

a determined and courageous attack. This officer has completed a large number of operational missions and he has always displayed exceptional ability and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant John Fowler WILLS (80549), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by shell fire, causing a photographic flash to explode which completely denuded the air frame of fabric from the main plane to the rear turret. Other damage was sustained and the aircraft was forced down to a height of only 500 feet. Nevertheless Flight Lieutenant Wills, although deprived of wireless aid, decided to make the attempt to reach this country. During the return journey, his aircraft repeatedly came under fire from the ground defences but, displaying great perseverance and courage, he succeeded

in flying the damaged aircraft to England and eventually made a safe landing with the under-carriage retracted. This officer has completed over 30 operational missions and has displayed persistent determination and outstanding courage.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.405356 Sergeant Gordon Albert WILLIAMS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 67 Squadron.

This airman has displayed great courage and determination in the face of the enemy. In December, 1941, he destroyed at least 2 as well as damaging several more hostile aircraft. On two occasions he undertook ground machine-gunning sorties with much success.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 28th April, 1942 (p. 1852, col. 2), concerning Flight Sergeant Leonard Henry MUTTER, for Henry read Harry.

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