

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Norman de Warrenne BOULT, A.F.C. (34066), R.A.F.O., 180 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer took part in an attack on a target south of Caen. Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and, in his run over the target, Wing Commander Boults aircraft was hit. The hydraulic gear was put out of action, causing the bomb doors to fall open and the landing wheels to drop to the down position; other damage was also sustained. Wing Commander Boults was wounded in the arm and in the eye but despite this he maintained formation and made two more runs over the target. This officer set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty throughout.

Acting Wing Commander Michael Trentham MAW (70457), R.A.F.O., 640 Sqn

This officer has consistently displayed skill and initiative and has at all times pressed home his attacks. He has completed many operations including attacks against Germany and enemy occupied territories; he has also taken part in numerous mine laying missions. By his personal example and leadership Wing Commander Maw has maintained a very high standard in his squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Archibald CATHCART STEWART (40151), R.A.F.O.

This officer has displayed gallantry, determination and devotion to duty worthy of the greatest praise. He has taken part in a large number of sorties on many of which he has led large formations of aircraft with exceptional ability. He has rendered much valuable service.

Squadron Leader Reginald Henry Clifford BURWELL (40602), R.A.F.O., 144 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping, on 3 of which eight vessels were attacked with good results. In the fights, Squadron Leader Burwell displayed great skill and courage and pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination in spite of considerable anti-aircraft fire. He is a fine leader.

Squadron Leader Frank George GRANT (Can/J.5056), R.C.A.F., 438 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed much operational flying and has invariably displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination. In June, 1944, he successfully attacked a bridge spanning the river Dives. Some days later he led the squadron in an attack against an enemy headquarters in the Caen area; the building being completely demolished. He is a most inspiring squadron commander.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Ronald MITCHELL (45093), R.A.F., 33 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty in air operations. He has taken part in a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed notable skill and courage. He has commanded the squadron for very many months and his skill, keenness and fine fighting spirit have contributed materially to the operational efficiency of the squadron. Squadron Leader Mitchell has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Hughes Hoyles NORSWORTHY (Can/J.5114), R.C.A.F., 439 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a courageous and skilful leader and has played a prominent part in the success of the squadron he commands. He has participated in many sorties during which 16 small vessels have been destroyed. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's inspiring leadership and great tactical ability. On one occasion, whilst flying over a town on the South coast his aircraft caught fire. Displaying great skill and coolness, Squadron Leader Norworthy effected a successful crash-landing in the only available open space in the area.

Acting Squadron Leader William Harry PENTLAND (Can/J.3204), R.C.A.F., 440 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. In air operations over the Normandy area he has led the squadron on many sorties during which bridges, enemy strong points, troop concentrations and mechanical transport have been determinedly attacked. Throughout these operations, Squadron Leader Pentland has displayed great skill, courage and resolution.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald Hamilton SMITH (Aus.407256), R.A.A.F., 453 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a most efficient squadron commander. He has participated in a very large number of varied sorties and has proved himself to be a gallant and skilful leader. He has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Charles LEIGH, D.F.M. (111975), R.A.F.V.R., 129 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal this officer has completed many sorties, during which he has attacked many enemy targets such as locomotives, mechanical transport and trucks with damaging effect; he has also shot down an enemy aircraft. This officer continues to display a high degree of courage and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Robert MURPHY (106676), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Murphy is a highly efficient observer. He has participated in a large number of sorties and has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew. He has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft at night.

Flight Lieutenant Raymond Stanley NASH (119808), R.A.F.V.R., 91 Sqn.

This officer is a most capable flight commander. He has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed great skill and keenness. He has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft, 2 locomotives and a number of flying bombs.

Flight Lieutenant Alan Francis PAVEY (119252), R.A.F.V.R., 122 Sqn.

This officer has led his flight with great distinction in very many sorties during which such targets as railway junctions, bridges, mechanical transport and other targets on the ground have been attacked with destructive results. By his gallant, resolute and skilful leadership, Flight Lieutenant Pavey has played a prominent part in the successes obtained. In air fighting he has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant James Kent Blair PURVES (Can/J.4342), R.C.A.F., 21 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. In the course of his assignments he has attacked a wide range of targets, including enemy airfields, shipping, road transport and other objectives. He has displayed great skill and determination, setting an excellent example.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Frank STEIB (112549), R.A.F.V.R., 122 Sqn.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties of a varied character and throughout has displayed the highest standard of keenness and determination. He has successfully attacked many targets on the ground and in air fighting has shot down 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Paul Michael ZARY (Can/J.9261), R.C.A.F., 421 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a most determined fighter whose keenness to engage the enemy has always been apparent. In July, 1944, he took part in an engagement against a superior force of enemy fighters, 3 of which he shot down. This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Francis Locker HALL (N.Z.412841), R.N.Z.A.F., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Richard D'Arcy MARRIOTT (141337), R.A.F.V.R., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively these officers have participated in many sorties. Throughout they have displayed commendable skill and keenness. They have destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Fred Derek Algernon AINSLEY (128859), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn

As pilot and captain this officer has participated in very many operational missions. He has displayed a high standard of ability and throughout his determination to complete his missions successfully has been most apparent. He is a fine leader whose coolness in action has greatly inspired his crews.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Horne Paul LAGACE (Can/J.16271), R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As air gunner, this officer has displayed the highest standard of determination throughout his tours of operational duty. He has taken part in attacks on very many targets important to the enemy's war effort. His coolness in action and his