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Air Ministry, 27th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander George William CURRY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (86389), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

Wing Commander Curry has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has completed many notable sorties. On one occasion he took part in an attack which resulted in the breaching of the Dortmund-Ems Canal. On another occasion, Wing Commander Curry led the squadron on a target far into enemy territory. Whilst over the target considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Every aircraft was hit. Nevertheless, the operation was completed successfully. Munchen-Gladbach, Stuttgart, Brunswick and Bremerhaven have been among the various targets Wing Commander Curry has attacked. This gallant and resourceful squadron commander has set a splendid example to all.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain John Arthur INGHAM, D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties against strongly defended enemy targets, including 5 attacks on the German capital. He has displayed the highest qualities of leadership and bravery and throughout his skill has been outstanding. In December, 1944, Group Captain Ingham took part in an attack against targets at Gdynia. In spite of fierce fire both from batteries on the shore and the guns of all the German ships in the harbour, this brave pilot executed his attack with the greatest skill and coolness. His sterling qualities have impressed all.

Flight Lieutenant Leo Charles Evan DEVIGNE, D.F.C. (113859), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties, including attacks against the Mittelland Canal on two occasions and the heavily defended targets of Munchen Gladbach and Munich. Throughout these operations, Flight Lieutenant Devigne has displayed the highest standard of skill and gallantry. His meritorious efforts have contributed in good measure to the successes obtained.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Maurice Armstrong SMITH (72029), R.A.F.V.R.

This officer has participated in very many sorties against a wide range of enemy targets. In November, 1944, he took part in an attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal which resulted in the waterway being breached. Some days later Wing Commander Smith participated in an attack on the Mittelland Canal at Gravenhorst. During the operation his aircraft was illuminated by the searchlights and much anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft. Despite this, he executed his task successfully. This officer has, by his skill, perseverance and resource, contributed much towards the success of many sorties.

Flying Officer Alan John CARD (152665), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

This officer was the air bomber in an aircraft detailed to attack the Gremburg railway sidings near Cologne. When over the target, much anti-aircraft fire was directed at the bomber, which was hit. A piece of shrapnel from a close burst struck Flying Officer Card over the eye. The wound bled profusely but this resolute member of aircraft crew made no complaint. He continued to direct the bombing run. The aircraft was again hit. The microphone leads part of Flying Officer Card's equipment and his oxygen tube were torn away. Despite this he displayed excellent co-operation with his pilot, to whom his directions were passed by the flight engineer, and thus the target was successfully attacked. This air bomber set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flying Officer Harold John MUSSELMAN (Can/J.88125), R.C.A.F., 166 Sqn.

In December, 1944, this officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy target. On the outward flight the starboard inner engine failed. Despite the loss of engine power, Flying Officer Musselman continued his flight. Some time later the port outer engine became defective. Nevertheless, this resolute pilot went on to attack a target at a lower level than planned. Much anti-aircraft was directed at his aircraft which sustained damage but Flying Officer Musselman flew it back to base. Although beset by many difficulties this officer was fully determined to make his mission a success. He set a very fine example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Edgell Jason RIGBY (162976), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1211039 Flight Sergeant Ernest Clifford Leslie COOMBS, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
1897233 Sergeant Roy Frank COOPER, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

This officer and these airmen were pilot, wireless operator and mid-upper gunner respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack the Gremburg railway yards near Cologne. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit repeatedly by anti-aircraft fire. Several oil pipes were broken, became ignited and started a fire in the fuselage. Although their clothes had become saturated with oil, thus increasing their danger, Flight Sergeant Coombs and Sergeant Cooper immediately devoted their endeavours towards quelling the flames. Both received slight burns but they succeeded in getting the fire under control. The aircraft had sustained much other damage. Both the starboard engines were out of action. The aileron trim controls had been shot away and the rear and mid-upper gun turrets had been rendered unserviceable. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Rigby who, during a very harassing period had set an example which greatly encouraged his crew, flew the aircraft back to the nearest available airfield. These members of aircraft crew displayed courage and coolness worthy of great praise.

