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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Charles Llewellyn GREEN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (41527), R.A.F.O.

Within recent weeks this officer has led formations of aircraft on numerous sorties during which outstanding successes have been obtained. On two occasions he was responsible for locating large concentrations of enemy armour which were subsequently attacked with great effect. Eighty-nine tanks were destroyed and a large number damaged; many other armoured vehicles, transport wagons and guns were also destroyed. Throughout these operations, Wing Commander Green set an example which inspired all. His leadership was exceptional and his skill and bravery of the highest order.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Blair Dalzell RUSSELL, D.F.C. (Can/C.1319), R.C.A.F.

In recent intensive air operations the squadrons under the command of Wing Commander Russell have completed a large number of sorties. Within a period of three days a very large number of enemy transport vehicles were attacked of which 127 were set on fire and a bigger number were damaged. In addition 4 hostile aircraft were destroyed and seventeen tanks and nineteen other armoured vehicles were damaged. By his masterly leadership, sound judgment and fine fighting qualities, Wing Commander Russell played a good part in the success achieved. His example inspired all.

Acting Wing Commander James Roger WHELAN, D.F.C. (40330), R.A.F.O., 680 Sqn.

This officer has commanded the squadron since June, 1942. During the period he has completed a very large number of photographic reconnaissances and has displayed the highest qualities of skill, courage and leadership. By his untiring zeal, initiative and excellent organising ability he has contributed in a large way to the successes of the squadron which has undertaken many notable missions, the results of which were of immense value.

Flying Officer Alan Ronan BRODRICK (142069), R.A.F.V.R., 2 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of reconnaissances and his great skill and determination have been proven by the excellent photographs he has secured. In August, 1944, he was detailed to reconnoitre an enemy headquarters south of Caen. The target proved to be heavily defended and Flying Officer Brodrick was met by a hail of shells. Defying the barrage he maintained a straight course over the objective. When about

to leave the target area the aircraft was hit in several places. The pilot's cockpit was shattered and Flying Officer Brodrick was badly wounded. Undaunted, this brave pilot set course for base where he made a safe landing. Almost immediately afterwards he fainted through loss of blood. In the successful execution of a vital task this officer displayed the finest qualities of skill, courage and endurance.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander James Michael BIRKIN, D.F.C., A.F.C. (81350), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Ivor Gordon BROOM, D.F.C. (112392), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Yorke ASHLEY, (79744), R.A.V.F.R., 571 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Leonard THURMBLE (49266), R.A.F., 571 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas John BROOM (51227), R.A.F., 571 Sqn.

Flying Officer Albert Frank WALTERS (126769), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1349577 Flight Sergeant Alexander ARBUCKLE, R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, these officers and airman participated in a sortie, involving a mine-laying mission over the Dortmund-Ems Canal. The operation called for the highest standard of resolution as the area is most heavily defended. Nevertheless the mines were laid with great precision. The success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the outstanding skill and great daring of these members of aircraft crew, so ably led by Wing Commander Birkin who also planned the operation.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Alfred Kitchener GATWARD, D.S.O., D.F.C. (83251), R.A.F.V.R., 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has led the squadron with great skill and gallantry in many sorties. In July 1944, he participated in an operation which resulted in the destruction of an enemy convoy, comprising 3 medium sized merchant vessels and 6 escorting ships. In August, 1944, Wing Commander Gatward led his squadron in an attack on a target in the Gironde area. During the operation his aircraft was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained serious damage. Nevertheless, he flew safely to base in the face of great difficulty. This officer has displayed leadership of the highest order.

Acting Wing Commander John Roy Hugh MERIFIELD, D.S.O., D.F.C. (74337), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

Since the invasion of Northern France the squadron has completed many sorties against enemy communication systems and military installations. Much success has been achieved in which Wing Commander Merifield has played a leading part. He planned the missions, advised of the tactics to be adopted and invariably undertook the more dangerous tasks himself. On 2 of these his brilliant work was well proved by the perfection of the photographs which he secured.

Acting Wing Commander Donald Wilfred STEVENTON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33477), R.A.F., 544 Sqn.

This officer is in command of the squadron to which many missions have been assigned since the invasion of Northern France. In the planning and execution of these operations, Wing Commander Steventon has displayed outstanding skill and tactical ability and much of the success achieved can be attributed to his sterling work. On 2 occasions, Wing Commander Steventon successfully completed sorties which demanded the highest standard of skill and courage. The photographs which he secured were a splendid testimony to his outstanding efforts.

