

affected Pilot Officer James flew the damaged aircraft to base and made a safe landing. This officer has displayed notable skill, courage and keenness.

Pilot Officer Jack Eldin MITCHELL (Can/J.86237), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Mitchell has completed many sorties over enemy territory including attacks against some of the most heavily defended areas in Germany. On one occasion when attacking Berlin his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88 and sustained much damage. One of the petrol tanks was pierced and much of the contents were lost. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Mitchell pressed home his attack. En route for home one engine became useless. Pilot Officer Mitchell held resolutely to his course but, when nearing the English coast, the petrol supply became exhausted and he was compelled to give the order to leave the aircraft by parachute. In the face of great difficulty this officer displayed exceptional determination and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Sidney Beresford TAYLOR (175582), R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Taylor has proved himself to be a most efficient and inspiring captain. On a recent sortie, despite the fact that his aircraft was severely damaged whilst over the target area this officer showed great skill and determination in attacking his target and flying his damaged aircraft safely back to this country. His skill, gallantry and resource have set a fine example to all.

Pilot Officer William THOMSON (170759), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

In the course of two tours of operational duty this officer has participated in attacks against many heavily defended targets. He is a wireless operator of high merit and has played his part worthily in the successes obtained. On one occasion his aircraft was heavily attacked by fighters. Two members of the crew were wounded. Pilot Officer Thomson was of great assistance to his captain in flying the aircraft safely back to base.

Warrant Officer William David McADAM (Can/R.160184), R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer McAdam is a fearless and devoted captain whose example throughout the many sorties in which he has taken part has instilled great confidence in his crew. On one occasion, when over Stuttgart, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The aircraft was seriously damaged and the navigator was killed. Though himself wounded, Warrant Officer McAdam assisted the air bomber to plot the homeward course. He displayed commendable courage and resource in trying circumstances.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

N.Z.421549 Flight Sergeant David John MORIARTY, R.N.Z.A.F., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

One morning in July, 1944, this airman was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack an objective in Northern France. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was hit by an anti-aircraft shell which exploded in the cockpit. Flight Sergeant Moriarty was severely injured about the face being completely blinded in one eye which was badly lacerated by flying glass or shell fragments; he also sustained a nasty scalp wound. After receiving first aid he insisted on remaining at the controls. In spite of his distress he succeeded in flying the aircraft home. This airman displayed courage, fortitude and determination of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.164571 Flight Sergeant John Mike GASTON, R.C.A.F., 115 Sqn.

1896581 Sergeant Clifford Leonard BARUGH, R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

1671281 Sergeant Jack Henry WEST, R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

One night in July, 1944, these airmen were pilot, flight engineer and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Homburg. Shortly after the bombs had been released the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Almost immediately a second enemy aircraft joined the fight. The bomber sustained much damage and Flight Sergeant Gaston and Sergeants Barugh and West were wounded. In spite of their injuries these airmen displayed great coolness in the face of the enemy. A fire started near the cockpit but

Sergeant Barugh beat out the flames with his bare hands. Meanwhile, Flight Sergeant Gaston by good manoeuvring, succeeded in extricating his aircraft from a perilous situation. Course was set for home and on the return flight Sergeant West guided his pilot with much skill although deprived of the use of much of his navigational equipment. Eventually a safe landing was made at an airfield. These members of aircraft crew displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty in the face of a trying ordeal.

1890450 Flight Sergeant Douglas Frank GLYNN, R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.

This airman has completed numerous sorties as rear gunner, most of which have been against targets in Germany. On a recent occasion his aircraft was attacked by a fighter soon after the target had been bombed. Flight Sergeant Glynn defended his aircraft with great skill and drove off the attacker which turned away with one engine on fire. Shortly afterwards he drove off another enemy aircraft which attempted to close in. His good work contributed materially to the safe return of the bomber.

Can/R.210846 Sergeant Berthan Carl SWANSON, R.C.A.F., 12 Sqn.

Sergeant Swanson, as rear gunner, has displayed a fine fighting spirit throughout a notable tour. In June, 1944, when returning home from an attack on Vierzon his aircraft was twice attacked by enemy fighters. By his good shooting and excellent directions to his captain Sergeant Swanson played a good part in driving off the attackers. His coolness and confidence in the face of the enemy have set a worthy example.

Air Ministry, 15th September, 1944.

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

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Edward Robert BUTLER, D.F.C. (107923), R.A.F.V.R., 630 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Roy Pryce ELLIOTT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39631), R.A.F.O., 627 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

William Albert George GALLIENNE, D.F.C. (127457), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Albert Edward KILSEY, D.F.C. (102086), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.

Kenneth Aubyn Hassell LAWRENCE, D.F.C. (41031), R.A.F.O., 7 Sqn.

Stanley SLATER, D.F.C. (145503), R.A.F.V.R., 576 Sqn.

Hugh STILES, D.F.C. (103500), R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Tony BALLAUFF, D.F.C., A.F.C. (103542), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

Robin Herbert KNIGHTS, D.F.C. (47835), R.A.F., 101 Sqn.

Hugh James SANDERSON, D.F.C. (67686), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

Ivan Francis Bryant WALTERS, D.F.C. (48168), R.A.F., 201 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Colin Arthur Sinclair DREW, D.F.C. (134074), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Alexander Watson LISTER, D.F.C. (136892), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Donald Henry PRIDDING, D.F.C. (148113), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

John Nevil Cunning WYATT, D.F.C. (139882), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

John Thompson HUTCHINSON, D.F.C. (141812), R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commanders.

Desmond John McGLINN (37294), R.A.F., 214 Sqn.

Edmund Keith PIERCY (34200), R.A.F., 106 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

Leonard Mountstephen WHETHAM, A.F.C. (70729), R.A.F.O.