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Flight Lieutenant Philip Vincent TRUSCOTT (86235), R.A.F.V.R., 169 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Truscott has flown on many operational sorties. He has set a splendid example by his courage, skill and determination, and has assisted in the destruction of four enemy aircraft. His services have been of immense value to the squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Horace Anthony VERNON-JARVIS (65545), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.

As flight commander, this officer has led his flight consistently well on a large number of sorties. He has attacked numerous targets with great success, causing much destruction. His keenness and determination have always been evident and he has set a splendid example.

Flight Lieutenant Donald WILLIAMS (111234), R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

Flying Officer Henry James COBB (143083), R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

As navigator and pilot respectively these officers have completed a very large number of sorties and have displayed great skill, co-operation and determination throughout. On several occasions they have taken part in attacks on enemy E. boats and their excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. They have set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Henry BRYANT (143702), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Bryant has undertaken many sorties mainly against heavily defended targets. He has led his flight with great skill on many occasions and his keenness and enthusiasm have greatly contributed to the success of the squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard GUTHRIE (155236), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Guthrie has executed many sorties, mostly against heavily defended areas. In July, 1944, he led his section in two attacks on gun positions in the Borquebus area. In spite of the most intense anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Guthrie pressed home his attack with the greatest determination. Although his aircraft sustained damage he flew it to base. He is a brave and skilful pilot.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas MAXWELL (147750), R.A.F.V.R., 245 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Maxwell has flown on many operational sorties, including attacks on enemy mechanical vehicles and fortified strong points. He has proved a cool and determined leader and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great skill and courage.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Elam MITCHELL (141461), R.A.F.V.R., 164 Sqn.

A cool and calculated leader, this flight commander has taken part in a large number of sorties. He has destroyed one enemy aircraft and has inflicted much damage on several barges and a number of tanks and other mechanical vehicles. This officer has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Guy Elwood MOTT (Can./J.22319) R.C.A.F., 441 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Mott is a courageous and determined pilot who has set a fine example to all. He has completed very many sorties and has at all times displayed the greatest keenness. He has destroyed four hostile aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bruce John OLIVER (N.Z.41930), R.N.Z.A.F., 602 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Oliver has flown on many operational sorties and has destroyed four enemy aircraft; he has also destroyed 20 mechanical vehicles. This officer has displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and his example has been most commendable.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Edward NAPIER (165951) R.A.F.V.R., 164 Sqn.

This officer has set a splendid example of skill and courage. He has participated in a large number of sorties, including attacks on shipping during which two naval vessels, six minesweepers and a similar number of merchant vessels have been attacked with damaging effect, he has also taken part in many sorties on which the enemy has been greatly harried.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Farr ROSSER (Aus.404794), R.A.A.F., 175 Sqn.

This officer has displayed great skill, courage and determination in his attacks on the enemy. He has taken part in very many sorties during which a variety of targets such as military installations, radio buildings and other objectives have been effectively attacked. Throughout his leadership has been of a high standard.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Coverdale SCOTT (Aus.421131), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Now on his second operational tour, Flight Lieutenant Scott has attacked many of Germany's most heavily defended targets. At dawn one morning in July, 1944, he was detailed to bomb enemy positions near Caen. As he was starting on his bombing run, his aircraft was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Nevertheless Flight Lieutenant Scott continued on a straight and level course fully exposed to enemy fire. He declined to take evasive action owing to the possibility of endangering our own forward troops, and made an excellent attack at a point where accurate bombing was vital. His cheerfulness, courage and determination at all times have been an inspiration to his crew.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Ernest Seal VINCENT (134494), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Vincent has shown the greatest enthusiasm, efficiency and courage in the course of his operational tour. He has taken part in attacks on a wide range of targets and his skilful and determined work has contributed much to the success achieved.

Flying Officer Reginald Charles DAVIE (Aus.425133), R.A.A.F., 207 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flying Officer Davie piloted an aircraft detailed for a mine laying mission in a canal. In spite of intense opposition from the light anti-aircraft defences, Flying Officer Davie executed his task with masterly skill. His courage and determination were typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour of operations.

Flying Officer James Macpherson Lees DRUMMOND (60439), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.

Flying Officer Drummond has proved to be a courageous and skilful navigator. He has taken part in very many sorties, involving attacks on dangerous and difficult sorties. His faultless work has, on more than one occasion, been a prominent factor in the success obtained. He has rendered most valuable service.

Flying Officer Osmund Randolph KELSICK (149954), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.

Flying Officer Kelsick has displayed great determination and keenness in the execution of his assignments and has shown the powers of an outstanding leader. He has participated in many attacks on strongly defended targets, during which much damage has been inflicted on the enemy.

Flying Officer Thomas Henry MCGOVERN (Aus.416269), R.A.A.F., 181 Sqn.

Flying Officer McGovern has been on operations since September, 1942. He has carried out many attacks in support of the 2nd Army in France often in the face of the fiercest opposition. His coolness under all circumstances has been an excellent example to the Flight he has led.

Flying Officer Harry Victor MARKBY (Aus.409421), R.A.A.F. 174 Sqn.

This officer has participated in many operational sorties over enemy occupied territory and has destroyed a large number of mechanical vehicles; he has also effectively attacked important enemy installations. Flying Officer Markby has invariably pressed home his attacks with skill and courage, often in the face of intense accurate anti-aircraft fire.

Flying Officer Robert Cowan MCROBERTS (Can./J.12537), R.C.A.F., 421 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer McRoberts has flown on many operational sorties and has displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty. He has destroyed four enemy aircraft and damaged several more. In his last flight, which ended with the destruction of the enemy aircraft, Flying Officer McRoberts was injured in the face and his aircraft was severely damaged. Nevertheless, this gallant pilot flew safely to base.