

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.411970 Flight Sergeant Frank Ellison GATLAND, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 214 Squadron.

One night in October, 1942, Flight Sergeant Gatland was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack a target at Genoa. Heavy cloud obscured the target but despite this and opposing fire from the ground defences, Flight Sergeant Gatland courageously pressed home his attack from a low level, while his gunners engaged the searchlights and gun emplacements. This airman, throughout his many operational sorties, has set a fine example by his determination, ability and devotion to duty.

620563 Flight Sergeant James GOLDIE, No. 97 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Goldie has taken part in many attacks against the most heavily defended targets in Germany including a low-level attack in daylight on Danzig and the highly successful "1,000 raid" on Cologne. He has recently participated in the daylight attacks on Le Creusot and Milan and one of the night attacks on Genoa. His courage, skill and keenness have been an inspiration to all.

Can./R.55378 Flight Sergeant William Henry KEANE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

This airman has taken part in many attacks against the most heavily defended targets in Germany including the low-level attack on Augsburg and the "1,000 raid" on Cologne. Recently he has participated in the daylight attacks on Le Creusot and Milan and one of the night attacks on Genoa. Throughout he has shown great skill as an air gunner.

629128 Sergeant Gordon CRUICKSHANKS, No. 50 Squadron.

Sergeant Cruickshanks, as rear gunner, has taken part in many successful operational sorties. During the fiercest opposition he has remained unfurried and by his quiet efficiency and vigilant lookout has materially assisted his pilot. He participated in the raids on Rostock and in one of the recent attacks on Milan, and has at all times set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

1167741 Sergeant Albert MEAGHER, No. 61 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft Sergeant Meagher took part in the daylight attack on Le Creusot and Milan and one of the night attacks on Genoa. On each occasion he completed his mission successfully and obtained excellent photographs. He has participated in many operational sorties and his enthusiasm and spirit of determination are an outstanding example to all.

Aus.407852 Sergeant Colin Hugh WATT, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

On the 24th October, 1942, Sergeant Watt was pilot of an aircraft forming part of a formation detailed to attack Milan in daylight. On the journey out his starboard engine failed but Sergeant Watt with great determination flew a further 150 miles to reach his target and successfully bombed his objective. He accomplished the arduous task of recrossing the Alps and returning to base on three engines, making a perfect landing. This airman has taken part in many operational sorties and has always shown a dogged determination to achieve his mission regardless of the difficulties and dangers to be faced.

778285 Flight Sergeant William James ROSE, No. 207 Squadron.

1271000 Sergeant Ronald Sydney WILSON, No. 207 Squadron.

Aus.408145 Sergeant John Henry LOVELL, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 207 Squadron.

1258979 Sergeant Arthur John FERRIN, No. 207 Squadron.

Can./R.100368 Flight Sergeant Charles Woodrow Wilson PECK, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 207 Squadron.

As navigator, pilot, wireless operator/air gunner and rear gunner respectively, these airmen flew in an aircraft which took part in an attack on Le Creusot on 17th October, 1942. Shortly after taking off, engine trouble developed. Despite great efforts, Sergeant Wilson was unable to continue his mission and course was set for base. Near to the French coast, whilst flying at only 40 feet above the sea, the aircraft was attacked by three enemy float planes. In the face of a trying situation Sergeant Wilson displayed fine airmanship and, splendidly supported by his gunners whose skill destroyed two of them and drove off the third, he eventually flew the aircraft back to an aerodrome in this

country. During the combat Flight Sergeant Rose coolly continued his duties and his subsequent navigation was of the greatest assistance to his pilot. Throughout, this crew displayed great courage, high skill and perfect teamwork.

*Air Ministry, 20th November, 1942.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Graham Cox CAMPBELL (41252), No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. Awarded with effect from 11th April, 1942.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Mannering PHILLIPS (80563), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron. Awarded with effect from 28th January, 1942.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Can./R. 59107 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Richard John Ambrose WHEATLEY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 207 Squadron.

Aus. 402571 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Charles Robert Gordon GRANT, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

1152503 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Herbert Henry SANDFORD, No. 35 Squadron.

748491 Sergeant Douglas Charlton HEDLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron. Awarded with effect from 23rd September, 1941.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

*Air Ministry, 20th November, 1942.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE.

## GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flg. Off. (prob.) H. I. TINGLEY (46847) confmd. in appt. and to be Flt. Lt. (war subs.). 15th Oct. 1942.

Wg. Cdrs. (tempy. Air Cdres.) to be Gp. Cpts.:—

1st Oct. 1941.

H. S. P. WALMSLEY, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C.

D. V. CARNEGIE, A.F.C.

A. L. PAXTON, D.F.C.

T. A. LANGFORD-SAINSBURY, O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. 1st Jan. 1942.

1st Apr. 1942.

A. B. ELLWOOD, D.S.C.

J. W. JONES, C.B.

A. MACGREGOR, M.B.E., D.F.C.

H. T. LYDFORD, A.F.C.

F. M. F. WEST, V.C., M.C.

J. M. MASON, D.S.C., D.F.C.

C. R. STEELE, D.F.C.

F. J. W. MELLERSH, A.F.C.

A. C. SANDERSON, C.B.E., D.F.C.

Wg. Cdrs. (tempy. Gp. Cpts.) to be Gp. Cpts.:—

1st July 1942.

O. W. DE PUTRON.

G. S. N. JOHNSTON, O.B.E.

A. P. RITCHIE, A.F.C.

E. I. BUSSELL.

G. M. BRYER, O.B.E., A.F.C.

G. O. VENN.

R. H. HANMER, O.B.E., M.C. 1st Oct. 1942.

Sqn. Ldrs. (tempy. Gp. Cpts.) to be Wg. Cdrs.:—

1st Apr. 1941.

C. J. COLLINGWOOD, D.F.C.

J. WARBURTON.

J. D'A. KEARY.

1st July 1941.

H. W. PEARSON-ROGERS.

G. W. TUTTLE, O.B.E., D.F.C.

L. W. CANNON.

F. M. DENNY.

T. N. McEVOY, O.B.E.

1st Oct. 1941.

A. C. H. SHARP.

G. BARTHOLOMEW.

R. L. R. ATCHERLEY, O.B.E., A.F.C.

R. J. LEGG.

R. H. DONKIN, O.B.E.

H. J. G. E. PROUD.

R. R. NASH.

J. RHYS-JONES.