

his objective and bombed it. On the return flight his aircraft was engaged by an enemy fighter and sustained damage. The petrol tanks were pierced while the hydraulics were shot away, causing the undercarriage to drop. Despite this, Pilot Officer Scott flew on and although height was gradually lost whilst flying over the North Sea, the English coast was safely reached. Pilot Officer Scott effected a masterly forced landing in a field. Throughout the operation, this officer displayed skill and judgment of a high degree.

Pilot Officer Dallas Wilbur SCHMIDT (Can/J.7336), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has displayed fine fighting qualities. On his first sortie, he shot down an Italian aircraft. In September, 1942, he obtained a hit with a heavy bomb on an enemy merchant vessel which subsequently sank. A few days later, he attacked a destroyer in a convoy with gunfire. In spite of intense opposition he pressed home his attack, causing an explosion behind one of the ship's gun positions, which probably indicated hits on a magazine. This officer has set a praiseworthy example.

Pilot Officer Orville Ray WATERBURY (Can/J.7520), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

On two occasions, despite the most adverse weather conditions in daylight attacks on Germany, Pilot Officer Waterbury has displayed skilful navigation and, as a result, has successfully carried out his mission and brought his aircraft safely back to base. One night in September, when returning from an operational sortie on Wilhelmshaven, his aircraft was fired on by hostile aeroplanes and the wireless operator was severely wounded. Pilot Officer Waterbury successfully administered first aid thereby saving the life of his colleague. He has completed numerous operational sorties, including attacks on the enemy's most heavily defended targets and, by his exceptional keenness and efficiency, has set a fine example.

Flying Officer Dennis GRUNDY (101567), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frank Thomas COXALL (108044), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron.

In September, 1942, Flying Officers Grundy and Coxall were captain and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern France. Owing to adverse weather, it was impossible to locate the target but, as an alternative, a large industrial plant was vigorously attacked. Whilst flying over the objective, at chimney height, bombs were released and several hits obtained. Both these officers have completed many sorties and have always displayed great determination, combined with a high degree of operational efficiency.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Dorian Dick BONNETT (45416), No. 49 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.401272 Sergeant Richard Desmond DANGERFIELD, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 49 Squadron.

Aus. 404798 Sergeant William Henry Ingham MYERS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 49 Squadron.

Flying Officer Bonnett and Sergeants Dangerfield and Myers as captain, navigator and wireless operator respectively have flown together on many sorties. Each, in his particular role, has displayed exceptional ability. Flying Officer Bonnett, who has spared no efforts in training his crew to the highest standard of efficiency, has always displayed the greatest determination to make every sortie a success and resolutely and, ably supported by Sergeants Dangerfield and Myers, has invariably succeeded in so doing. Throughout, these members of air crew have set an admirable example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.404798 Sergeant William Henry Ingham MYERS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 49 Squadron.

As wireless operator, this airman has taken part in numerous sorties. One night in September, 1942, he was a member of the crew of an aircraft which made a successful attack on an enemy ship. The aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire which rendered the wireless equipment unservice-

able. Although wounded in both arms and in the thigh Flight Sergeant Cumming, after receiving first aid but still being in much pain, effected temporary repairs to the wireless set and was able to send messages indicating the position of the damaged aircraft. Throughout the homeward flight, his courage and fortitude inspired his comrades.

1286583 Sergeant William Samuel George BELTON, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in September, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft which formed part of a force operating against a target in the Ruhr. During the bombing run, his aircraft was attacked by a hostile aeroplane but, following an accurate burst from Sergeant Belton's guns, the attacking aircraft burst into flames and afterwards crashed on the ground. On a previous occasion, when his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter, Sergeant Belton skilfully fought it off. This airman has displayed high courage and skill in the face of enemy fire.

Air Ministry, 16th October, 1942.

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Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

J. W. WILLIS-RICHARDS (46311). 10th June 1942.

H. COSSAR, D.F.C. (46173). 17th July 1942.

D. A. BROWN (46540). 19th Aug. 1942.

H. SIMPSON (46843). 11th Sept. 1942.

17th Sept. 1942.

W. F. AMOS (46707).

G. GOLDSMITH (46702).

H. J. McRAE (46607). 19th Sept. 1942.

20th Sept 1942.

C. D. LAWSON (46731).

J. ONIONS, D.F.M. (46670).

A. J. R. MUGGRIDGE (47206). 25th Sept. 1942.

27th Sept. 1942.

L. S. COLMAN, D.F.M. (46816).

F. G. D. WARREN (46767).

L. Y. J. FRIEND (46732). 30th Sept. 1942.

Plt. Off. (prob.) J. E. C. YOUNG (44759) confmd. in appt. and to be Flg. Off. (war subs.). 9th Oct. 1941. (*Seny. 19th July 1941.*) (Subs. for notfn. of 10th July 1942 (p. 3041, col. 1).)

Gp. Cpts. (tempy.) granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs.):—

C. R. STEELE, D.F.C. 1st June 1942.

A. C. STEVENS. 7th Aug. 1942.

A. C. SANDERSON, C.B.E., D.F.C. 16th Aug. 1942.

Wg. Cdr. A. O. MOLESWORTH (26116) to be Gp. Capt. (tempy.). 1st Sept. 1942.

Sqn. Ldr. F. M. BENITO (25076) to be Wg. Cdr. (tempy.). 1st June 1942.

Flt. Lt. A. M. K. PHILLIPS (33275) to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.). 1st Sept. 1942. (*Seny. 1st Dec. 1941.*) (Subs. for notfn. of 1st Oct. 1942 (p. 4256, col. 1).)

Flg. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

N. W. McLEOD (43259). 7th Apr. 1942.

A. P. CULVERWELL (81003). 5th May 1942.

A. K. OGLVIE, D.F.C. (42872). 25th May 1942.

R. T. R. COWPER (41988). 29th June 1942.

J. A. CANT (44174). 9th July 1942. (*Seny. 2nd May 1942.*)

13th July 1942.

H. G. KEARTLAND (43038).

G. S. WILLIAMS (43051).

27th July 1942.

G. J. CORNISH (43282).

A. J. HOLLAND (43286).

T. R. GILDERTHORP (43482). 24th Aug. 1942.

J. F. CLAYTON, D.F.M. (44677). 30th Sept. 1942. (*Seny. 11th Sept. 1942.*)

Flg. Offs. granted the rank of Flt. Lt. (war subs.):—

E. R. THORN, D.F.M. (46957). 6th July 1942.

S. ROBINSON, D.F.M. (45617). 28th July 1942.

I. C. K. SWALES, D.F.C., D.F.M. (44835). 9th Aug. 1942.