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The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the VICTORIA CROSS on the under-mentioned airman in recognition of most conspicuous bravery:—

1370700 Flight Sergeant George THOMPSON, R.A.F.V.R., 9 Squadron (deceased).

This airman was the wireless operator in a Lancaster aircraft which attacked the Dortmund-Ems Canal in daylight on the 1st January, 1945.

The bombs had just been released when a heavy shell hit the aircraft in front of the mid-upper turret. Fire broke out and dense smoke filled the fuselage. The nose of the aircraft was then hit and an inrush of air, clearing the smoke, revealed a scene of utter devastation. Most of the perspex screen of the nose compartment had been shot away, gaping holes had been torn in the canopy above the pilot's head, the inter-communication wiring was severed, and there was a large hole in the floor of the aircraft. Bedding and other equipment were badly damaged or alight; one engine was on fire.

Flight Sergeant Thompson saw that the gunner was unconscious in the blazing mid-upper turret. Without hesitation he went down the fuselage into the fire and the exploding ammunition. He pulled the gunner from his turret and, edging his way round the hole in the floor, carried him away from the flames. With his bare hands, he extinguished the gunner's burning clothing. He himself sustained serious burns on his face, hands and legs.

Flight Sergeant Thompson then noticed that the rear gun turret was also on fire. Despite his own severe injuries he moved painfully to the rear of the fuselage where he found the rear gunner with his clothing alight, overcome by flames and fumes. A second time Flight Sergeant Thompson braved the flames. With great difficulty he extricated the helpless gunner and carried

him clear. Again, he used his bare hands, already burnt, to beat out flames on a comrade's clothing.

Flight Sergeant Thompson, by now almost exhausted, felt that his duty was yet not done. He must report the fate of the crew to the captain. He made the perilous journey back through the burning fuselage, clinging to the sides with his burnt hands to get across the hole in the floor. The flow of cold air caused him intense pain and frost-bite developed. So pitiful was his condition that his captain failed to recognise him. Still, his only concern was for the two gunners he had left in the rear of the aircraft. He was given such attention as was possible until a crash-landing was made some forty minutes later. When the aircraft was hit, Flight Sergeant Thompson might have devoted his efforts to quelling the fire and so have contributed to his own safety. He preferred to go through the fire to succour his comrades. He knew that he would then be in no position to hear or heed any order which might be given to abandon aircraft. He hazarded his own life in order to save the lives of others. Young in years and experience, his actions were those of a veteran.

Three weeks later Flight Sergeant Thompson died of his injuries. One of the gunners unfortunately also died, but the other owes his life to the superb gallantry of Flight Sergeant Thompson, whose signal courage and self-sacrifice will ever be an inspiration to the Service.

Air Ministry, 20th February, 1945.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officers.

Arthur HAGUES (158291), R.A.F.V.R., 608 Sqn.
Kenneth Walter HALL (146376), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

George Henry Gordon HARRIS (156683), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Brian HASLAM (175191), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

