

Flying Officer Neville Montague PAGE (Aus.420590), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

The keenness and personal example shown by this officer have been of great value in maintaining an exceptionally high standard of morale among the members of his crew. In June, he attacked a flying bomb site in N. France. It was his first sortie in daylight. When nearing the target intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Flying Officer Page's aircraft was hit. The nose and fuselage sustained damage and one engine was rendered useless. Nevertheless this pilot pressed home his attack with the greatest resolution. This officer has completed a large number of missions and has invariably displayed a high degree of courage.

Flying Officer Bruce Willard PRANGE (Can/J.25783), R.C.A.F., 614 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flying Officer Prange captained an aircraft detailed to attack a vital target at Ploesti. In spite of strong enemy air and ground defences he successfully executed his task. On the return flight the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained severe damage. The nose of the bomber was smashed. The bomb bays were damaged and several large holes were torn in the fuselage. In spite of this, Flying Officer Prange held to his course whilst a member of the crew successfully fought a fire which had commenced. Displaying iron determination and great skill, Flying Officer Prange flew his severely damaged aircraft to base and effected a safe landing. He displayed great courage and devotion to duty in most trying circumstances.

Flying Officer Richard John ROE (I30438), R.A.F.V.R., 487 (N.Z.) Sqn.

This officer is a highly skilled and most resolute observer. He has taken part in a large number of sorties during which very many locomotives, several power plants and a variety of other targets such as sidings and bridges have been attacked with great effect. He has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Flying Officer George John STEEL (Aus.405701), R.A.A.F., 174 Sqn.

This officer has participated in many and varied missions. He has displayed a high degree of skill and resolution and his example has proved greatly inspiring. Since the invasion of Northern France, Flying Officer Steel has led the flight in many attacks on enemy transport and tanks with good results.

Flying Officer James Noel THOMAS (53470), R.A.F., 613 Sqn.

Flying Officer Thomas has participated in a large number of operational missions, including many attacks on road and rail communications behind the enemy's lines in Normandy. His skill and determination are of the highest order and he has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer George Alfred WALLER (I49145), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.

This officer is a first class navigator and has shown great keenness during his tour of operations against the enemy. He has assisted in the destruction of three enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Albert Allen WATKINS (Can/J.26919), R.C.A.F., 440 Sqn.

This officer has displayed courage, endurance and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Flying Officer Colin Roy WILSON (Aus.417255), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a number of dangerous and difficult missions. One night in July, 1944, he attacked a synthetic oil plant at Bottrop. During the mission he was constantly harried by anti-aircraft fire and by attacks from several enemy fighters. In spite of this Flying Officer Wilson bombed the target and obtained an excellent photograph. He has displayed the highest standard of skill, determination and courage.

Acting Flying Officer John Homer COLE (Aus.409816), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In June, 1944, Flying Officer Cole was detailed for an attack on a flying bomb site in N. France. When nearing the target intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. His aircraft was hit. Despite this, Flying Officer Cole maintained a steady run in to execute an accurate bombing attack. His

skill, coolness and resolution in the face of great danger set a fine example. This officer has completed many missions and his devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Acting Flying Officer Donald Frederick GRANT (Aus.420743), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Exceptional courage and flying skill have been shown by this officer in attacks on many targets in Germany and occupied territory. One night in March, 1944, he was detailed for an attack on Nuremberg. On the outward flight the starboard outer engine became useless. Although the target was still 200 miles distant, Flying Officer Grant went on to this heavily defended area and executed a successful attack. His determination was characteristic of that which he has shown on all occasions.

Acting Flying Officer Frederick Charles POPE (Aus.410376), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Whilst on the outward flight to Leipzig one night in February, 1944, the aircraft captained by Flying Officer Pope was intercepted by 3 enemy fighters which attacked with great persistence. In all, ten attacks were made but Flying Officer Pope manoeuvred with great skill and finally succeeded in evading the enemy aircraft. He then went on to the target which he attacked with his usual determination. This officer has participated in attacks against a wide variety of targets including Berlin.

Acting Flying Officer Glen Alvin SARGANT (Aus.415686), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties against well defended targets, including Berlin, Stuttgart and Dusseldorf. He has displayed great skill and his determination to make every sortie a success has set a fine example. He is a model captain.

Pilot Officer Dudley Cecil NOTT (171391), R.A.F.V.R., 245 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Nott is an extremely capable pilot who has participated in a large number of operational sorties. He has at all times pressed home his attacks with great skill and determination and his example has been most inspiring.

Pilot Officer Nisbet James SCOTT (N.Z.415425), R.N.Z.A.F., 175 Sqn.

This officer has shown the greatest enthusiasm and determination in the execution of a large number of air operations including attacks on shipping, radar buildings and railway systems. On one occasion he was wounded and his aircraft was badly damaged but he flew to base and made a successful landing.

Pilot Officer Stanley Alfred SIMMONS (Can/J.86680), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties and has displayed the greatest determination to achieve success. On two occasions his aircraft has been severely damaged but he has completed his mission and flown safely to base. Pilot Officer Simmons has on all occasions displayed enthusiasm, skill and courage.

Warrant Officer Gawen Victor FENWICK (751649), R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.

As wireless operator (air), Warrant Officer Fenwick has completed a large number of sorties. Throughout he has displayed a high standard of skill and devotion to duty and has proved himself to be a most resolute and determined member of aircraft crew. In addition to his work in the air he has given valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus. 420208 Flight Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) Walter Patrick KELLY, R.A.A.F., 65 Sqn.

Exceptional keenness has been shown by this pilot since joining his present squadron in December, 1943. He has destroyed three enemy aircraft and shared in the destruction of another. He has completed a considerable number of sorties and has invariably displayed outstanding courage and initiative.

I345427, Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) James KYLE, R.A.F.V.R., 197 Sqn.

As pilot, Flight Sergeant Kyle has displayed great courage and fortitude in all his operations against the enemy. He has at all times pressed home his attacks with great courage and determination and his successes are a tribute to the accuracy of his bombing.