

Flight Lieutenant Foote skilfully manoeuvred the aircraft and enabled Flight Sergeant Smith to engage the fighter which was seen to fall away in flames. Flight Lieutenant Foote then continued to the target and completed his mission. This officer and airman have taken part in many sorties and have displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Wilkinson **TURKINGTON**, D.F.C. (117519), R.A.F.V.R., 241 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, determination and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties and much of the success achieved by the squadron can be attributed to this officer's efficiency and resolution. During a sortie in July, he destroyed one and probably destroyed a second enemy aircraft although only one cannon was functioning in his aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Turkington is a gallant and inspiring Flight Commander.

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Acting Wing Commander John **WOODROFFE** (40777), R.A.F.O.

Pilot Officer Robert Robb **ORMISTON** (175913), R.A.F.V.R.

One night in July, 1944, these officers were captain and air bomber in an aircraft detailed to attack Givors. The operation called for a high degree of skill. En route bad weather was encountered. Nevertheless, Wing Commander Woodroffe reached his difficult target at the prescribed time. By now the weather had considerably worsened. Undeterred, Wing Commander Woodroffe persisted in his efforts to identify the precise target and, in the face of most trying conditions, executed a successful attack. Throughout, Pilot Officer Ormiston displayed the highest standard of efficiency and played his part worthily in the success obtained. These officers set an example of courage and resolution of the highest standard.

Acting Squadron Leader Ian Anderson **MARCH** (Can/J.3258), R.C.A.F., 410 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Kristian Martein **EYOLFSON** (Can/J.8799), R.C.A.F., 410 Sqn.

These officers have completed very many sorties as pilot and observer respectively, against a variety of targets. They have displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution and have destroyed three enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald Clive **PARGETER** (73048), R.A.F.V.R., 29 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Lonsdale **FELL** (78542), R.A.F.V.R., 29 Sqn.

These officers have completed a large number of sorties as pilot and observer respectively. They have displayed great co-operation, keenness and efficiency, qualities which were well characterised one night in February, 1944, when they destroyed two enemy aircraft and damaged a third.

Acting Squadron Leader John Gordon **REES** (Aus.265327), R.A.A.F., 51 Sqn.

In January, 1944, this officer was detailed to attack Berlin. En route an engine became unserviceable and it was necessary to sacrifice a great deal of height. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Rees continued his mission. On the return journey when about 300 miles from the English coast, another engine failed. The aircraft steadily lost further height but eventually crossed the coast to make a successful landing. Squadron Leader Rees has completed many sorties. He is an excellent leader and his knowledge and experience has helped greatly in raising less experienced crews to a high standard of operational efficiency.

Flight Lieutenant Alexander Gardiner **BURGESS** (129533), R.A.F.V.R., 180 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer was navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack a target south of Caen. Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and the aircraft was hit and severely damaged. Several members of the crew were injured and one was killed. Flight Lieutenant Burgess was wounded in the kneecap; nevertheless he remained at his post. On the return journey it was necessary to break formation and seek the nearest airfield. Much of the equipment was out of action and the hydraulics were unserviceable. This officer success-

fully guided his captain through very restricted visibility to an airfield where a masterly crash landing was accomplished. This officer set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty and was largely responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and crew.

Flight Lieutenant Frank Edgar **EMENY** (Can/J.10489), R.C.A.F., 13 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has at all times displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution in pressing home his attacks. He has set an excellent example and has contributed materially to the efficiency of the squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Hamilton **FINLEY** (Aus.412294), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Roger John **EVANS** (Aus. 410202), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In July, 1944, these officers were pilot and air bomber respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack railway sidings at Vaires. En route the aircraft was hit by an anti-aircraft shell which exploded in the fuselage, rendering the rudders useless and the elevators almost ineffective. It was also probable that the aircraft might break in two. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Finley decided to complete his mission. In the interests of the safety of his crew, Flight Lieutenant Finley advised them to leave by parachute. After consultation with Pilot Officer Evans, who had not escaped by parachute, Flight Lieutenant Finley decided to attempt to bring his crippled aircraft back to base. Pilot Officer Evans was greatly instrumental in enabling the aircraft to be flown to this country. Over England, however, abandonment became essential and the aircraft was observed to disintegrate in mid-air. These officers have displayed great courage and devotion to duty, qualities which have characterized their numerous sorties against heavily defended German targets.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James **INWARD** (51944), R.A.F., 578 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Inward has participated in many sorties as flight engineer, involving attacks against very heavily defended targets in Germany. The courage and determination he has shown throughout a long series of operations were well illustrated in February, 1944, when detailed to attack Stuttgart. It was his first sortie. Whilst over the target area the rear gunner's oxygen tube became detached from his mask and he began to lose consciousness. Flight Lieutenant Inward immediately went to his aid. Despite the fact that protective warmth and ample oxygen supply were essential to ward off frostbite, he removed his gloves in order to grip the oxygen fittings in the rear turret. His own oxygen supply then became exhausted and he began to lose consciousness. He persevered, however, and completed his task before making his way forward to obtain oxygen for himself. Despite the fact that several fingers on both hands had been badly frost bitten, he continued to perform his normal duties. He set an example of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Henry **MARKS** (173616), R.A.F.V.R. 625 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Marks has completed many successful operations against the enemy. During several of his sorties his aircraft has been intercepted by enemy fighters, but by skilful flying he has enabled his gunners to drive the attackers off with well directed fire. Flight Lieutenant Marks has set an example of skill and determination which is worthy of emulation.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bruce Kenneth **McDONALD** (Can/J.27538), R.C.A.F., 514 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties as pilot and captain of aircraft. These have included numerous day and night sorties against a variety of important and heavily defended targets in Germany and occupied territory. He has on more than one occasion continued to the target and completed an operation after one of his engines had failed. In July, 1944, his aircraft sustained severe damage from anti-aircraft fire when making an attack. The starboard fin, rudder, elevator and tailplane were shot away. Displaying great coolness Flight Lieutenant McDonald successfully completed the bombing run and flew the aircraft back to this country where he effected a masterly emergency landing.