- David Stanley JONES (144452), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 John George LEE (151904), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 Peter McNEE (151088), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Gerard Patrick MARKHAM (162806), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Arthur MARSHALL (171680), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 John Kenneth Holmes MEAD (151437), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 William James MEFHAM (159575), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
 Archibald McDougall MOFFATT (152821), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Arthur Roland MORRIS (161036), R.A.F.V.R., 608 Sqn.
 Wilfred Samuel Musgrove NASH (51649), R.A.F., 619 Sqn.
 Robert NICHOLSON (156356), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Morris Bryans NICOL (145087), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Ernest NOBLE (151319), R.A.F.V.R., 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Harold Stanley Leonard Terry NORCROSS (139403), R.A.F.V.R., 218 Sqn.
 Geoffrey NORTON (173434), R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn.
 Henry Edward PALMER (171714), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.
 Robert Samuel PARISH (171691), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 James Honeyman PENMAN (152763), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 John Griffith RAMSDEN (155848), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 Douglas Arthur RICHARDS (176766), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 Eric Barnett ROBERTS (176280), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 John ROBERTSHAW (146279), R.A.F.V.R., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Barry John ROCK (159235), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Harold Alfred William RUMBELOW (151735), R.A.F.V.R., 576 Sqn.
 Albert Edward RYDER (135918), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 John Charles SAMPSON (137225), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 Sidney Frederick SHORNEY (175156), R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn.
 John SLATER (172367), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.
 Frederick Dellis SMITH (155970), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.
 Ian George SMITH (175909), R.A.F.V.R., 100 Sqn.
 Edgar SOUTHALL (168973), R.A.F.V.R.
 William Horace SPRAGG (171905), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.
 Walter Aubrey STOCKER (176224), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Gordon McKinnon SUTTIE (171709), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 Arnold Lee WEBSTER (152819), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 Robert Charles WHITE (156415), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Gerald Augustine Andrew WITHERICK, D.F.M. (51070), R.A.F., 617 Sqn.
 Allan Henry WOOD (160672), R.A.F.V.R., 626 Sqn.
 Frederick Albert WORCESTER (175568), R.A.F.V.R., 23 Sqn.
 Russell Harold YOUNGMAN (174524), R.A.F.V.R.
- Acting Flying Officers.*
- Ronald Gibson BOSWELL (160185), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.
 John Luther BOWMER, D.F.M. (177917), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 John May BUCHAN (177622), R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn.
 Alan BRUCE (176030), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 Michael John FINLAY (178455), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Wilfred FRANK (182008), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.
 Robert HARDWICK (182006), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 John William Grosvenor HODGKINSON (177912), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.
 Frederick George JAMES (175016), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 John Anton MCGOLIAH (178309), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 James MACDONALD (54631), R.A.F., 576 Sqn.
 James Ryley POUNTNEY (185134), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Sidney Herbert SPENCER (182253), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Denis Vincent TAMS (183792), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 John Henry Fart WHITE (178737), R.A.F.V.R., 153 Sqn.
 John Anthony WHITWOOD (178864), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
- Cyril Ernest WILLIAMS (182344), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 John VASEY (179596), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.
- Pilot Officers.*
- John Thomas ADAIR (187101), R.A.F.V.R., 9 Sqn.
 John William ADAMS (183415), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
 Robert Huntington ALLEN (182662), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Kenneth Foster ANDERSON (182176), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Alan Powyer ARNOLD (179399), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 James Martin AYLIEFF (177980), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 Clifford Owen BEADMAN (183088), R.A.F.V.R., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leslie Charles BELLINGER (186682), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Douglas Edward BROUGHTON (179389), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 John Raynor BURRETT (184628), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn.
 John Smith CAMPBELL (185047), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Archibald Edward CLARK (183647), R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 Frank Herbert Phillip CLEAR (182226), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Thomas Wilfred Peter CLIFFORD (56236), R.A.F., 101 Sqn.
 Frank Douglas COLLINS (184154), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Francis Maurice CONNOLLY (56238), R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn.
 Alexander Frederick CRISP (178005), R.A.F.V.R., 149 Sqn.
 William Gray CROCKS (187011), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
 William David DAVIES (179517), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Raymond Victor DICKESON (178932), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 Eric Norman DISHART (184489), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 John Richard Charles DONOHUE (178567), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Gordon Braham DUNNING (186482), R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.
 Philip Roberts DUNSFORD (182410), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Arthur Albert EDWARDS (179289), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Stanley John ELLIS (186070), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Stanley FORSYTH (184198), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.
 Stuart Roy FROST (185212), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Edwin George GODDEN (184160), R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn.
 Peter GOLDSMID (177994), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 George Boyd GRAHAM (182823), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Charles GRAINGER (185322), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 John Stevenson GRAY (177706), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Archibald de Largy GREIG (56064), R.A.F., 576 Sqn.
 Neil Gibson HARRIS (56027), R.A.F., 578 Sqn.
 John Alan HETHERINGTON (179001), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Robert Gerard HEUSTON (177380), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 George David Wallace HODGSON (184722), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 George Johnstone HOWATSON (184976), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Harold Gordon HUDSON (186069), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Kenneth William HUNT (185305), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Thomas Henry Davies JONES (179531), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Clifford Sydney Alan KELLY (183932), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 Matthew KELLY (177953), R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.
 Gareth Blackburn KING (182393), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 James Henry LENAGHAN (186480), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Sydney LEONARD (178643), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 Leonard Henry McNAMARA (185344), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Bert Alec MAJAKI (184621), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn. (since deceased).
 Robert Bennett MALCOLM (179883), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.