Acting Squadron Leader John Russell COLLINS, D.F.C. (124617), R.A.F.V.R., 245 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has undertaken many sorties on which the enemy has been greatly harassed and many of his transport and armoured vehicles have been destroyed. He is a brave and resolute fighter and has set a fine example to all.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Charles TRAINOR, D.F.C. (Can/C.1697), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

On many occasions recently, Squadron Leader Trainor has led the squadron on a variety of sorties and has displayed excellent tactical ability and great resolution. On one occasion a very superior number of enemy fighters were engaged and 8 of them were shot down, one of them by Squadron Leader Trainor who displayed great skill and determination throughout the fight. This officer has shot down at least 9 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Desmond DOBSON, D.F.C. (108026), R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.

This officer has an excellent operational record. He is a navigator of high merit and has participated in a large number of sorties against the most heavily defended objectives. The success of many of these sorties have been largely due to Flight Lieutenant Dobson's undoubted skill and accuracy. He has also been responsible for the organising of a flight navigation section and the training of all new crews, a task which he has executed brilliantly. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Francis Locker HALL, D.F.C. (N.Z.413841), R.N.Z.A.F., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

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

As pilot and observer respectively these officers continue to display the highest standard of skill and gallantry. Recently, within a short period they have destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, bringing their victories to 8.

Flight Lieutenant Francis Richard Lee MELLERSH, D.F.C. (105145), R.A.F.V.R., 96 Sqn.

This officer has proved himself to be a night fighter pilot of outstanding ability and determination and his skill and keenness have set an excellent example. Flight Lieutenant Mellersh has completed many sorties and has destroyed eight enemy aircraft; he has also destroyed a large number of flying bombs.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Laurence William Fraser STARK, D.F.C. (148445), R.A.F.V.R., 263 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Stark has completed a large number of sorties. He has led his flight against many difficult and dangerous targets and despite heavy enemy opposition he has always pressed home his attacks to a successful conclusion. His excellent leadership, courage and fine fighting spirit have set a splendid example to all.

Flying Officer Wilfred Handel MILLER, D.F.C. (169022), R.A.F.V.R., 169 Sqn.

Flying Officer Frederick Charles BONE, D.F.C. (169501), R.A.F.V.R., 169 Sqn.

These officers, as pilot and observer respectively, have completed many sorties. They have displayed a high degree of skill and co-operation, and their keenness to engage the enemy has been most evident. They have destroyed 10 hostile aircraft.

Flying Officer Gerald Norman Edgar YEATES, D.F.C. (128485), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

Within recent months this officer has completed many reconnaissances and has participated in numerous successful attacks on enemy shipping. He is a gallant and tenacious fighter and has set a fine example in pressing home his attacks in the face of heavy opposing fire. In August, 1944, Flying Officer Yeates attacked a medium sized merchantman, inflicting much damage. Afterwards he attacked 2 anti-aircraft gun positions on the mainland.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Herbert York HUMPHREYS (33003), R.A.F., 57 Sqn.

In August, 1944, this officer piloted one of a formation of bombers detailed to attack a flying bomb site in Northern France. Before reaching the target heavy cloud was encountered. On flying clear, Wing Commander Humphreys had become separated from the formation but he went on to the target and executed his attack. Soon afterwards the bomber was attacked by an enemy fighter. For 45 minutes a running fight ensued. Although his aircraft was hit many times and sustained much damage, Wing Commander Humphreys manoeuvred with skill, whilst his gunners prevented the attacker from closing in. The enemy aircraft was finally driven off and Wing Commander Humphreys afterwards flew his damaged aircraft to base. This officer has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and resolution.

Squadron Leader Russell BANNOCK (Can/C.1086), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, including several attacks on enemy airfields on which he has caused much disruption. He is a highly efficient flight commander and has shown much skill and initiative in the planning and execution of his missions. His successes include the destruction of many flying bombs, 3 of which he destroyed in one patrol.

Squadron Leader Richard Neil CHUDLEIGH (39712), R.A.F.O., 96 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty. He is a resolute and skilful fighter and has destroyed two enemy aircraft at night; he has also destroyed many flying bombs, six of them in one night.

