

Flying Officer James Davidson WRIGHT (Can/J.24659), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As observer, Flying Officer Wright has participated in a large number of sorties. He is a most devoted and courageous member of aircraft crew whose exceptional ability has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Pilot Officer Mervin Harold SIMS (85710), R.A.F.V.R. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer James David SHARPLES (Can/J.19986), R.C.A.F. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have completed a large number of sorties, many of them in adverse weather. They have displayed a high degree of skill and their keenness has been exceptional. They have destroyed 4 enemy aircraft in the air and damaged several more on the ground.

Pilot Officer Leonard PAPPAS (Can/J.85738), R.C.A.F. 12 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties as pilot and captain of aircraft. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and resolution, qualities which were amply demonstrated when detailed to attack Vierzon one night in June, 1944. Shortly after leaving the target the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter which closed in. By skilful combat manoeuvres Pilot Officer Pappas enabled his gunners to open fire from good positions and their accurate bursts struck the enemy aircraft setting it on fire. Some time later another fighter closed in. Once again Pilot Officer Pappas and his gunners co-operated skilfully and the enemy aircraft was driven off. This officer has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and his example has been most commendable.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.162554 Flight Sergeant Norman Russell MODELAND, R.C.A.F. 90 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this airman was captain and pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack a target near Caen. It was his first operational mission. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. The elevator trimmer controls were severed, causing the aircraft to go into a steep dive. With great difficulty, Flight Sergeant Modeland regained a measure of control and went on to bomb the target. On the return flight the strain of keeping the aircraft in level flight became so great that two members of the crew had to assist by pulling the ends of a rope which had been lashed to the control column. Base was finally reached and in spite of difficulties a safe landing was effected. Flight Sergeant Modeland set an excellent example of skill, determination and devotion to duty in most difficult circumstances.

Air Ministry, 1st September, 1944

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

Bar to Air Force Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

George Cowdery WEBB, A.F.C. (81613), R.A.F.V.R.

Air Force Cross.

Group Captain.

Howard FORD (05181), R.A.F.

Acting Group Captain.

Donald Osborne FINLAY, D.F.C. (36031), R.A.F.

Wing Commanders.

Thomas Anthony JEFFERSON (29109), R.A.F.O.

Allon Richard WRIGHT, D.F.C. (33499), R.A.F.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Harold Hamlyn BURNELL (39299), R.A.F.O.

Leslie Jack DIXON (70184), R.A.F.O.

Ronald James HARDY, D.F.C. (63461), R.A.F.V.R.

Henry Egbert HOPKINS, D.F.C. (39770), R.A.F.O.

Donald Stanley RICHARDSON (73586), R.A.F.V.R.

Squadron Leaders.

Douglas Ian BENHAM, D.F.C. (104443), R.A.F.V.R.

Basil Francis FITZ-GIBBON (41571), R.A.F.

Robert Benvie FLEMING (41572), R.A.F.O.

Frank John FRENCH, D.F.C. (72120), R.A.F.V.R.

Peter Cotton HOPKINS (70326), R.A.F.O.

Charles George Buchanan McClure (70418), R.A.F.O.

Charles Norman McVEIGH (40243), R.A.F.O.

William Edward Geoffrey MEASURES (33198), R.A.F.

John Alexander MILLAR (41446), R.A.F.O.

Harold Ian RUST (41211), R.A.F.O.

Arthur Patrick SMALLMAN, D.S.O. (88043), R.A.F.V.R.

Leslie Eric Bradley STONHILL (28237), R.A.F.O.

Acting Squadron Leaders

Leon Douglas BIRKETT (88681), R.A.F.V.R.

Robert Whitworth BROWN (43058), R.A.F.

Harold William BURR (120978), R.A.F.V.R.

William Renshaw DIBB (85258), R.A.F.V.R.

John Robert DONALD (114253), R.A.F.V.R.

Antony George ANSON FISHER (73708), R.A.F.V.R.

Ernest George FRASER, M.V.O. (43066), R.A.F.

Stanley Robert HYLAND (44978), R.A.F.

Edward Albert HOOD (87637), R.A.F.V.R.

Vincent HUGHES (125761), R.A.F.V.R.

