

defences and was hit. Flying Officer Orman was wounded in the face. In spite of this he went on to execute a successful attack. Not until the aircraft was well clear of the defences on the homeward flight did this resolute pilot inform any of his crew of his injury. His tenacity and devotion to duty were typical of that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer Eric Francis RAMPLING (156332) R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. Throughout he has displayed a high standard of skill and devotion to duty and has played a worthy part in the success of the squadron. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer Rampling was detailed for a mission calling for a high degree of skill and resolution. In spite of unfavourable weather, Flying Officer Rampling successfully completed his assignment.

Flying Officer Alexander TURNBULL (145071) R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.

One night in September, 1944, this officer was captain and pilot in an aircraft detailed for a supply dropping mission in Holland. Before reaching the target the aircraft came under continuous light anti-aircraft fire for some ten minutes and was hit in several places. One engine was affected but Flying Officer Turnbull continued his flight to the target over which he made two runs to ensure that his supplies would be dropped in the proper area. On the return flight the aircraft was again hit and the defective engine caught fire. The propeller had to be feathered. Despite the loss of engine power, Flying Officer Turnbull flew the damaged aircraft to base. On this his first sortie as a captain he displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high standard.

Pilot Officer Thomas Roger Murray JOHNSON (Can/J.85807) R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Johnson has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. As rear gunner he has taken part in very many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig and Kiel. On one occasion, Pilot Officer Johnson shot down an enemy fighter which attempted to close in. On several other occasions his timely warnings have enabled his pilot to avoid enemy fighters. Pilot Officer Johnson has proved himself to be a model crew member and has rendered much valuable service both in the air and on the ground.

Pilot Officer Richard Gerard MANSFIELD (Can/J.85770) R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Mansfield has participated in many attacks on various enemy targets and has displayed a fine fighting spirit and great keenness. On a recent occasion he captained an aircraft detailed to attack Duisburg. During the operation the aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences and the mid-upper gunner was badly wounded. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Mansfield completed a successful attack and flew the aircraft to an airfield near the English coast where he effected a landing so that his wounded crew member could be taken off for medical attention. Pilot Officer Mansfield then took off again and flew the aircraft to base. This officer is a most able and inspiring captain whose example has been well reflected in the high standard of efficiency of his crew.

Pilot Officer Carl Robert OLSON (Can/J.88426) R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the wireless operator in an aircraft detailed to attack Bochum one night in October, 1944. During the operation the aircraft was hit by high explosive shells. The mid-upper gunner was killed and Pilot Officer Olson was badly wounded in the face and arm. Although suffering acutely, this courageous crew member insisted on remaining at his post. He became weak from the loss of blood yet he diligently worked at his wireless apparatus transmitting messages as required. On this, his second operational mission, this airman displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Glenn William ANSON PEARCE (Can/J.89640), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in October, 1944, Pilot Officer Pearce, as captain of aircraft, was detailed to attack Wilhelmshaven. In spite of considerable anti-aircraft opposition, this resolute pilot remained over the target for a protracted period to press home a vigorous and successful attack. Pilot Officer Pearce has completed numerous bombing missions

and has set a fine example of courage and resolution throughout.

Pilot Officer Maxwell Fred SANDERS (Aus.428164), R.A.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high degree of courage and determination in air operations. He is a most keen and devoted crew member, whose navigational ability has played a good part in the success of many missions in which he has taken part. On one occasion in September, 1944, Pilot Officer Sanders took part in an attack on Bottrop. Whilst over the target the aircraft was extensively damaged but the bombing run was completed. The aircraft became very difficult to control and some height was lost. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Sanders navigated the badly damaged bomber to an airfield near the English coast with great accuracy.

#### ● Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Arnold John CRAVEN (126815), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

#### Distinguished Flying Medal.

1801629 Flight Sergeant Leonard William WOODARD, R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively this officer and airman have completed very many sorties during which a variety of enemy targets on the ground have been successfully attacked. In October, 1944, they participated in an attack on an enemy airfield. The operation involved a flight far into enemy territory. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Woodard navigated the aircraft to the target with great accuracy. In spite of much opposition, Flight Lieutenant Craven pressed home a determined attack during which 2 enemy aircraft were badly hit. They then went on to another airfield. Here, many aircraft were dispersed on the ground. The airfield defences opened up with considerable fire but Flight Lieutenant Craven pressed home a series of attacks which resulted in severe damage to 7 enemy aircraft on the airfield. Flight Lieutenant Craven and Flight Sergeant Woodard displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution and their achievement was outstanding.

#### Distinguished Flying Medal.

1042105 Flight Sergeant George Douglas GREENWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 196 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Greenwell has displayed outstanding keenness for air operations and has participated in very many sorties. On one occasion, whilst over the Brest peninsula, his aircraft was extensively damaged when hit by anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this and in the face of adverse weather, Flight Sergeant Greenwell navigated the aircraft to an airfield. On another occasion the aircraft in which he was a member was badly hit and caught fire. The crew were forced to leave by parachute. Flight Sergeant Greenwell descended safely and lost no time in re-joining his squadron. This airman has invariably displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty.

934837 Flight Sergeant George Edward THOMPSON, R.A.F.V.R., 190 Sqn.

As wireless operator/air, Flight Sergeant Thompson has taken part in many sorties, involving the dropping of troops and supplies in the battle areas. On one occasion, when over Arnhem, the aircraft in which he was a member sustained severe damage. Flight Sergeant Thompson was wounded. Nevertheless this resolute airman continued to work at his wireless apparatus, transmitting messages and doing all he could to help his captain to reach friendly territory where a successful crash-landing was made. Flight Sergeant Thompson displayed commendable fortitude and devotion to duty throughout.

Can/R.201625 Flight Sergeant James Harry WAUGH, R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has taken part in a number of sorties and has proved himself to be a cool and confident crew member. One night in November, 1944, he was the rear gunner in an aircraft detailed to attack Oberhausen. After leaving the target area the bomber was intercepted by a fighter. The enemy aircraft came in with guns blazing. Flight Sergeant Waugh coolly withheld his fire and gave the necessary evading directions to his pilot. When the attacker was within close range, Flight Sergeant Waugh opened fire. His bullets struck the enemy aircraft which burst into flames, fell away and afterwards crashed on the ground. This airman displayed skill and coolness worthy of much praise.