered useless and the mid-upper turret was hit and its occupant wounded; the rear turret was also damaged and could only be operated manually. Despite this, Sergeant Frogley used his guns with excellent effect causing the enemy aircraft to break away with smoke pouring from it. After the target had been bombed, the aircraft was twice engaged by enemy aircraft but Sergeant Frogley drove them off. This airman displayed high skill and great resolution, qualities which contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft.

Can/R.206488 Sergeant Douglas Cregar HARKNESS, R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has participated in numerous sorties and has proved himself to be a resolute and devoted member of aircraft crew. On one occasion he was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern France. Whilst over the target area the aircraft sustained extensive damage and dived steeply out of control. Considerable height was lost. The captain ordered the crew to leave by parachute as he fought to regain control. Sergeant Harkness stayed with his captain, however, who succeeded in levelling out. He afterwards flew the crippled aircraft back to this country being greatly aided by Sergeant Harkness whose navigational assistance was of immense value. This airman displayed praiseworthy courage, coolness and determination throughout.

Can/R.165361 Sergeant Donald Ralph MCEVOY, R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In June, 1944, this airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy target. On the return flight the bomber was attacked by a fighter. Sergeant McEvoy defended his aircraft with great skill and his accurate bursts of fire caused the destruction of the attacker. Some nights later, Sergeant McEvoy shot down another enemy aircraft after a spirited fight. This airman has proved himself to be a gallant and determined member of aircraft crew.

1820952 Sergeant Cecil Alexander MATTHEWS, R.A.F.V.R., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in June, 1944, this airman was the flight engineer of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy target. During the operation the bomber was struck by bullets from a fighter and the pilot was fatally wounded. He was carefully removed from his seat by the bomb aimer and Sergeant Matthews. The latter then took over the controls. Although untrained for such responsibilities he flew the aircraft to an airfield and a safe landing was made at the third attempt. In the effort to bring the bomber down safely, Sergeant Matthews himself worked the controls governing the throttle, the flaps and the undercarriage. His coolness and resource in the face of a difficult and dangerous situation were worthy of the greatest praise.

Can/R.110337 Sergeant Derek James WEBB, R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has displayed a high standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty. At the commencement of his operational tour, Sergeant Webb was involved in two most trying incidents. Nevertheless, his keenness remained unabated and he has since taken part in many successful sorties. He is a flight engineer of high merit.

Air Ministry, 29th August, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Michael Evelyn POLLARD, D.F.C., A.F.C. (41615), R.A.F.O., 107 Sqn.

Peter James SIMPSON, D.F.C. (41875), R.A.F.O.

Squadron Leader.

Edward Michael GOODALE (25128), R.A.F., 16 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

Derek Aldwin GRANT (68811), R.A.F.V.R.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

Jack Sylvester ADAMS, D.F.C. (37728), R.A.F.O., 226 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Richard Ian Mallafont BOWEN (25118), R.A.F., 140 Squadron.