

Despite this, Flight Sergeant Walters, though lesser experienced than a regular pilot, brought the aircraft to an even keel and headed for home. Although only one engine was giving full power he reached an airfield near the English coast. The aircraft was too badly damaged for Flight Sergeant Walters to attempt to bring it down safely. He gave orders to the crew to release their dead captain by parachute and then to abandon the aircraft themselves. Not until his comrades were all clear and he was satisfied that the aircraft was headed out to sea did this gallant air bomber leave himself. His cool courage, outstanding resource and determination set an example of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1501713 Flight Sergeant Peter JEZZARD, R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.

In air operations this airman has displayed skill, courage and fortitude of a high order.

Air Ministry, 2nd January 1945.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Peter Henry CUTCHEY, D.F.C. (118608), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn., with effect from 5th October, 1944.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Alan Lawrence LAW (44777), R.A.F., 680 Sqn.
Adhemar Auber MELVILLE-JACKSON (89365), R.A.F.V.R. 205 Sqn.
Charles Augustine Henry Cross OGILVIE (108168), R.A.F.V.R., 47 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

William Alfred DOWNES (62674), R.A.F.V.R., 355 Sqn.
Phillip Harold GARRITY (127815), R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.
Maurice John WRIGHT (117704), R.A.F.V.R., 19 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

John GARDEN (49320), R.A.F. 126 Sqn.
William Norman JUDD (148379), R.A.F.V.R., 159 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Wilfred St. George CHANDLER (141356), R.A.F.V.R., 680 Sqn.
John Philip HUDSON (145347), R.A.F.V.R., 38 Sqn.
Stanley Lionel HUTT (143680), R.A.F.V.R., 113 Sqn.
Robert William Lowe (50283), R.A.F., 680 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Frederick Frank Harry BURNETT (178642), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn., with effect from 24th August, 1944.

Warrant Officer.

Raymond Gibson WAPSHOTT (925854), R.A.F.V.R., 47 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

1506161 Jack Stafford WELTON, R.A.F.V.R., 190 Sqn.

Sergeant.

591576 Kenneth WITHNALL, R.A.F., 40 Sqn., with effect from 30th June, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Kenneth Victor INGHAM (Aus.406456), 230 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Frederick Leslie LOMAS (Aus.400892), 680 Sqn.
Lyndon Stanley MELLOR (Aus.401134), 680 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Kenneth Pearce ALCORN (Aus.415599), 159 Sqn.
William Stewart QUINN (Aus.421048), 159 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Donald McColl ANDERSON (Aus.415014), 177 Sqn.
Rupert Stanbridge HORWOOD (Aus.416677), 177 Sqn.
Jack Dalton SANDILANDS (Aus.405937), 159 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Maurice Blaney MURPHY (Aus.415217), 159 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

George Henry BAYLY (Can/J.5810), 413 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
John Roberts GOWANS (Can/J.12820), 413 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

David Esplin FORSYTH (Can/J.11310), 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
John Douglas HOPKINS (Can/J.5812), 113 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

David Norman McINTOSH (Can/J.23956), 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Sidney Platt SEID (Can/J.22036), 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer.

John Basil Francis BRETHERTON (N.Z.392010), 644 Sqn.

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

*Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington,
New Zealand.*

2nd January, 1945.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred upon the personnel indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

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Flight Lieutenant Robert Hamish BALFOUR (40958), R.N.Z.A.F., with effect from 22nd November, 1944).

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