Acting Squadron Leader George Frederick ARBUCKLE (Can/J.23445), R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has at all times displayed a high degree of skill and determination. He has completed many sorties including attacks on Berlin, Leipzig, Frankfurt and other heavily defended targets. On one occasion on the bombing run, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. One engine was put out of action but Squadron Leader Arbuckle continued the bombing run and successfully attacked the target. This officer is a very capable flight commander whose excellent leadership is largely responsible for the efficiency of the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Mathew Garry BARNETT (N.Z.391338), R.N.Z.A.F., 501 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Frank Wharton CLEAVER, D.S.O. (124411), R.A.F.V.R.

In air operations these officers have displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Acting Squadron Leader Philip Barber CLAY (105193), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

As captain and pilot this officer has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a variety of targets both at night and by day. On one occasion, when detailed to attack the railway sidings at Challons-Sur-Marne, the air speed indicators in his aircraft became unserviceable soon after taking off. Despite this Squadron Leader Clay continued to the target. Before the objective was reached, one of the starboard engines caught fire and the propeller had to be feathered.

Nevertheless Squadron Leader Clay held to his course and eventually executed a successful bombing attack. This officer is a very determined and gallant leader, whose ability has been outstanding.

Acting Squadron Leader Denis Chetwynd FURSE (62320), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant John Haddon DOWNES (110132), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively these officers have completed many sorties, some of them in most adverse weather. Their keenness and determination throughout has been of a high order. They have destroyed three enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Alastair PARKER-REES (85055), R.A.F.V.R., 96 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Parker-Rees has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. He is a resolute and skilful flight commander and has destroyed three enemy aircraft at night; he has also destroyed seven flying bombs.

Flight Lieutenant Wesley Boyd EDWARDS (115212), R.A.F.V.R., 174 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties, many of them involving attacks on small and difficult targets. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination in pressing home his attacks, often in the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire. In August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Edwards played a worthy part in an air sortie which disrupted a strong German counter attack and caused the destruction of very many armoured fighting vehicles.

Flight Lieutenant John Wilbur KELLER (Can/J.9074), R.C.A.F., 680 Sqn.

Since joining his squadron Flight Lieutenant Keller has completed a very large number of sorties many of them in adverse weather and in the face of heavy enemy opposition. He has displayed skill and determination of a high order and his consistent good work has won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant William James McNICOL (Can/J.10419), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties as air bomber, including attacks against Berlin, Essen, Stuttgart and Dusseldorf. On one occasion when on mining operations off the Frisian Islands, his aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire and an engine was rendered unserviceable. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant McNicol continued to the target area and released his mines with accuracy. On the return flight a second engine became useless and the pilot was compelled to bring his aircraft down on to the sea. Some 22 hours later the crew were rescued. Flight Lieutenant McNicol has at all times displayed a high degree of resolution and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant John Howard Brotherton ROLLETT (85229), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

This officer is a resolute and courageous pilot. He has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping and has inflicted damage on several vessels. He has set a fine example in pressing home his attacks despite heavy opposing fire. His keenness for air operations has been outstanding.

Flight Lieutenant Donald Leslie WARD (106851), R.A.F.V.R., 96 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and efficiency. He has completed very many sorties and has at all times pressed home his attacks with great determination. He has destroyed three enemy aircraft and nine flying bombs.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Norman Fenton BROWN (Can/J.24433), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Brown has recently completed a tour of operations during which he has attacked many heavily defended targets in Germany, including Berlin on 5 occasions. His efficiency and courage have been outstanding, and he has on numerous occasions made more than one run over the target to press home his attack to the full. On one occasion he was detailed for a minelaying mission. When some distance from the target area on the return journey, it was discovered that not all the mines had been released. Displaying great determination and devotion to duty, Flight Lieutenant Brown returned to the target and completed his task successfully.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Hobson HOOKE (Aus. 401216), R.A.A.F., 3 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties in various battle zones ranging from El Alamein to the fighting in Italy and has obtained

many successes. In June, 1944, he took part in an attack on a railway system in the Rimini area. The attack was pressed home with great resolution and a locomotive and 11 trucks were destroyed. Some days later he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a railway near Bologna. A locomotive and 10 coaches were destroyed. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to Flight Lieutenant Hooke's skilful and inspiring leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Lyonel Georges Rolls HUTT (137438), R.A.F.V.R., 250 Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer was leading a formation of aircraft detailed to attack enemy mortar positions near Florence. Despite difficult weather and poor visibility Flight Lieutenant Hutt located the target and flew through heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire to make a successful attack. This officer has completed many difficult and hazardous sorties, and has at all times displayed exceptional keenness, leadership and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Vernon Stephen Joshua JOHNS (139656), R.A.F.V.R., 161 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a very large number of operational missions. He has displayed great keenness and efficiency and his consistent good work is worthy of high praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Keith Reginald PATTERSON (Can/J.14552), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As squadron gunnery leader, this officer has displayed outstanding ability. He has participated in a large number of sorties against heavily defended targets including Berlin, Schweinfurt, Essen and Aachen. His example of courage and resource have been most commendable.

