

1945, a U-boat was located. Flight Lieutenant Goldie went in to attack with great determination, straddling the target with his depth charges. Shortly afterwards a large patch of oil was seen covering the scene. The skill with which Flight Lieutenant Goldie executed his attack was typical of that which he has invariably shown in his engagements with the enemy.

Flight Lieutenant Clive Gordon THOMPSON, D.F.C. (Aus.402453), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including 14 attacks on enemy shipping. In these operations he has displayed great skill and has invariably pressed home his attacks with resolution. As a result he has been responsible for inflicting much damage on the enemy. In April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Thompson led a formation of aircraft in an attack against an enemy merchantman, escorted by 3 other vessels, in the narrow Risnes Fjord. Although the approach to the target was over difficult terrain, a well executed attack was made. This officer has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Captain Patrick McCCLURE, D.F.C. (206245), S.A.A.F., No. 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has consistently displayed great skill and determination and has inflicted much damage on enemy ground targets. The courage and fearlessness shown by Captain McClure in the face of intense enemy opposition have set a fine example to all.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley Robert HYLAND, A.F.C. (44978), R.A.F., 236 Sqn.

This officer is a most capable pilot. Since joining this squadron he has completed a large number of sorties, 10 of which have been attacks on enemy shipping. In these operations he has consistently shown a high degree of skill and courage. In May, 1945, Squadron Leader Hyland led a formation of aircraft in an attack against shipping in Kiel Bay. During the operation two U-boats were sunk and much destruction was caused to surface vessels. By his skilful leadership and great determination, Squadron Leader Hyland contributed greatly to the successes obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Stirling Neilson BROWN (143238), R.A.F.V.R., 260 Sqn.

In April, 1945, this officer led a formation of aircraft in an attack against an enemy gun position south of Ferrara. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and damage to his aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Brown led his section in to the attack at low level. As a result the gun position was completely destroyed. Flight Lieutenant Brown has participated in a very large number of sorties and on numerous occasions has led his section with conspicuous success. His courage and keenness to engage the enemy have materially assisted his squadron in maintaining their high standard of operational flying.

Flight Lieutenant Guy Fountain BROWNE (130223), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Browne has participated in a good number of sorties including 14 attacks on enemy shipping. During these operations the enemy has suffered much damage. By his exceptional skill, great courage and determination, Flight Lieutenant Browne has contributed materially to the success achieved. In March, 1945, this officer took part in an attack against a small sized merchant vessel at Sand. Flight Lieutenant Browne pressed home his attack with his usual determination obtaining many hits. Within a short period following this, this officer took part in three successful attacks on shipping in Southern Norwegian harbours. His devotion to duty has been of a high standard.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Norman CLARK (101062), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

In April, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack against shipping far into the Kattegat. Flight Lieutenant Clark's target was a medium sized merchantman. As he went into the attack much anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Clark executed a good bombing run, obtaining a hit on the fore-deck of the vessel. His determination was typical of that which he has invariably shown in all his

attacks on enemy shipping. In addition to his work in the air, Flight Lieutenant Clark has rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ward Hargrove FULTON (Can/J. 23399), R.C.A.F., 236 Sqn.

This officer has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping, including the successful operations against such targets in Kiel Bay on two successive days early in May, 1945. His keenness has always been evident and he has consistently shown a high standard of skill and courage in pressing home his attacks in the face of much opposition. The photographs which he has secured have well proved his successes.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Horsley GOLIGHTLY (60117), R.A.F.V.R., No. 333 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty over a long period of operational flying. He has completed a large number of varied sorties including numerous notable reconnaissances. In attacks against enemy shipping, Flight Lieutenant Golightly has displayed great skill and courage. In April, 1945, he led a large formation of aircraft in a successful attack against enemy shipping at Aalesund. Some days later, Flight Lieutenant Golightly took part in another attack on shipping targets in the Kattegat. His successful and resolute work on both occasions won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth James HIRSH (55057), R.A.F., 55 Sqn.

One night in April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Hirsh was pilot and captain in an aircraft detailed to attack forward enemy positions over Budrio in the Po Valley. During the bombing run a violent explosion occurred beneath the aircraft. The turret gunner was wounded. The aircraft sustained serious damage. The starboard engine was put out of action and the propeller could not be feathered. The rudder control was severed. In circumstances of great difficulty, Flight Lieutenant Hirsh retained a measure of control. When nearing our own lines he ordered his crew to leave by parachute as the aircraft had become almost uncontrollable and was falling rapidly. Owing to his injuries, the front gunner was unable to leave. Flight Lieutenant Hirsh, therefore remained at the controls and headed for base. Displaying superb skill and exceptional resolution he reached the airfield where he executed a successful crash landing. In most harassing circumstances this officer displayed courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice Cecil KAY (151376), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Kay is a successful and determined pilot. He has completed very many sorties. On three occasions he has executed attacks on U-boats with a measure of success which reflects the greatest credit on his ability and persistence. He has at all times set a fine example of keenness.

Flight Lieutenant Nevill Charles Hilder TUFNELL (127947), R.A.F.V.R., No. 225 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Tufnell has displayed a high degree of skill and courage in air operations. He has completed a very large number of sorties, including many reconnaissances on which he has obtained information of great value. On one occasion this officer was detailed for a photographic reconnaissance along the strongly defended line of the Brenner Pass. Undeterred by intense enemy opposition, he secured good photographs of every bridge from Reverso, along the Adige river to the coast. Throughout two tours of operational duty, Flight Lieutenant Tufnell has shown great efficiency and keenness and his determination to make every sortie a success has won much praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Lindley HIRONS (176564), R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn.

This officer has proved a valuable asset to the squadron. He has participated in a large number of varied sorties and has displayed skill, courage and tenacity of a high order. On three occasions in April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Hiron led small formations of aircraft in attacks on various targets in the battle area. On one occasion the target was a fortified factory and four gun sites. The attack was well pressed home. The factory was demolished and the gun sites rendered useless. On another occasion the target consisted of several field guns well placed for defence and which were