

John Walter MAY (Can/J.16246), 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Daniel Logan MOHER (Can/J.17713), 105 Sqn.
 Frank Irwin NELSON (Can/J.24623), 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Allan Kingdon NORTH (Can/J.25932), 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 John Purcell PATTERSON (Can/J.19724), 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Alan Russell VANCE (Can/J23617), 19 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

James MOORE (Can/J.86164), 114 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

Can/R.187588 (now Pilot Officer) Arley Walter ARMSTRONG, 15 Sqn.
 Can/R.198741 (now Pilot Officer) William Francis BESSENT, 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Can/R.207967 Joseph Ronald CHURCHILL, 578 Sqn.
 Can/R.155149 (now Pilot Officer) Burns Wilfred FOSTER, 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenant.*

Ivan Oswald BRECKON, D.F.C. (N.Z.40963), 109 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenants.*

Alexander Reynell GALBRAITH (N.Z.40359), 83 Sqn.
 James Risk NAYSMITH (N.Z.39793), 117 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Esmond Cecil William ANDERSON (N.Z.42245), 57 Sqn.
 Gerald Keble BAXTER (N.Z.40709), 7 Sqn.
 Edward William GARNETT (N.Z.414973).
 David Graham GOODWIN (N.Z.401584), 7 Sqn.
 Trevor Snell KNAPMAN (N.Z.41911), 218 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Thomas Hugh Ian FLEMING (N.Z.422274), 166 Sqn.
 Francis Charles FOX (N.Z.40762), 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.
 George Maurice GIVEN (N.Z.405782), 578 Sqn.
 Stephen William HOLDER (N.Z.421054), 115 Sqn.
 Laurence Douglas MCKENNA (N.Z.424493), 101 Sqn.
 John David MOUAT (N.Z.422355), 50 Sqn.
 Harry Clive Edgar THURSTON (N.Z.416555), 7 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Erin Jasper WALKER (N.Z.421797), 150 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.**Lieutenant Colonels.*

Andrew Christian BOSMAN, D.F.C. (P.102696V).
 Alexander Christian JANDRELL, D.F.C. (203151V), 21 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Majors.*

Leslie DAWSON-SQUIBB, D.F.C. (205725V) 2 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 John Thorne SECCOMBE, D.F.C. (95767V) 1 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captain.

Rupert Reynolds FARRANT, D.F.C. (103435V), 21 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Lieutenant Colonel.*

Bruce Roy MCKENZIE, D.S.O. (103566), 17 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Majors.

Walter Gilbert ANDREW (103150V), 225 Sqn.
 Owen Park GRAY (47416V), 17 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Major.

Pieter de WET (102858V), 21 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captains.

Donald Mabile BREBNER (205600V), 1 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Gordon Raymond CONNELL (103604V), 7 Sqn.
 Alexander FORREST (141394V), 12 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Carlisle te WATER-POHL (102177V), 21 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Lieutenants.

Dennis Louis CLUR (206906V), 17 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Henry Phillip FREEMAN (279706V), 1 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Roy Clifton THEUNISSEN (206165V), 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Christian Hendrik van der WESTHUIZEN (48013V), 21 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

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

Air Ministry, 14th November, 1944.

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

Military Cross.

Squadron Leader Frederick Joseph TROLLOPE (68965), R.A.F.V.R.

Squadron Leader Trollope took command of his unit when the commanding officer became a casualty after landing on the beaches of Normandy on "D" day. His courage and devotion to duty in organising the many parties of his unit on the beach, which was under intense fire, and arranging the safe conduct of men and vehicles as well as organising the evacuation of the wounded, were of a high order. In addition to this work, Squadron Leader Trollope carried out his normal duties throughout the night and was mainly responsible for the successful operation of his unit under great difficulties. All his duties involved continual movement over the beaches and reconnaissance into enemy territory under fire. He displayed great leadership and courage.

The Reverend Geoffrey Clarence HARDING (140848), R.A.F.V.R.

This chaplain landed with a unit on the beaches of Normandy on "D" day. The beach was under intense bombardment and was strewn with dead and wounded. Mr. Harding worked for 36 hours, most of the time under direct fire, giving help to the wounded and burying the dead. He set an inspiring example and was responsible for saving many lives. During the evening of "D" day he walked along a road, which was under fire, into a village in enemy hands. He entered a house in which were many snipers and obtained water which he took back to the wounded. His gallantry and disregard for his own safety were worthy of high praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman BEST (75523), R.A.F.V.R.

Squadron Leader Best was in charge of some equipment, vehicles, and men during the initial landings in Normandy on "D" day. Some of the vehicles and men fell into traps in the water. Although the beach and disembarkation point were under heavy shell fire and small arms fire, this officer's work in salvaging vehicles and equipment and ferrying them to a place of cover was carried out with great courage and disregard of his own safety. Squadron Leader Best also helped other units in a similar predicament. Whilst under fire he set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Noel RYCROFT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (116496), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenant Rycroft was the only medical officer on one of the beaches of Normandy on "D" day. Owing to the intense bombardment, it was not possible for him or any member of his unit to move off the beach for 6 hours. He worked for 48 hours tending casualties among the personnel of his unit and also aided some 75 American wounded. He was himself slightly wounded but his efforts on behalf of others were untiring. He set an example of great courage and devotion to duty and was responsible for saving many lives.

Military Medal.

978501 Flight Sergeant Reuben ECKERSALL, R.A.F.V.R.

This airman's gallantry under fire whilst conveying men and vehicles on and over the beaches of Normandy on "D" day was of a high order. He went forward under fire with an officer and made a reconnaissance with the object of finding a safe area for men and equipment. He gave sound advice to his men and his supervision of the ferrying of valuable equipment was highly praiseworthy.