Flying Officer Robert Leslie BEATTIE (Can/J.17090), R.C.A.F., 138 Sqn.

As air gunner this officer has participated in a large number of sorties. He is a courageous and resourceful member of aircraft crew and he has on more than one occasion contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. He has set a worthy example.

Flying Officer Harold Eugene BRIDGES (Can/J.10742), R.C.A.F., 77 Sqn.

In August, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack on an enemy storage depot in the Foret de Nieppe. Before reaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Many holes were torn in the fuselage and mainplane. Three engines were damaged, one of them being completely put out of action. The air bomber was wounded. Considerable height was lost but Flying Officer Bridges retained control and went on to bomb the target. He afterwards flew the badly damaged bomber to an airfield in this country and effected a safe landing although the tail wheel had been badly damaged. This officer is a highly efficient and courageous captain. He has completed many sorties and has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John Mills CALDER (Can/J.14118), R.C.A.F., 235 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including several attacks on enemy shipping recently. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and has set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty. In August, 1944, he took part in an engagement against four Dornier 217s, two of which were shot down into the sea.

Flying Officer Arthur John Edward CARTER (Can/J.22971), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

On his first sortie as captain of aircraft Flying Officer Carter was detailed to attack Bois de Casson. Shortly after leaving base one engine caught fire and became useless. Some height was lost but Flying Officer Carter went on to the target and executed a successful attack. His determination and devotion to duty set a fine example.

Flying Officer Frederick Nelson CHANDLER (Aus. 410214), R.A.A.F., 463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In July, 1944, this officer was the air bomber in an aircraft detailed to attack the position of the enemy holding out at Brest. In the run-in the aircraft was subjected to considerable anti-aircraft fire and Flying Officer Chandler was struck in the thigh and leg by fragments of shell. He refrained from informing his captain and continued to direct the bombing run until the target was successfully attacked. Soon after leaving the target, Flying Officer Chandler collapsed. He

recovered consciousness after first aid had been rendered and immediately asked to be allowed to remain at his post until base was reached. His example of courage and devotion to duty was most praiseworthy.

Flying Officer Maurice Leo DUBOIS (Can/J.25922), R.C.A.F., 550 Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flying Officer Dubois was detailed to attack an oil storage depot at Dugny. On the bombing run his aircraft was twice hit by anti-aircraft fire and on the second occasion this officer was severely wounded in the neck by shrapnel. He fainted momentarily but recovered to find the aircraft in a steep dive. Regaining control of the aircraft he called for a first aid kit and had his wounds dressed by a member of the crew. Although feeling very weak from loss of blood, he made another bombing run and successfully attacked the target. He afterwards flew his aircraft back to base and made a successful landing. Flying Officer Dubois has participated in many sorties and his determination to complete his missions regardless of his own personal safety has set a fine example to his squadron.

Flying Officer David Barrett FROST (131007), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties. Recently he has taken part in several attacks on enemy shipping, during which several merchantmen, escorting vessels and minesweepers have been attacked. In these operations, Flying Officer Frost has displayed commendable skill, gallantry and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Harold Houghton GREGSON (Can/J.26501), R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in June, 1944, this officer was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack a target. Shortly after crossing the French coast on the outward journey, an engine failed. Despite gradual loss of height and air speed, Flying Officer Gregson continued his mission. Undeterred by heavy anti-aircraft fire and numerous searchlights, he successfully completed the attack. On the return journey, by carefully conserving the remaining fuel the aircraft was brought safely back to base. Flying Officer Gregson has completed many sorties and has invariably displayed praiseworthy skill and gallantry.

Flying Officer Harold Bertram IBBOTT (149603), R.A.F.V.R., 161 Sqn.

Flying Officer Ibbott is a skilful and resolute pilot. He has completed a large number of sorties many of them against dangerous and difficult targets. He has at all times displayed great coolness, courage and determination.