Denis Frederick William MANSFIELD (184463), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Dennis Charles MARSH (183843), R.A.F.V.R., 149 Sqn.
 Frank MARSHALL (186595), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Kenneth Watson MARSHALL (185494), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Donald Wilfred Edwin MAY (178577), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Donald Richard METCALF (179390), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 George MILLER (184126), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn.
 James Ferrier MUNNOCH (183859), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Alfred Ernest NAPPER (186194), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.
 John Stanley OLIVER (186077), R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.
 Harold Frederick Charles PARSONS (184161), R.A.F.V.R., 9 Sqn.
 Richard George PITTS (183426), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Idris POWELL (184523), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Colin Lawson PYLE (186254), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 Leonard William RIDDLE, D.F.M. (185860), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Thomas Arthur RIPPON (177399), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Leslie Thomas SANDERS (178566), R.A.F.V.R., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Thomas Alfred SHEEN (177744), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.
 Kenneth Paul SIBBONS (183053), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 Alfred John SHORTER (184380), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 George Frederick SNELL (177968), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 John Heggie STENHOUSE (186923), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 William Arthur STONEHAM (182779), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Gwynn Watcyn THOMAS (183418), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Philip Edward TOVEY (186079), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Eion John Edmond TREVALLION (184726), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 James Richardson VOSE (187080), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 John Hairsine WHEATLEY (177349), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 William Douglas WILLIAMS (182282), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Gerald Andrew WOOD (183047), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
 George Alfred John WOTHERSPOON (179152), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 Ronald Christian YOUNG (184708), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

Thomas Henry BARNES (1388007), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
 Thomas Robertson BARR (1554924), R.A.F.V.R., 23 Sqn.
 Albert Edward DENHAM (1375400), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Frederick DENTON, D.F.M. (523300), R.A.F., 15 Sqn.
 Arthur EVEREST (1108727), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 John Poyner GREGORY (1576396), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Ronald Thomas HEMMING (1234740), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
 Jeffrey HOBSON (990746), R.A.F., 640 Sqn. (now Pilot Officer).
 Geoffrey Alwin KNAPP (641018), R.A.F., 35 Sqn.
 James Ferry Girvan MANN, D.F.M. (658920), R.A.F., 582 Sqn.
 James Frederick MARTIN (618086), R.A.F.V.R., 199 Sqn.
 Williams PRICE (653002), R.A.F., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Charles RATCLIFF (553899), R.A.F., 582 Sqn.
 Herbert Anthony RUDD (1323159), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 Harold William WELHAM (1270423), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

Acting Warrant Officers.

Archibald Clarence ASTON (1577476), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 George Ivan BATHO (649071), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 Harold Ross HART (1583567), R.A.F.V.R., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

573999 Ronald Charles PARKER, R.A.F., 7 Sqn.
 1494309 William Rowland PEAKE, R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.
 1549561 John Alfred PEDUZIE, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 1237023 Raymond PERKINS, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 1351391 Reginald Frederick POWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 1802401 Cyril Frederick PRETLOVE, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 1519854 James Douglas QUAGGIN, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1583328 Frank REED, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 1395627 John Frederick REED, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 1195880 William Stanley RICHARDS, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 1339222 Edward RIDOUT, R.A.F.V.R., 166 Sqn.
 1822281 John Scott ROBERTSON, R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 1335411 George Leslie Philip SAVILL, R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.
 1323298 Philip SCANNEL, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1577494 Eric SCHOLES, R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn.
 1894770 Jack Dennis SHARP, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1109894 John Randerson SUTTON, R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.
 1800009 Owen Oscar SYLVESTRE, R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn.
 1394819 Philip Berwick THOMPSON, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 1894354 William TURNER, R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.
 1455168 Norman TURNER, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 1816009 Patrick Richard TURNER, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 1318285 Desmond WALSH, R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 1605406 John Henry Robert WATSON, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 940857 Louis WAYTE, R.A.F.V.R., 166 Sqn.
 1205761 Herbert William WILCOX, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 1566160 Ronald James WILSON, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 1581760 William YATES, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.

Acting Flight Sergeant.

1821183 Alan Robertson Young WOOLER, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Sergeants.

1591810 William Robert BAXTER, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1876742 Leslie Albert CROSS, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 2221367 George Albert HILLIER, R.A.F.V.R., 57 Sqn.
 1536682 Aloysius John JORDAN, R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 1590748 William KNOX, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1592698 Thomas Graham MARSHALL, R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 1618893 Alexander Graham MITCHELL, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn. (now Pilot Officer).
 576880 Harold Robert SINTON, R.A.F., 35 Sqn.
 1386783 Thomas Charles WILLIAMSON, R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 1514962 Arthur John Alfred YORK, R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flying Officers.*

David Jesse REYNOLDS (Aus.427107), 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Murray Frank SWEENEY (Aus.417673), 463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Peter William TATHAM (Aus.423296), 90 Sqn.
 Ronald Hamilton THOMSON (Aus.422980), 625 Sqn.
 Herbert James TREVENEN (Aus.410794), 78 Sqn.
 Paul Dean WILSON (Aus.417687), 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flying Officers.

