

completed a successful mission. Flight Lieutenant Davies has at all times displayed great skill and determination in pressing home his attacks. His efficiency and gallantry have been of a high standard.

Captain Edgar Desmond THOMPSON (328699V), S A A F, No 33 Sqn

Captain Thompson has displayed a high standard of keenness, courage and devotion to duty. He has participated in a large number of sorties and has most effectively attacked a wide range of targets including mechanical transport, barges and locomotives. On numerous occasions his aircraft has sustained damage from enemy fire but he has consistently pressed home his attacks and completed the sortie. In April, 1945, whilst leading his section on an armed reconnaissance, an enemy fighter force was encountered. In the ensuing combat, Captain Thomas shot down an enemy aircraft before his own was hit and badly damaged. The port aileron was almost shot away; the port main plane was also hit. Nevertheless, Captain Thompson flew the damaged aircraft to an airfield where he effected a masterly landing.

Pilot Officer Reginald TIBBLE (190184), R A F V R., 13 Sqn.

In March, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack the pontoon ferry terminals at Guardo Veneta on the river Po. In making his attack, Pilot Officer Tibble went in at low level. He was met with much light anti-aircraft fire. His aircraft was repeatedly hit. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Tibble pressed home his attack with precision. In this well executed operation, this officer displayed the highest standard of skill and gallantry. He has completed very many sorties and throughout has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Lawrence Kenneth KEVAN (1399897), R A F V R., 680 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Kevan was a crew member detailed to participate in a reconnaissance of the Dodecanese in April, 1945. When crossing the coast of Rhodes Island the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was mortally wounded. The aircraft went out of control. Acting with great promptitude, Warrant Officer Kevan righted the aircraft. He was unable to move his stricken comrade from the pilot's seat but, in circumstances of difficulty succeeded in retaining a measure of control. Although not in any way as skilled as a regular pilot, Warrant Officer Kevan flew the aircraft several hundred miles over the sea and finally reached an airfield. Believing that his pilot was still alive, Kevan decided to attempt a landing, a task which he had never previously tried. Nevertheless, he brought the aircraft down safely. His example of courage, resource and devotion to duty will long be remembered.

*Air Ministry, 29th June, 1945*

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

#### *Distinguished Service Order*

##### *Wing Commander*

William Joseph SCOTT, A F C (28117), R A F, 107 Sqn

##### *Acting Squadron Leader*

Arthur Gill GARDNER, D F C (101571), R A F V R., 613 Sqn

#### *Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross*

##### *Flight Lieutenant*

Arthur Norman CROOKES, D F C (135428), R A F V R., 488 (R N Z A F) Sqn

#### *Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross*

##### *Acting Flight Lieutenant*

John Gordon ELDRIDGE, D F C (67652), R A F V R., 166 Sqn, with effect from 23rd May, 1943 (since deceased)

##### *Flying Officer*

James Noel THOMAS, D F C (53470), R A F., 613 Sqn

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross*

##### *Squadron Leaders*

William Chapman DUNCAN (40092), R A F, 613 Sqn.  
Richard Streatfield EASBY (82670), R A F V R., 66 Sqn

##### *Acting Squadron Leaders*

James Charles ALLISON (124217), R A F V R., 88 Sqn  
Arthur Llewellyn WILLIAMS (61974), R A F V R., 106 Sqn, with effect from 25th August, 1944 (since deceased)

##### *Flight Lieutenants*

Frederick Cecil Walter CLEMENT (150238), R A F V R., 106 Sqn., with effect from 6th July, 1944 (since deceased)  
Robert Johnson COOMBS (60324), R A F V R., 487 Sqn  
George James KING (136540), R A F V R., 609 Sqn.  
Gordon Bonville MILNE (138449), R A F V R., 56 Sqn  
Wyndham Rhyddian OWEN (115429), R A F V R., 35 Sqn, with effect from 15th April, 1943.  
Hamish Rattray SELKIRK (48784), R A F, 2 Sqn.  
James Gordon SIMPSON (100642), R A F V R., 193 Sqn  
Ronald Frederick SWEETING (67027), R A F V R., 174 Sqn  
James Thomas Reckie TAYLOR (143232), R A F V R., 7 Sqn, with effect from 13th April, 1943  
George Wallace VARLEY (85670), R A F V R., 222 Sqn

##### *Acting Flight Lieutenant*

George Grafton Haig FARARA, D F M (143472), R A F V R., 630 Sqn, with effect from 6th July, 1944 (since deceased)

##### *Flying Officers*

Jack Kenneth BARRETT (115775), R A F V R., 207 Sqn, with effect from 16th May, 1943 (since deceased)  
Maurice Archer COLLINS, D F M (179327), R A F V R., 226 Sqn  
Norman Guy FAZAN (174237), R A F V R., 219 Sqn.  
William HANNAH (155897), R A F V R., 97 Sqn, with effect from 20th July, 1944 (since deceased)  
Frederick David HAWKINS (182170), R A F V R., 107 Sqn  
Albert HOLT (152842), R A F V R., 21 Sqn.  
Arthur Thomas LINN (148795), R A F V R., 605 Sqn  
Roderick John Angus MACLEOD (155116), R A F V R., 88 Sqn.  
Douglas Albert STOTT (55930), R A F., 130 Sqn.  
William John TYTHERLEIGH (120851), R A F V R., 50 Sqn, with effect from 16th May, 1943 (since deceased)  
Ernest Peter WARING (183345), R A F V R., 107 Sqn  
John Henry WICKEN (165057), R A F V R., 418 (R C A F) Sqn,

##### *Pilot Officer*

Warner OTTLEY (141460), R A F V R., 207 Sqn, with effect from 16th May, 1943 (since deceased)

##### *Warrant Officers*

Philip Henry Thornton CLAY (1331525), R A F V R., 130 Sqn  
Walter HARRISON (1475435), R A F V R., 605 Sqn.  
Basil Grenville LEIGH (1807530), R A F V R., 33 Sqn

#### ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

##### *Acting Flying Officer*

Edward Forbes REID (Aus 427044), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn, with effect from 29th October, 1944.

#### ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

##### *Acting Squadron Leader*

William Thomas KLETSY, D.F.C. (Can/J.12199), 401 (R C A F), Sqn.