Flying Officer Herbert Oxley JOHNSON (112784), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Flying Officer William Watson MILLER (151387), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties. He is a navigator of great ability and his fine work has contributed materially to the success of the operations in which he has taken part. In August, 1944, during a reconnaissance of the Gironde area his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The petrol tanks were pierced and a quantity of the contents were lost. A course was set for home but the petrol became exhausted and the aircraft came down on to the sea. Flying Officer Miller, who had temporarily lost consciousness, recovered to find himself submerged in the cockpit. He released his harness and managed to climb clear. His pilot was apparently still trapped. Although Flying Officer Miller had both his ankles fractured and was in great distress, he re-entered the cockpit in a vain attempt to find his comrade. He displayed great courage, fortitude and resolution in highly trying circumstances.

Flying Officer Frank Ernest PRINGLE (131892), R.A.F.V.R., 29 Sqn.

Flying Officer Edmund Wain EATON (162787), R.A.F.V.R., 29 Sqn.

These officers have completed very many sorties as pilot and observer respectively. They have displayed a high standard of skill and determination and have destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Robert PURVIS (175075), R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flying Officer Purvis was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack an oil

storage installation at Bordeaux. On the bombing run his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Two engines were rendered unserviceable. The bomb aimer and flight engineer were wounded. The aircraft began to lose height rapidly but Flying Officer Purvis regained control and course was set for home. He finally reached this country and effected a successful crash landing at an airfield. By his skill and coolness in a difficult situation, this officer was undoubtedly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft.

Flying Officer James Tennant ROSS (169070), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

This officer has participated in many sorties, several of them being attacks on enemy shipping. On these last operations many vessels of varying type and size have been successfully attacked. Throughout, Flying Officer Ross has displayed a high degree of skill and gallantry, setting a very fine example.

Flying Officer Paul Jean ROY (Can/J.17397), R.C.A.F., 278 Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) Flying Officer Roy has participated in a large number of air/sea rescue operations. On these missions many personnel have been saved, a result in which Flying Officer Roy has played his part worthily. He has displayed commendable courage, fortitude and resolution.

Flying Officer Noel RUSSELL (134004), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

This officer has completed much operational flying during which he has attacked a wide range of targets and inflicted much loss on the enemy. His successes in the air include the destruction of at least 3 enemy aircraft. Since joining his present squadron, Flying Officer Russell has participated in several attacks on enemy shipping and his resolute and skilful efforts have contributed materially to the good results obtained.

Flying Officer Thomas Cecil SCOTT (135621), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including numerous successful attacks on enemy shipping. He is a highly efficient and resolute navigator whose ability has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained. By his appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him and his unflinching devotion to the task on hand, this officer has set a very fine example.

Flying Officer David Lawrie SHIELD (139495), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty in operations against the enemy. Recently he has participated in several attacks on enemy shipping and throughout has shown the greatest determination in pressing home his attacks. On one occasion his aircraft was badly damaged by fire from armed vessels. Nevertheless, he flew to base and effected a successful crash-landing.

Flying Officer George Henry WARD, D.F.M. (52500), R.A.F., 138 Sqn.

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Medal, Flying Officer Ward has participated in many sorties as navigator. Many of these operations have been undertaken over difficult terrain and in adverse weather but Flying Officer Ward has guided his pilot to the target with great skill. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's excellent work.

Acting Flying Officer Leonard James SALTMARSH (174576), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

This officer has completed many successful sorties as captain and pilot of aircraft. He has displayed high qualities of courage and determination and his example has been most inspiring. In August, 1944, Flying Officer Saltmarsh participated in an attack on Saint Trond. On the outward flight one engine became unserviceable which reduced his flying speed. Nevertheless, he went to the target and bombed it. On the return journey a second engine became useless but Flying Officer Saltmarsh flew the aircraft to base and landed it safely.

Pilot Officer Robert John CAPON (176943), R.A.F.V.R., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer John SURTEES (174684), R.A.F.V.R., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

