

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas Owen COLLINGE (114724), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 610 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many operational sorties and shipping reconnaissances. At all times he has displayed great devotion to duty and his courage and leadership have been an inspiration to his fellow pilots.

Flying Officer Ronald Edgar CURTIS (106040) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Flying Officer Curtis is a navigator of high merit. He has participated in numerous sorties, many of them in adverse weather, and much of the success obtained can be attributed to his great skill. He took part in the recent raids on Genoa and Milan and his accurate navigation contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft.

Pilot Officer Sydney CLAYTON, D.F.M. (47870), No. 105 Squadron.

In October, 1942, this officer was the observer of an aircraft which attacked several targets in Germany in daylight. On the return flight, after crossing the enemy coast, the aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters for some 15 minutes. During the engagement Pilot Officer Clayton's clear and concise directions to his pilot proved of the greatest assistance. By his skilful navigation in difficult circumstances this officer contributed materially to the success achieved. He has completed a large number of sorties throughout which he has displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Harry Woodward DONKERSLEY (Can/J.8203) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 69 Squadron.

This officer has recently achieved much success against enemy shipping. One day in October, 1942, he attacked a tanker, inflicting severe damage. A few nights later, he located and attacked a convoy of 4 merchant ships escorted by several destroyers. After making his attack, he returned to base, re-armed and made a second attack. Early next morning reconnaissance aircraft carried out a search over a wide area in the vicinity of the attack and observed that 3 of the enemy ships were missing. Some nights later, Pilot Officer Donkersley attacked 1 of 2 ships, escorted by destroyers, setting the vessel on fire. Later, it was learned that the ship had sunk. The success which attended his efforts deprived the enemy of much fuel so vital for the battle in Africa.

Pilot Officer Franklin Meredith FALLS (Can/J.15734), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft, this officer has taken part in many attacks on the Ruhr and other targets in Germany, including a low level attack on Danzig. Recently he participated in the daylight attacks on Le Creusot and Milan and one of the night attacks on Genoa. On each occasion he pressed home the attack with great determination.

Pilot Officer Gerald Ernest FAWKE (111547), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many operational sorties and has brought back some excellent photographs. On one occasion he was detailed to make an attack on an important factory and, although he had to descend to roof top height, he successfully completed his task. Pilot Officer Fawke took part in the daylight attack on Le Creusot and one of the night attacks on Genoa. He has shown a total disregard of the risks involved and a supreme determination to bring his mission to a successful conclusion and has often secured valuable photographs of the target.

Pilot Officer Thomas Gerald HACKNEY (80218), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. He is a skilful pilot and a fine captain whose determined efforts have contributed in a large measure to the many successes obtained. In the recent attack on Genoa, Pilot Officer Hackney attacked his objective successfully and obtained a photograph.

Pilot Officer Leonard Thomas JACKSON (Can/J.15950), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, Pilot Officer Jackson was pilot of a four-engined bomber detailed to attack the heavily defended town of Dusseldorf. While making his attack his aircraft was hit by

anti-aircraft fire and severely damaged. The port and starboard outer engines were put out of action but displaying expert airmanship Pilot Officer Jackson manoeuvred his aircraft away from the target area. On the return journey he lost height until he was down to 6,000 feet, when his aircraft was again engaged by searchlights and anti-aircraft fire, but by skilful evasive tactics he was able to continue on his course, and make a successful forced landing at his home base. Since this hazardous trip Pilot Officer Jackson has taken part in many successful operations. By his high morale and fine conduct, both in the air and on the ground, he has set a valuable example.

Pilot Officer William Hooker MATHEWS (Can/J.8424), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 69 Squadron.

One day in October, 1942, this officer executed a successful attack on a large and heavily escorted merchant ship. Pressing home his attack with great skill, Pilot Officer Mathews obtained a hit on the vessel, inflicting such damage that later it had to be run ashore and its cargo unloaded. His aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire but he flew it to base. On another night, towards the end of the month, Pilot Officer Mathews attacked with telling effect another enemy merchant ship escorted by 3 destroyers. Later, it was learned that the ship and its valuable cargo of fuel had become a total loss. This officer has displayed outstanding skill and determination to inflict loss on the enemy.

Pilot Officer John Robert McDONALD (Can/J.7978), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 49 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many operational sorties and on each occasion has successfully completed his mission. At all times this officer has displayed the greatest enthusiasm and determination to press home the attack regardless alike of difficulties or dangers to be faced. Pilot Officer McDonald participated in the daylight attack on Le Creusot and Milan and has made the extremely long flight to attack Genoa.

Pilot Officer John Alexander Wilson MOFFATT (128685), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, this officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, including the recent raids on Genoa and Milan. His skill is such that, not once, has he had a wireless failure. His keenness and efficiency make him a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Pilot Officer Laurance Arthur SMITH (114060), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 610 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Smith has taken part in many attacks against targets in enemy occupied territory and in shipping reconnaissances. He accomplished very good work during the combined operations at Dieppe on the 19th August, 1942. This officer has always shown the greatest eagerness to engage the enemy and has destroyed 2 hostile aircraft. Throughout Pilot Officer Smith has displayed great devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Rennie LEVER (969699), No. 61 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Lever has participated in many operational sorties over some of the most heavily defended areas in Germany. In October, 1942, he was captain of an aircraft forming part of the force which successfully attacked Le Creusot. He also captained aircraft which recently attacked Genoa and Milan. At all times this officer has displayed continuous courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Everard Frank Gray HEALEY, D.F.M. (116140), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Ray PENNINGTON (118726), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can./R.84062 Flight Sergeant David MacLeod CROZIER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 106 Squadron.

Pilot Officers Healey and Pennington and Flight Sergeant Crozier were pilot, navigator and air bomber respectively of an aircraft engaged in recent sorties against Le Creusot, Genoa and Milan. On all occasions they achieved much success and each, in his respective role, displayed a high standard of skill and determination. Throughout the many sorties in which they have taken part, these members of aircraft crew have invariably displayed gallantry and devotion to duty worthy of high praise.