

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 LONDON (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.
7781111 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.

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

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.