These officers as flight engineer and wireless operator respectively have participated in many sorties against a variety of heavily defended targets in Germany. On one occasion shortly after

leaving Berlin, the rear gunner of the aircraft was discovered partly unconscious from the lack of oxygen. Pilot Officers Capon and Surtees went to his assistance but, in his semi-comatose state he resisted strongly. It was not until half-an-hour had elapsed that they were able to extricate him. They themselves were in much distress and suffering from the intense cold. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Capon managed to get his stricken comrade to a position from where he could be given oxygen from a supply point. Meanwhile, Pilot Officer Surtees manned the rear turret where he remained throughout the remainder of the flight. These officers displayed great fortitude and set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Francis Joseph DEVINE (Can/J.86985), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Devine has completed very many sorties against heavily defended targets in Germany. In July, 1944, he was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. En route an engine became unserviceable. Despite intensive anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter opposition this officer continued to the target and made a successful attack. Pilot Officer Devine has at all times displayed fearlessness, determination and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Maurice EVANS (178561), R.A.F.V.R., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a tour of operational duty during which very many strongly defended targets in Germany have been attacked. He has displayed a high standard of navigational ability throughout and has proved himself to be a most reliable member of aircraft crew. One night in July, 1944, when returning from Hamburg, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained extensive damage. Pilot Officer Evans was badly wounded in the leg. Although in much distress he insisted on fulfilling his duties after receiving first aid. Although much of his equipment had been destroyed, Pilot Officer Evans navigated the aircraft home with his usual skill. This officer displayed great courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Donald JACKSON (179221), R.A.F.V.R., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As flight engineer, Pilot Officer Jackson has participated in a large number of sorties, including attacks on such targets as Kiel, Stuttgart and Leipzig; he has also taken part in many mine-laying missions. He has proved himself to be a highly skilled and resolute member of aircraft crew and his conduct has at all times been exemplary.

Pilot Officer Malcolm Neil McLEAN (Can/J.86725), R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill and courage in air operation. As air gunner he has participated in a large number of sorties, many of them against targets important to the enemy's war effort. One night in July, 1944, on the return flight from Hamburg, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained much damage. Pilot Officer McLean was wounded in the back and the leg. Although in much pain and suffering from loss of blood he remained in his turret ready to defend his aircraft against any further interference. His courage, endurance and devotion to duty set a fine example.

Pilot Officer Samuel Ethelbert MacLEOD MILLIKEN (Can/J.86842), R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a tour of operational duty during which he has successfully attacked very many enemy targets. He has invariably displayed a high standard of gallantry and determination, setting a fine example to his crew. On one occasion, Pilot Officer Milliken was detailed to attack Karlsruhe. Very early on the outward flight, the distant reading compass became unserviceable. Some other necessary equipment also became useless. Despite this, Pilot Officer Milliken continued his mission. When over enemy territory icing conditions were encountered and shortly before reaching the target the air speed indicator became unserviceable. Even so, this determined pilot executed a successful attack in the face of considerable fire from the ground defences. He afterwards flew to base where he effected a safe landing, although deprived of the effective use of the brakes on touching down. His resolution on this occasion was typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour,

Pilot Officer Harry RUMBLE (174239), R.A.F.V.R., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn

Pilot Officer Rumble has taken part in a large number of sorties as navigator, many of which have been over strongly defended areas in Germany. His skill, co-operation and devotion to duty have contributed materially to the successful completion of these sorties. On one occasion when detailed to attack Karlsruhe his aircraft was attacked and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Much of his navigational equipment was rendered useless but Pilot Officer Rumble navigated the aircraft home with unerring skill. He has proved himself to be a most devoted member of aircraft crew.

Pilot Officer William Robertson STEWART (Can/J.87334), R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer William Harold WARDELL (Can/J.87565), R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

These officers have completed many sorties over enemy territory as pilot and wireless operator respectively. In July, 1944, when returning from an operation over Hamburg, their aircraft was hit and damaged by anti-aircraft fire. The aileron control was rendered unserviceable. The wireless apparatus was damaged. Some navigational equipment was destroyed, whilst the inter-communication system was rendered useless. Although in much pain and suffering from the loss of blood, Pilot Officer Stewart continued at the controls and set course for home. Meanwhile, Pilot Officer Wardell set to work to repair his wireless apparatus. Having succeeded, he was able to obtain bearings which helped greatly in determining the aircraft's position. He afterwards did everything within his power to assist his pilot to reach England. Finally, Pilot Officer Stewart reached an airfield where he effected a safe landing in spite of difficulties. These officers displayed great courage, determination and devotion to duty in the face of a trying situation.

Pilot Officer Norman Leonard ULPH (171622), R.A.F.V.R., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties as navigator against targets in Germany and France. He has also participated in numerous mine-laying missions. His coolness and efficiency under hazardous circumstances have set a fine example to his crew and he has contributed in no small way to the successes achieved.