Keith Grayson GROVES (Aus.425695), 153 Sqn.
 David Myrddin HUGHES (Aus.417856), 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Stanley John LAPIDGE (Aus.417497), 158 Sqn.
 Clifford Patrick MCCOY (Aus.410005), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Herbert Ambrose MOORE (Aus.420768), 51 Sqn.
 James THOMSON (Aus.409355), 100 Sqn.
 Maxwell John TILY (Aus.418774), 640 Sqn.
 Joseph Herbert WAXMAN (Aus.418994), 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Charles Raymond ALCOCK (Aus.417777), 156 Sqn.
 Thomas Gregory BUNCE (Aus.418339), 7 Sqn.
 Daniel Lyle Spencer CAPEL (Aus.423057), 15 Sqn.
 John Elliot COX (Aus.432496), 463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Robert Coward ELLIOTT (Aus.426329), 158 Sqn.
 Donald John FEATHERSTONE (Aus.428520), 90 Sqn.
 Clifford FISHER (Aus.410538), 78 Sqn.
 Francis Everard HUGHES (Aus.419015), 97 Sqn.
 Owen John JOHNSON (Aus.432356), 578 Sqn.
 Percy Ray LANYON (Aus.417962), 640 Sqn.
 James Arthur Glyn LARTER (Aus.427518), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Keith Alexander LODGE (Aus.422278), 158 Sqn.
 Russell James LONGWORTH (Aus.411070), 571 Sqn.
 Edward William McLACHLAN (Aus.426499), 15 Sqn.
 Albert Charles MARSHALL (Aus.418969), 578 Sqn.
 Raymond Lewis MERRILL (Aus.417395), 218 Sqn.
 Patrick NOONAN (Aus.413410), 578 Sqn.
 Bryan Edward John O'LEARY (Aus.429824), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Herbert William TINNING (Aus.19585), 51 Sqn.
 John Warwick THERKELSEN (Aus.426183), 158 Sqn.
 Ralph Theodore WILLIAMS (Aus.15590), 625 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

Henry Caine GEDDES (Aus.427619), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Edwin Albert NORMAN (Aus.426376), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 William Thomas QUIRKE (Aus.419513), 35 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

Aus.419133 Francis Daniel MURPHY, 158 Sqn.
 Aus.418706 Philip Robert PATTERSON, 158 Sqn.
 Aus.436046 Albert John SMITH, 463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flying Officers.*

Morris Solomon KRAKOWSKY (Can/J.35526), 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Robert Alexander LAMONT (Can/J.22906), 100 Sqn.
 Max LANIN (Can/J.85825), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Clarence Joseph LAROCHE (Can/J.27164), 78 Sqn.
 Joseph LASEK (Can/J.26133), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leslie Richard LAUZON (Can/J.19886), 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Lawrence Eli LAVALLEY (Can/J.86466), 10 Sqn.
 Lachlan Edwin LOCKE (Can/J.28479), 434 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Ernest LOWNDS (Can/J.25344), 78 Sqn.
 Robert William McBURNEY (Can/J.18046), 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Bruce Davidson McEWAN (Can/J.38574), 128 Sqn.
 Gordon William Elwyn McELROY (Can/J.27417), 78 Sqn.
 Murray Cowan MACFARLANE (Can/J.29615), 61 Sqn.
 William Joseph McINTYRE (Can/J.19933), 434 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Douglas Dean McNEILL (Can/J.85609), 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 William Charles MATTEN (Can/J.35928), 166 Sqn.
 John MUNN (Can/J.25562), 578 Sqn.
 Russell Lloyd NELSON (Can/J.27166), 78 Sqn.
 Stanley Roy NOBLE (Can/J.21041), 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 James Wilson O'DRISCOLL (Can/J.35128), 166 Sqn.
 Charles Henry PARKER (Can/J.28553), 78 Sqn.
 Harold George PAUL (Can/J.25762), 78 Sqn.
 George Douglas PAYNE (Can/J.85841), 35 Sqn.
 John Richard POSTE (Can/J.35236), 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Frederick Lyman RAY (Can/J.17589), 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Albert Tindale RICHARDSON (Can/J.29330), 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Thomas Ryland RODEN (Can/J.36324), 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Patrick Denson ROY (Can/J.29845), 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Carl William SCHULTZ (Can/J.26714), 77 Sqn.
 Howard Gray SHARP (Can/J.85651), 7 Sqn.
 Lawrence Vernon John SMALL (Can/J.27491), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Donald Leonard SNIDER (Can/J.19789), 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Harry SOLOMONS (Can/J.86368), 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Harry Cecil SPEIGHT (Can/J.86681), 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Peter Carel STEMKOSKI (Can/J.86217), 158 Sqn.
 Robert Lester STEVENSON (Can/J.35037), 625 Sqn.

