

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Frederick George BRACE (153490), R.A.F.V.R., 19 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Hugh Hamilton COLE-BAKER (162073), R.A.F.V.R., 18 Sqn.
 Harold Frederick COOPER (155162), R.A.F.V.R., 27 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Clifford Denis BRINDED (186157), R.A.F.V.R., 27 Sqn.
 Maurice Hefford BUNN (169638), R.A.F.V.R., 27 Sqn.
 William Thomas Hugh FLECKNEY (46171), R.A.F., 614 Sqn.
 Raymond William PEACOCK (185145), R.A.F.V.R., 27 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Edwin Charles Dale COLTON (187894), R.A.F.V.R., 11 Sqn.
 George Henry Richard SLADE (186299), R.A.F.V.R., 614 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

William George MURRAY (1289580), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.
 Raymond William Henry NARRAMORE (1319148), R.A.F.V.R., 570 Sqn.
 William Donald SEWELL (1295217), R.A.F.V.R., 27 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

1562677 Robert FERGUSON, R.A.F.V.R., 11 Sqn.
 577905 Earl HASKINS, R.A.F.V.R., 240 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.**Group Captain.*

Brian Alexander EATON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.133).

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

Alleyne Bruce GILES (Aus.406479), 355 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Thomas Ernest SCOTLAND (Aus.415360), 614 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Reginald Wilfred BAIN (Aus.408361), 357 Sqn.
 William George PETLEY (Aus.421387), 357 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenant.*

James Ivor JACKSON (Can/J.23816), 160 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Donald Frederick BONNELL (Can/J.29126), 11 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Donald Hugh Allan MCKAY (Can/J.92459), 417 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Squadron Leader.*

James Mumford CRANSTONE (N.Z.405520), 5 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Terence William PARKER (N.Z.415009), 614 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.**Major.*

David LIDDELL, D.F.C. (103938V), 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Majors.*

David Milford CADLE (95939V), 12 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Evelyn Eugene Cecil WOODS (103241V), 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captains.

Brian Nugent ACKERMANN (P.932V), 3 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Raymond Henry HUBBARD (102285V), 16 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Gilbert William SUMMER (103480V), 4 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Wilfred Bruce TILLEY (207323V), 680 Sqn.

Lieutenants.

Lionel Arthur Neale DOWN (542570V), 250 Sqn.
 Cornelius Jacobus FRANKEN (206620V), 19 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leighton Brimble JULYAN (542790V), 18 Sqn.
 Ian Edward Farquhar KIRBY (328844V), 114 Sqn.
 Hermans Johannes KRITZINGER (328642V), 1 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Wyndham William WITHERDEN (543032V), 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

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

Air Ministry, 12th June, 1945.

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

Distinguished Service Cross.

Flying Officer Bernard William AHEARN (48211), Royal Air Force.

One morning on 13th October, 1944, one of H.M. Motor Minesweepers was reported overdue and probably lost. Air/Sea Rescue High Speed Launch No. 133, with Flying Officer Ahearn in charge, was instructed to proceed to the island of Gorgona, where the ship had been operating. High seas prevented the launch from entering the harbour and he therefore proceeded slowly round the island to search for survivors. This search met with no success. Flying Officer Ahearn then decided to investigate a minefield where it seemed possible that the minesweeper had been lost. While following the edge of the minefield Flying Officer Ahearn sighted a Walrus aircraft which had located and rescued 9 of the crew of the missing ship. The latter had been blown up by a mine. Flying Officer Ahearn, without hesitation, took his launch into the minefield and rescued 3 more of the ship's crew from a Carley float. The weather had become very bad during these operations and the Walrus aircraft was unable to take off owing to high seas and petrol shortage. The aircraft, having on board its crew and the rescued personnel who could not be transferred to the launch because of the rough water, was taken in tow by the launch and Leghorn was safely reached later in the day. The devotion to duty and outstanding courage displayed by Flying Officer Ahearn resulted in the saving of an aircraft, together with its crew and 12 survivors of one of H.M. Minesweepers.

Military Medal.

905304 Corporal Thomas Henry ELLERTON, Royal Air Force.

1670981 Leading Aircraftman Arthur OLIVER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

During the attack on Air Headquarters, Greece, when the fighting had reached its bitterest stage, Corporal Ellerton and Leading Aircraftman Oliver, who are nursing orderlies, crawled out beyond a road block, which was raked from two sides by machine gun fire, and dragged to safety two Sergeants of the Royal Air Force Regiment, who were lying wounded in the open. Leading Aircraftman Oliver was himself wounded before they reached the wounded Sergeants, but he continued with his task. Although one of the sergeants died of his wounds the life of the other was saved by the courage and devotion to duty of Corporal Ellerton and Leading Aircraftman Oliver.

1303113 Corporal George Henry WINGATE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force Regiment.

This airman has shown daring and coolness under extremely trying conditions in the face of the enemy, whilst operating north of Kozani. On one occasion, whilst he was driving the flight commander's car during a reconnaissance of enemy positions, the vehicle came under enemy cannon fire. A number of direct hits were sustained and the officer was killed, whilst Corporal Wingate was wounded in the side. Despite his injuries he showed great coolness and courage in his determination to bring his badly damaged vehicle back. He succeeded in spite of extremely heavy fire.

1456882 Leading Aircraftman Peter Leslie WARD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force Regiment.

Whilst the squadron was operating at Megalo Pekvo an enemy patrol was sighted approaching their position. Leading Aircraftman Ward, who