Pilot Officer William Henry WRIGHT (Can/J.86486), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties including attacks against Berlin, Essen, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Nuremberg. On one occasion he was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When in the target area the aircraft was attacked four times by a Focke Wulf 190. Pilot Officer Wright, displaying great skill and coolness successfully evaded the enemy and pressed home his attack. This officer has at all times shown exceptional qualities of leadership and skill and has set a fine example to his crew.

Warrant Officer Ronald Cedric CAMPBELL (Can/R.104882), R.C.A.F., 184 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Campbell has participated in a large number of sorties involving attacks on a variety of targets. He is a keen and resolute leader, whose determined work has won much praise. On 2 recent occasions, Warrant Officer Campbell flew with great distinction in successful attacks on enemy armoured battle vehicles.

Warrant Officer Francis Arthur HARRISON (Can/R.148282), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As rear gunner Warrant Officer Harrison has completed numerous sorties, involving several mine-laying missions and attacks on railway sidings and other heavily defended positions. Recently he was detailed for an operation in the Caen area. On the return flight his aircraft was engaged by a fighter but Warrant Officer Harrison drove it off. A little later another fighter closed in. Warrant Officer Harrison opened fire to good effect and the enemy aircraft burst into flames and fell to the ground where it exploded. This airman has invariably displayed great coolness and courage in action.

Warrant Officer (1st class) Walter Gordon KIRKWOOD (Can/R.121850), R.C.A.F., 409 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer (2nd class) Colin Neil MATHESON (Can/R.152802), R.C.A.F., 409 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have completed many night fighter sorties. They

have displayed praiseworthy keenness and skill throughout, and have destroyed three enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer George Bilton REEDER (105467), R.A.F.V.R., 278 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Reeder has completed a very large number of air/sea rescue missions and has been responsible for saving many members of aircraft crew from the sea. He is a skilful and resolute pilot whose gallantry and endurance have been most evident on many occasions.

Warrant Officer John Frederick TAYLOR (630955), R.A.F., 138 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Taylor has participated in a very large number of sorties as flight engineer. He has at all times displayed a high degree of initiative and skill and his wide experience has been of great assistance in instructing other members of the squadron. He is a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Ronald Charles ETHERIDGE (138470), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

803492 Flight Sergeant David BRYDON, A.A.F., 207 Sqn.

This officer and airman were mid-upper and rear gunners respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart one night in July, 1944. During the operation they sighted an enemy fighter closing in on a disabled aircraft of the bombing force. Flying Officer Etheridge and Flight Sergeant Brydon immediately opened fire. Their bullets struck the enemy aircraft which fell to the ground where it exploded. Ten minutes later they engaged another fighter and caused its destruction. Very soon afterwards, yet a third enemy aircraft closed in. Co-operating splendidly, Flying Officer Etheridge and his co-gunner opened fire. Their bullets again found their mark. The enemy aircraft burst into flames, fell to the ground and exploded. These members of aircraft crew defended their aircraft with exceptional skill and coolness. Their achievement was worthy of the highest praise.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1350204 Flight Sergeant Ernest Frederick PENNIE, R.A.F.V.R., 603 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Pennie has displayed commendable skill and courage in air operations. In July, 1944, he took part in an attack on an enemy convoy. In the fight considerable anti-aircraft fire was faced. Flight Sergeant Pennie was wounded and his aircraft was hit repeatedly. Nevertheless, this gallant pilot pressed home his attack, obtaining hits on a ship.

519071 Flight Sergeant James George Antony TRUSTY, R.A.F., 138 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Trusty has taken part in very many operations as air gunner over areas heavily defended by the enemy. He has consistently displayed keenness and willingness to operate and has on several occasions been instrumental in preventing damage to his aircraft. His courage and devotion to duty have been most commendable.

1317608 Flight Sergeant Rowland Thomas WILLIAMS, R.A.F.V.R., 65 Sqn.

In air operations this airman has displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Can/R.208596 Sergeant Paul BURTON, R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Can/R.197168 Sergeant William Frank MANN, R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As rear and mid-upper gunners respectively these airmen have participated in very many sorties and have displayed notable determination and devotion to duty throughout. On several occasions they have driven off enemy aircraft and, in so doing, have displayed great coolness and co-operation. One night in June, 1944, when returning from an operation against Acheres, they shot down a Junkers 88.

Can/R.215210 Sergeant John Ernest FITZGERALD, R.C.A.F., 166 Sqn.