Caryl Martin STEWART (Can/J.35027), 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Bertram TAYLOR (Can/J.27484), 192 Sqn.
 Joseph TITE (Can/J.28523), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Raymond Ross VOGAN (Can/J.27576), 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 John David WALKER (Can/J.85876), 101 Sqn.
 James Guy WHEELER (Can/C.5450), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 David Sinclair WILKINSON (Can/J.27122), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leslie Douglas WILLIAMS (Can/C.23124), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
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*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

Can/R.179536 Earl Graham NILES, 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn. (now Pilot Officer).

Sergeants.

Can/R.69301 Robert Oliver HUNTER, 186 Sqn. (now Pilot Officer).
 Can/R.196102 Torrance MacDonald ROBERTSON, 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

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*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flying Officers.*

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Homer Cecil HURT (N.Z.41589), 15 Sqn.

Bruce Edwin SMITH (N.Z.425947), 103 Sqn.

Acting Flying Officers.

Maurice Raymond BLANK (N.Z.411554), 57 Sqn.

Edward Thomas COSSENS (N.Z.421683), 514 Sqn.

Lionel Oscar EDWARDS (N.Z.415303), 149 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Noel Kenderdine BRABANT (N.Z.422176), 158 Sqn.

Trevor Hugh HILL (N.Z.429335), 158 Sqn.

Sydney Archie THOMPSON (N.Z.425955), 102 Sqn.

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

Air Ministry, 20th February, 1945.

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

Distinguished Service Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Esmond Arnold HAINES (81170), R.A.F.V.R.

This officer has been in command of air/sea rescue marine craft units for three years and has served in the Dover area for more than 2½ years. Throughout, he has displayed outstanding leadership and ability, qualities which have greatly inspired the personnel under his command. Despite the most adverse conditions his present unit has, at all times, operated most successfully. It has had to contend with heavy enemy shelling, during which several craft were damaged, but a full and efficient rescue service has always been maintained. During the invasion of Normandy and the airborne operations at Arnhem, Squadron Leader Haines' unit rendered most valuable service. Squadron Leader Haines' personal example has contributed in a large measure to the fine record of his unit.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Robert Hurlock WATSON (117315), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenant Watson has been engaged in air/sea rescue operations since March, 1942, and has rendered very valuable service. In July, 1943,

he was appointed to command a detachment in North Africa and served at Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Alghero. Later, Flight Lieutenant Watson was appointed to command a unit at Bari. During the course of many operations Flight Lieutenant Watson has shown high courage, fortitude and devotion to duty which have resulted in the saving of many lives. Several of these rescues have been effected in the face of heavy enemy shell and machine gun fire. Throughout, Flight Lieutenant Watson has displayed complete disregard for his personal safety and has set an example worthy of emulation.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Lockwood (130423), R.A.F.V.R.

Flying Officer Lockwood has served with his present unit since November, 1942. As captain of a high speed launch he has participated in numerous air/sea rescue operations which have resulted in the saving of many lives. In August, 1944, a Stirling aircraft crashed into the sea near the shore at Couden Bay. Four of the crew were able to cling to the wing of the aircraft and a fifth, who was injured, was in a partially inflated dinghy which was tied alongside the aircraft. A very rough sea prevailed and Flying Officer Lockwood, who had set off to the rescue, experienced considerable difficulty in controlling his launch and in preventing it grounding on the rocks. He persisted in his rescue efforts and finally the 5 survivors were taken on board the launch, an operation which called for great skill on the part of Flying Officer Lockwood. On another occasion this officer went to the assistance of the crew of a bomber which had crashed in the English channel. Despite adverse weather he found the dinghy and rescued 10 airmen. Whilst returning to base he located another dinghy from which he rescued a further 9 airmen. Once whilst on patrol, Flying Officer Lockwood observed a pilot abandon his aircraft. The pilot became entangled in his parachute but, owing to Flying Officer Lockwood's vigilance, he was rescued within 5 minutes. On yet another occasion, Flying Officer Lockwood displayed courage in going to rescue an American airman who had come down close to the French coast. Despite the known presence of enemy mines, Flying Officer Lockwood succeeded in saving the life of this airman. Flying Officer Lockwood's initiative and ability have set a magnificent example and have inspired others.

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