

accurate anti-aircraft fire he pressed home his attack to deck level although his aircraft was badly damaged. On several other occasions in spite of intense anti-aircraft fire he has pressed home his attack and brought back photographs indicating great destruction.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Robert Gray HOLDEN (Can/J.28141), R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.187051 Sergeant Francis James CLAY, R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Holden was detailed one night in July, 1944, to attack Hamburg and Sergeant Clay was his rear gunner. Whilst over the target the aircraft was swept by cannon and machine gun fire from an enemy fighter. Sergeant Clay was severely wounded and the aircraft became uncontrollable. It dived steeply and Flying Officer Holden ordered the crew to escape by parachute. The navigator, bomb aimer and mid-upper gunner jumped. After losing 10,000 feet the pilot regained control and rescinded his order to abandon aircraft. Sergeant Clay crawled to the nose of the aircraft where he remained during the return flight helping Flying Officer Holden to navigate his aircraft through a most heavily defended area of Germany. Only when the aircraft was being landed in England did Sergeant Clay indicate that he was injured by requesting Flying Officer Holden to have an ambulance to meet the bomber on the airfield. Flying Officer Holden and Sergeant Clay displayed unswerving devotion to duty and set an example of the highest standard.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Raymond Howard SIMPSON (Can/J.28667), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.82918 Sergeant Ormond Mark BROWN, R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Can/R.200588 Sergeant Russell Edward BUDD, R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flying Officer Simpson was captain of an aircraft detailed for a daylight attack on Bois de Casson. When leaving the target his aircraft was heavily hit by anti-aircraft fire. The bomber went into a steep dive and Flying Officer Simpson found the controls useless, but after ordering the crew to prepare to abandon aircraft, he regained control by the skilful use of his throttles and ailerons. It was then discovered that the control rods to the elevator and rudders had been severed in three places. Under Flying Officer Simpson's directions Sergeants Brown and Budd effected skilful temporary repairs and by pulling and pushing at the broken end of the controls enabled Flying Officer Simpson to fly the bomber back to this country where the crew abandoned the aircraft by parachute. These members of aircraft crew displayed great fortitude, skill and determination.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.189496 Flight Sergeant Gordon Clarke GILLANDERS, R.C.A.F., 424 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Gillanders was the rear gunner of an aircraft which, in August, 1944, was detailed to attack Brunswick. On the return journey the bomber was attacked by an enemy fighter. Flight Sergeant Gillanders opened fire with a long burst which caused the enemy aircraft to burst into flames. The second burst of fire caused the fighter to explode in the air. Flight Sergeant Gillanders has always shown courage, coolness and determination to fulfil his duty.

Can/R.187643 Flight Sergeant Emile Joseph LEFAVE, R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, Flight Sergeant Lefave was navigator in an aircraft detailed to attack Kiel. While over the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and Flight Sergeant Lefave was wounded in the leg and abdomen. Although suffering great pain he continued his navigation, displaying great fortitude and devotion to duty. Only on his return to base did he disclose his injuries. Flight Sergeant Lefave is a capable navigator whose coolness in the face of the enemy has been an inspiration to all.

Air Ministry, 13th October, 1944.

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

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Michael Seamer ALLEN, D.F.C. (120723), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.
Harold Edward WHITE, D.F.C. (119508), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Gareth Thomas Butler CLAYTON, D.F.C. (37624), R.A.F.O., 576 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

John WOODROFFE, D.F.C. (40777), R.A.F.O., 61 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Donald Kenneth ALLPORT, D.S.O., D.F.C. (119516), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
Theodore Widdowfield BLAIR, D.S.O., D.F.C. (113853), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.
Louis George JOHNSON, D.F.C. (76914), R.A.F.V.R.
Desmond Hayward Sidley KAY, D.F.C. (42006), R.A.F.O., 109 Sqn.
Norman Wallis MACKENZIE, D.F.C. (130831), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.
Edward Forbes NELLES, D.F.C. (110611), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.
Charles David RASH, D.F.C. (42526), R.A.F., 115 Sqn.
William Jeffrey REES, D.F.C. (86395), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
Francis Grant RUMBLES, D.F.C. (120350), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.
Frank Wright WALTON, D.F.C. (119505), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
William James John WELCH, D.F.C. (63469), R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Edmund Basil CHANDLER, D.F.C. (122814), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.
Jack Richard GOODMAN, D.F.C. (126540), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.
David William GRIFFITHS, D.F.C. (130801), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
Ronald HARTLEY, D.F.C. (122548), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
Arthur John Linzee HICKOX, D.F.C. (129203), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.
John Henry KENNY, D.F.C. (67700), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn. (since deceased). *With effect from 6th August, 1944.*
Norman LEWIS, D.F.C. (47820), R.A.F., 627 Sqn.
William Edward MCALPINE, D.F.C. (115790), R.A.F.V.R., 75 Sqn.
Grahame Robert ROSS, D.F.C. (80830), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Bernard Chapman BROOKER, D.F.C. (172486), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
Cyril Leslie FRENCH, D.F.C. (141831), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
William Ernest Gifford HUMPHREY, D.F.C. (127889), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
John Mossop, D.F.C., D.F.M. (144165), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Harold Charles BOYD, D.F.C. (149309), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
Ronald COOPER, D.F.C. (144190), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
Trefardoe Rudolph DAVIES, D.F.C. (141411), R.A.F.V.R., 647 Sqn.
Alfred William MOORE, D.F.C. (171444), R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

Richard George GOODWIN, D.F.C. (544467), R.A.F., 83 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Robert Ian ALEXANDER (39923), R.A.F.O., 101 Sqn.
Maurice Edward PICKFORD (28116), R.A.F., 149 Sqn.