This airman has participated in many sorties as a rear gunner. He has displayed the greatest

keenness and has proved himself to be a most dependable member of aircraft crew. One night in August, 1944, Sergeant Fitzgerald participated in a mine-laying mission. Shortly after leaving the target area, this gunner sighted a Junkers 88. He opened fire and his first burst struck the enemy aircraft which went into a steep dive with both engines on fire. On more than one occasion his vigilance and good shooting have contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft.

2221459 Sergeant Sidney Francis FRY, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Sergeant Fry was mid-upper gunner in an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Brunswick. After the target had been successfully bombed, the aircraft was attacked and damaged by an enemy fighter. The rear gunner was killed and Sergeant Fry was seriously wounded in the leg. Although suffering great pain from his injury, this airman remained in his turret and gave his pilot concise directions in order to evade further combat. It was not until base was nearly reached that Sergeant Fry revealed the severity of his wound. Shortly after the aircraft had landed, it was found necessary to amputate his left leg below the knee. His courage, fortitude and devotion to duty was of a high order.

1860066 Sergeant Harold Oxspring LOWBRIDGE, R.A.F.V.R., 300 Sqn.

One night in July 1944, Sergeant Lowbridge was mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. En route, he sighted an enemy fighter. He gave his pilot clear and concise directions which enabled him to manoeuvre the aircraft into an advantageous position. Sergeant Lowbridge then opened fire and with his first burst of fire shot the fighter down in flames. On the return journey the aircraft was again attacked by another enemy fighter, but this gunner again co-operated well with his pilot and the enemy aircraft was evaded. Sergeant Lowbridge has invariably displayed great courage and determination and his keenness and ability as an air gunner have been of a high order.

Can/R.193667 Sergeant Thomas JERRY, R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As mid-upper gunner this airman has participated in many operational missions. He has invariably displayed the finest qualities of courage and determination and his devotion to duty has been unflinching.

1605081 Sergeant Ralph Hubert NIXON, R.A.F.V.R., 150 Sqn.

One night in July, 1944, Sergeant Nixon was wireless operator of an aircraft detailed for a mine laying mission. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Sergeant Nixon was badly wounded in the arm and leg and his captain and navigator also received severe wounds. Nevertheless, the attack was pressed home with great determination and the mines successfully laid in the correct position. Concealing from his captain the severity of his injuries, this airman calmly continued his duties. Despite considerable pain and loss of blood he made adjustments to his wireless apparatus, which had sustained damage. Throughout the return flight he worked diligently and obtained several bearings which enabled his captain to determine his position. Sergeant Nixon has completed numerous sorties and has displayed an exceptional degree of courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

*Air Ministry, 3rd October, 1944.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Philip Henry Garne WINTLE, D.F.C. (63803), R.A.F.V.R., No. 140 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Gerard John Christopher PAUL (05164), R.A.F., No. 98 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Kenneth FISHER, A.F.C. (108959), R.A.F.V.R., No. 180 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur Gill GARDNER (101571), R.A.F.V.R., No. 613 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas O'GORMAN (120574),  
R.A.F.V.R., No. 279 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Richard TURLEY-GEORGE  
(41336), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 231  
Squadron.

Flying Officer Peter COLEBY (158412), R.A.F.V.R.,  
No. 226 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric RAMSEY (147008), R.A.F.V.R.,  
No. 464 Squadron.

Flying Officer George STEPHENSON (53094), R.A.F.,  
No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer George William WILLIAMS, D.F.M.  
(139221), R.A.F.V.R., No. 613 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1795099 Flight Sergeant Shawn Cato BATEMAN,  
R.A.F.V.R., No. 140 Squadron.

1461944 Flight Sergeant William Richard MILLIER,  
R.A.F.V.R., No. 140 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Daniel Edward NOONAN (Can/J-  
4863), No. 416 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Arza Berry GILLETTE (Can/J.14754),  
No. 140 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant John Ernest ROUNTREE (N.Z.  
414343), No. 95 Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry  
and devotion to duty in the execution of air  
operations.

*Air Ministry 3rd October, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve  
the following award in recognition of distinguished  
services:—

*Military Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cecil Gresham CURTIS  
(102687), R.A.F.V.R.

*Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington, New  
Zealand, 3rd October, 1944.*

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve  
the following awards with effect from 8th September,  
1944, in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying  
operations against the enemy in the South-West  
Pacific Area:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Charles Albert FOUNTAINE (N.Z.  
402862), 2 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Alan Rodger WALKER (N.Z.416561),  
18 (N.Z.) Sqn.

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