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.

cting Squadron Leader Alastair PARKER-REES (85655), 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 free. 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, 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 time displayed a high degree of resolution and 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 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 attack was pressed nome 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 leader-

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 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),

Flying Officer John Mills CALDER (Can/J.14118), R.C.A.F., 235 Sqn. This officer has participated in very many Ins omeer 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 2178, two of which were shot down into

lying 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 leat but Flying Officer Corter was not at the 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