Edwin Shaw KENNEDY (108023), R.A.F.V.R.

Mervyn LEVYSHON (103502), R.A.F.V.R.

Cecil George LOADER (51268), R.A.F.

Charles John MACKENZIE, D.F.C. (91223), A.A.F.

James Cosmo MELVILLE (74681), R.A.F.V.R.

Freeman Marshal OSBORN, D.F.C. (44734), R.A.F.

Ronald Philip PRIEST (41802), R.A.F.

Kenneth Arthur RUSSELL (112317), R.A.F.V.R.

Roy Charles Edwin SCOTT (36250), R.A.F.

Harold SHIELDS, D.F.C., D.F.M. (47713), R.A.F.

Kenneth Seeby STAMMERS, D.F.C., D.F.M. (65989), R.A.F.V.R.

William VALE, D.F.C. (44068), R.A.F.

Trevor Sidney WADE, D.F.C. (78984), R.A.F.V.R.

Bruce Hugh WILLIAMS, D.F.C. (62880), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenants.

Victor John Dennis BAKER (123061), R.A.F.V.R.

John BURNINGHAM (87405), R.A.F.V.R.

Robert Leslie CHIDLAW-ROBERTS, M.C. (122393), R.A.F.V.R.

Thomas Patrick COWSILL (100595), R.A.F.V.R.

Robert Bird FERRY (116880), R.A.F.V.R.

Alfred James HARTLEY (45458), R.A.F.

Joseph Hamilton Wingate HILL (78727), R.A.F.V.R.

Edgar Leonard KILLIP (119653), R.A.F.V.R.

Henry MITCHELL, A.F.M (70906), R.A.F.O.

James Cotton Martin MOUNTFORD (42631), R.A.F.

Leo NORRIS (61380), R.A.F.V.R.

Ernest Wilfred PEARSON (126547), R.A.F.V.R.

Kenneth Walter Thomas PUGH (46924), R.A.F.

Oswald Etienne ROTHERHAM (115892), R.A.F.V.R.

Lawrence SHACKMAN (78858), R.A.F.V.R.

John Stevenson SAMS (82705), R.A.F.V.R.

George Frederick Hind SAYERS, D.F.C. (50457), R.A.F.

Bernard Chad SMITH (123863), R.A.F.V.R.

Ralph Thomas STOKES (87031), R.A.F.V.R.

John Raymond VALLANCE (117403), R.A.F.V.R.

Rudyard Anstiss WHITEHEAD (70732), R.A.F.O.

Jack WILLIAMS (124667), R.A.F.V.R.

Wilfred Cedric WILSON (130108), R.A.F.V.R.

Rupert Gerald WOODCRAFT (44359), R.A.F.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Frederick Arthur HADEN (133995), R.A.F.V.R.

Harry Snow NEWTON (134750), R.A.F.V.R.

Eric WALKER (142553), R.A.F.V.R.

Gilbert Gordon George WALTERS (129147), R.A.F.V.R.

Frederic Bruce Ryan WILSON (130809), R.A.F.V.R.

Flying Officers.

George Edward BROWN (148173), R.A.F.V.R.

John Douglas CHRISTIAN (51741), R.A.F.

Ronald EDMOND, D.F.C. (129960), R.A.F.V.R.

Aubrey Howard FERNIHOUGH, D.F.C. (134506), R.A.F.V.R.

Ian Ferguson GLOVER (134105), R.A.F.V.R.

John Adam HENDERSON (148909), R.A.F.V.R.

Robert Clark HORN (170724), R.A.F.V.R.

Reginald Lister JACKSON (169029), R.A.F.V.R.

Alfred Edgar JONES (159658), R.A.F.V.R.

Harry Francis MARKS (161258), R.A.F.V.R.

Dudley Vernon STEYNOR (125755), R.A.F.V.R.

John WEST (157086), R.A.F.V.R.

Pilot Officers.

Hubert Edward FRYER (175663), R.A.F.V.R.

Warrant Officers.

Herbert Henry BINNS (655539), R.A.F.

Lawrence Douglas EASTMENT (523017), R.A.F.

Bruce POLLARD (564996), R.A.F.

Edward Willoughby WARREN (528277), R.A.F.