Air Ministry, 27th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest John SAUNDERS, D.F.C. (108139), R.A.F.V.R., 128 Sqn.
Acting Squadron Leader Robert Gerald St. Clere WADSWORTH, D.F.C. (66524), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Ivor Gordon BROOM, D.F.C. (112392), R.A.F.V.R., 128 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas John BROOM, D.F.C. (51227), R.A.F., 128 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Richard James BURROUGH (33107), R.A.F., 128 Sqn.
Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Deas DAWLISH (40996), R.A.F.O., 571 Sqn.
Flight Lieutenant Cyril Henry BURRIDGE (103001), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Colin CROW (142585), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
Flight Lieutenant Thomas Hugo GALLOWAY, D.F.M. (102995), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
Flight Lieutenant Norman John GRIFFITHS (46085), R.A.F., 571 Sqn.
Flight Lieutenant Harold Hartley TATTERSALL (128849), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
Flying Officer Charles Edward EARL (164125), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
Flying Officer Archibald William ROBINSON (150114), R.A.F.V.R., 128 Sqn.
Pilot Officer Douglas Raymond TUCKER (186862), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

574129 Flight Sergeant Ian Lachlan RAMAGE, R.A.F., 692 Sqn.

These members of aircraft crew have completed very many sorties against enemy targets. In January, 1945, they were detailed for an operation which necessitated releasing heavy bombs, from low level, at the openings to various tunnels on the enemy's railway system leading to the Western Front. The mission called for a high degree of skill. The good results obtained reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of the above personnel who, throughout a dangerous and difficult sortie, displayed exceptional ability, great determination and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 27th February, 1945.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Arthur Robert MOORE, D.F.C. (102100), R.A.F.V.R., 56 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Anthony James PINHORN (42468), R.A.F.O., 206 Sqn. (since deceased) with effect from 5th Jan. 1944.

Flight Lieutenants.

Robert William BAILIE (129174), R.A.F.V.R., 69 Sqn.
Trevor Harry BATES (121204), R.A.F.V.R., 74 Sqn.
Stanley John EATON (49804), R.A.F.V.R., 257 Sqn.
Marie Joseph Marc LAGESSE (128616), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
Herbert Desmond LEVENTON (48796), R.A.F. (Lieutenant, The Lancashire Fusiliers), 4 Sqn.
Gerald Albert PERCIVAL (127871), R.A.F.V.R., 2 Sqn.
David ROWCLIFFE (44666), R.A.F. (Lieutenant—The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)), 4 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Anthony George BROWN (146747), R.A.F.V.R., 88 Sqn.
Gordon David Arthur LUNDON (117004), R.A.F.V.R., 172 Sqn. (since deceased), with effect from 3rd Mar. 1943.
Sidney William MOULDS (147715), R.A.F.V.R., 21 Sqn.
Cecil Frank REDGRAVE (156429), R.A.F.V.R., 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.
Leslie ROBERTS (147682), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.
John Stobie SMITH (149223), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn. (since deceased).
Reginald George STRINGER (101506), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn. (since deceased), with effect from 10th Apr. 1943.
Anthony Francis TUCZEK (146593), R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Edwin Harry JOHNSON (185975), R.A.F.V.R., 69 Sqn.
John Drysdale MAIR (138437), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn. (since deceased) with effect from 2nd Apr. 1943.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

1041110 Geoffrey Ernest NEWTON, R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.

Sergeants.

1624041 Gerald ELSTON, R.A.F.V.R., 69 Sqn.
778111 Fred Ovenden NICHOL, R.A.F.V.R., 69 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Ian James EWING (Aus.413752), 140 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Thomas Taylor HALL (Aus.409993), 175 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

Aus.401378 Brian John HAYES (now Pilot Officer), 83 Sqn., with effect from 10th Nov. 1944.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Wilfred John BANKS, D.F.C. (Can/J.12311), 412 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Charles William Fox, D.F.C. (Can/J.6364), 412 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Joseph Marie Guly PLAMONDON, D.F.C. (Can/J.8921), 193 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leader.*Harold Orville GOODING (Can/J.10608), 440
(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.Ross Frederick REID (Can/J.9936), 438 (R.C.A.F.)
Sqn.*Flying Officer.*Donald Murdo MACKENZIE (Can/J.19197), 410
(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Squadron Leader.*Richard Charles YOUNG (N.Z.2266), 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.)
Sqn.*Flight Lieutenant.*

Allen Bennett STEAD (N.Z.411996), 485 (N.Z.) Sqn.

*Flying Officer.*William Alfred HART (N.Z.424461), 486
(R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

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