

Acting Flying Officer Hugh Drummond MELVILLE (179582), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous operations during which he has attacked many of the enemy's most strongly defended targets. His skill, courage and determination when faced with harassing and dangerous circumstances have been a great inspiration to other members of his crew. These qualities were well demonstrated on one occasion when he was forced to bring his aircraft down on to the sea.

Acting Flying Officer Auburn Edward THOMS (Aus. 420079), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

As captain of aircraft Flying Officer Thoms has completed many sorties against the enemy, displaying at all times courage, determination and devotion to duty of the highest quality. One night in September, 1944, Flying Officer Thoms was detailed to attack Kiel. En route, his aircraft was illuminated by searchlights, despite evasive action, and by an enemy fighter flare which temporarily blinded Flying Officer Thom's gunners. At the same time, his aircraft was intercepted by an enemy fighter. By skilful airmanship Flying Officer Thoms evaded the fighter and searchlight but lost valuable height. Nevertheless he flew on to his target and attacked it successfully.

Pilot Officer Eric DEAN (179145), R.A.F.V.R., 180 Sqn.

As navigator/bomb aimer, Pilot Officer Dean has participated in very many sorties, including attacks on flying-bomb sites and military installations. He has displayed great skill and determination and his coolness in the face of the heaviest opposition has set a very fine example. His successes are an excellent tribute to the accuracy of his bombing.

Pilot Officer George Kingsley Edward MARTIN (Aus. 14221), R.A.A.F., 609 Sqn.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and fortitude of the highest order.

Warrant Officer Maxwell Heron BELL (Aus. 405995), R.A.A.F., 19 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Bell is an efficient and most resolute pilot. He has taken part in many harassing attacks on the enemy and has invariably displayed a high degree of gallantry. He has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer Roy Thomas BUTLER (1384335), R.A.F.V.R., 46 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Raymond Francis GRAHAM (1322468), R.A.F.V.R., 46 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively, these warrant officers have completed many sorties against the enemy. One night in September, 1944, Warrant Officers Butler and Graham were responsible for the destruction of three enemy aircraft. They have at all times displayed the utmost keenness to engage, and destroy the enemy.

Warrant Officer Douglas Reid JENNINGS (Can/R. 153179), R.C.A.F., 214 Sqn.

In air operations Warrant Officer Jennings has displayed courage, endurance and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) William John Lawrence SHEEHAN (642548), R.A.F.V.R., 69 Sqn.

This officer has completed a tour of operational duty, during which he has taken part in anti-submarine patrols, intruder sorties and reconnaissances. He is a skilful pilot and his determination to complete his missions successfully has been most commendable.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Warrant Officer Dennis Victor HAMMOND (1337211), R.A.F.V.R., 46 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

752678, Flight Sergeant Derek Arthur HARRISON, R.A.F.V.R., 46 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively Warrant Officer Hammond and Flight Sergeant Harrison have completed many sorties against the enemy. One night in September, 1944, they destroyed two J.U.52's and damaged another, and two nights later a J.U.88 was destroyed. These airmen have displayed a fine fighting spirit and eagerness to destroy the enemy at all times.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus. 430665 Flight Sergeant David Jeffrey MORLAND, R.A.A.F., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In September, 1944, during an attack on Darmstadt, the aircraft in which Flight Sergeant Morland was mid upper gunner, was attacked by a Ju.88. During the second attack a cannon shell hit the mid upper turret, putting one gun out of action and wounding Flight Sergeant Morland. Two guns in the rear turret jammed. During three more attacks Flight Sergeant Morland continued to direct and fire at the enemy with his remaining gun until the fighter disengaged with flame and smoke pouring from one engine. Flight Sergeant Morland's courage and enthusiasm undoubtedly saved his aircraft and crew from destruction. He set a fine example.

1335704 Flight Sergeant Ernest George SAVAGE, R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Savage, as pilot, was detailed to attack shipping and gun positions in Den Helder in September, 1944. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. He continued with his task although half of the aircraft's port aileron and rudder was shot away. In bringing his aircraft safely back to base and carrying out a perfect landing, Flight Sergeant Savage displayed a high degree of airmanship and devotion to duty, worthy of the highest praise.

1409549 Flight Sergeant Harold Clifford Herbert Dudley WOOD, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

This air gunner has participated in numerous sorties against many of the enemy's most heavily defended targets. Throughout he has displayed outstanding tenacity of purpose and despite most harassing and critical circumstances has maintained the highest standard of zeal, courage and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 17th November, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards.

Distinguished Flying Cross:

Flying Officers.

Wallace Ivon WARMINGTON (150280), R.A.F.V.R., 166 Sqn.

Thomas Anthony WICKHAM - JONES (172569), R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn.

Robert Lorimer WILLIAMS (151324), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Cyril Richard WINTER (169001), R.A.F.V.R., 199 Sqn.

Ronald Henry WRIGHT, D.F.M. (156549), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.

Charles Edward YOUNG (171504), R.A.F.V.R., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flying Officers.

Keith ALDERSON (177248), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

Henry ARCHER (178515), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Peter Clement BROWNE (177855), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

James CASTAGNOLA (169585), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.

Reginald Alfred Ernest DEAR (174631), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Alan DUCKWORTH (174551), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

Percy Archie FYSON (175042), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

William LONGMORE (179280), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

Andrew David MACKENZIE (178802), R.A.F.V.R., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Douglas Arthur Thomas MILLIKIN (174114), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

Ronald Arthur SUTTON (176281), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

Harold TAYLOR (176917), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

Vernon Bentley TEMPLE (177848), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

John THORNTON (55739), R.A.F., 115 Sqn.

William Martin WATKINS (176915), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

James Stewart WEATERTON (176765), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Stanley Douglas ANDREWS (179156), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

Robert Erwin BAIN (177423), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

Arthur BARNES (173123), R.A.F.V.R., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.