

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leader.*

Robert Walter Preston CAMERON (N.Z.414584),  
15 Sqn.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Alan Roy Bidwell BALTON (N.Z.413930) 75 (N.Z.)  
Sqn.

Arthur Gethin CREAGH (N.Z.404340), 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.  
Anthony Charles HARLEY (N.Z.413064), 161 Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Louis Basil LAWSON (N.Z.405800), 35 Sqn.

*Flying Officer.*

Dudley Watson ALLEN (N.Z.416434), 105 Sqn.

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

*Air Ministry, 13th April, 1945.*

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

*Military Medal.*

964295 Sergeant George Daniel TOYE, R.A.F.V.R.,  
R.A.F. Regiment.

In January, 1945, Sergeant Toye was in command of a detachment which had been withdrawn from action for airfield patrol duties. The gun had been left in a position ready for action. At about 09.25 hours another airman, who was on sentry duty, warned Sergeant Toye of the approach of between 36 and 50 enemy aircraft. Sergeant Toye immediately ordered his men to "take post" and in spite of the automatic loader being filled with A.P. ammunition, got the gun into action with such speed that he was able to engage the first of 6 M.E.109's which came in to attack a nearby dispersal ground. Immediately afterwards 4 F.W.190's and 2 M.E.109's attacked Sergeant Toye's gun post. Cannon shells and machine gun bullets struck all around and casualties were sustained. Undeterred Sergeant Toye continued to instruct his men and engaged the attackers as they dived low to attack; one after another in rapid succession. The deliberate attack against the gun post was temporarily abandoned. Sergeant Toye then engaged a M.E.109 which was coming in to attack aircraft on the ground; a hit was obtained and the enemy aircraft was observed to go down omitting black smoke. A further 2 F.W.190's then came in to attack the gun post. Sergeant Toye remained unperturbed and engaged the aircraft as they came in to attack almost simultaneously from different angles. One of the attackers was hit and set on fire. This was the first occasion on which the detachment had been under enemy fire. Sergeant Toye's outstanding courage, initiative and leadership inspired his comrades and contributed largely to the success achieved.

743170 Corporal Alexander George BRADFIELD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, R.A.F. Regiment.

Throughout the period his Squadron has been under the command of the Eighth Army, Corporal Bradfield, who is non-commissioned officer in

charge of signals, has been responsible for the communications between Headquarters and the various flights and commanding formations. He has displayed very great endurance under exceptionally hard conditions in the mountains when operating south of Ravenna and, later, on the River Lamone with a Canadian Armoured Brigade. During the period November 19/30th, 1944, covering the attack and occupation of the enemy strong-point known as the Sugar Factory at Classe Fuari, Corporal Bradfield showed great bravery in going out to repair broken wires along stretches of open road which were continually being swept by enemy shell and mortar fire. On one occasion he was pinned down for over an hour by very accurate mortar fire but he carried on and completed the task. Although fully aware of these experiences of the danger of his work he has never hesitated and has gone out at all hours by day and night and up to the end of the squadron's operational period he has displayed the same disregard for danger. His courage, steadiness and devotion to duty under the most harassing conditions have been outstanding.

1495461 Leading Aircraftman William WEARDEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, R.A.F. Regiment.

During the period September/December, 1944, Leading Aircraftman Wearden's Squadron has been under the command of the Eighth Army and has operated in the mountains, and, after the fall of Ravenna, on the Lamone River with a Canadian Armoured Brigade. Throughout these operations Leading Aircraftman Wearden has carried out the duty of Flight Signaller in an exceptional and outstanding manner. He has gone out on many patrols to make contact with the enemy and kept a wireless link with his headquarters whilst thus operating. During the period 19th to 30th November, 1944, whilst operating near the Sugar Factory of Classe Fuari and from 8th to 17th December when his Flight was holding a very exposed position on the River Lamone, north of Messano, he has maintained his communications under long periods of enemy fire by shell and mortar, showing a total disregard for his own safety and often working on open stretches of road in full view of enemy observation and fire. Leading Aircraftman Wearden has worked for very long periods without rest and his courage and devotion to duty under circumstances of great hardship have set a fine example.

*Air Ministry, 13th April, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished service:—

*Military Cross.*

Lieutenant Cecil William Emil BLAKE (47888), South African Air Force, 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Military Medal.*

657020 Flight Sergeant Cecil Arthur TARDIF, R.A.F.,  
683 Sqn.

775137 Corporal Jacob GEWELBER, R.A.F.V.R., 33  
Sqn.

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