

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Alistair Stewart RAMSAY (88659), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

543799 Sergeant Gerald Douglas Prior QUINN, D.F.M., No. 105 Squadron.

On 4th July 1941, Pilot Officer Ramsay and Sergeant Quinn were the air observer navigator and wireless operator/air gunner respectively of the leading aircraft of a formation which carried out a daylight bombing attack on Bremen. The flight was carried out mostly under conditions of poor visibility. Three changes of course were necessary on the outward journey, of which two were effected on dead reckoning alone, out of sight of land. Flying through a balloon barrage and meeting with most determined and accurate fire from the ground, the centre of the town was attacked from a height of about fifty feet. During the action Sergeant Quinn was wounded in the leg but remained at his post maintaining wireless watch and assisting Pilot Officer Ramsay materially in navigating the aircraft safely back to base. Pilot Officer Ramsay displayed exceptional skill and contributed in a large way to the success of this hazardous mission. In this he was ably assisted by Sergeant Quinn who showed great coolness and courage. Both have participated in numerous operational flights against the enemy.

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745707 Sergeant Donald Ernest KINGABY, D.F.M., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 92 Squadron.

This airman pilot has continued to prove himself a very able section leader who fights with coolness and courage. He has now destroyed at least fourteen enemy aircraft and damaged others.

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937803 Sergeant Robert Hesketh NUTTALL, No. 115 Squadron.

This airman was rear gunner in an aircraft which attacked Bremen one night in July, 1941. During the return flight the aircraft was attacked from astern by a Messerschmitt 110 which closed in to a range of 75 yards. Although bullets were entering his turret, Sergeant Nuttall remained perfectly calm and, working his turret by hand when the hydraulic gear failed, he eventually succeeded in driving off the enemy. Sergeant Nuttall displayed great courage and calmness in the face of intense enemy fire.

1375548 Sergeant Murray Hugh Ross, No. 29 Squadron.

This airman has proved himself to be a courageous and efficient wireless operator/air gunner and has displayed great keenness. One night in March 1941, after successfully intercepting an enemy aircraft, the cannons jammed but Sergeant Ross managed to change the heavy pans and clear stoppages four times under cramped and difficult conditions at 12,000 feet, which enabled his pilot to destroy the enemy aircraft. He has assisted his pilot in the destruction of at least two enemy aircraft at night.

742827 Sergeant Norman TAYLOR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 601 Squadron.

This airman pilot has taken part in numerous offensive operations and patrols during which he has destroyed at least 4 and damaged other enemy aircraft. He has at all times shown great keenness and determination to engage the enemy.

741544 Sergeant John Kenneth HENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 226 Squadron.

619060 Flight Sergeant Arthur Henry Dennis BATTY, No. 226 Squadron.

581206 Sergeant Leonard Sheppherd COLMAN, No. 226 Squadron.

Sergeant Henson, Flight Sergeant Batty, and Sergeant Colman were pilot, air gunner and observer respectively of an aircraft which participated in an attack on Meville aerodrome in daylight. The aircraft was attacked by three enemy fighters and Sergeant Henson was wounded in the jaw. Sergeant Colman, who saw this, waited to release his bombs as they flew over the target, then tended his wounded pilot who was bleeding considerably. He managed to reduce this by pressing the artery. Meanwhile the aircraft was subjected to another attack by four enemy fighters, the last of which, on receiving an accurate burst from Flight Sergeant Batty, broke up in the air. With great coolness he continued to fire accurately into each fighter as it attacked. Despite his wound, Sergeant Henson, greatly assisted by Sergeant Colman, succeeded in reaching one of our aerodromes where he landed safely. The coolness, courage and teamwork of these three airmen were outstanding.

965484 Sergeant William Hugh Anthony JACKSON, No. 105 Squadron.

751111 Sergeant James Alan PURVES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

N.Z.40952 Sergeant William Noel WILLIAMS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 105 Squadron.

Sergeants Jackson, Purves and Williams were the pilot, wireless operator air gunner and air observer navigator respectively of an aircraft which participated in a daylight attack on Bremen on 4th July 1941. The formation, which flew on to the target at a height of about 50 feet, delivered its attack on the centre of the town whilst flying through a balloon barrage and in the face of extremely heavy fire from the ground. During the action the aircraft received direct hits and Sergeant Purves was wounded in the thigh and foot while Sergeant Williams received wounds in the leg and foot. In spite of his injuries Sergeant Williams successfully navigated the aircraft back to this country. In this he was assisted by Sergeant Purves, who, although seriously wounded and suffering from considerable loss of blood, kept to his post. Sergeant Jackson, with exceptional skill, successfully landed his aircraft on reaching base within a few yards of the ambulance and fire tender which were standing by. These three airmen displayed great courage and determination under extremely harassing circumstances.