

Flying Officer Reginald DOLDEN (AUS.412234), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous operations and has displayed outstanding determination to press home his attacks and to obtain photographs. In June, 1943, during an attack on the port of Olbia, Sardinia, Flying Officer Dolden accomplished excellent work, while on another occasion some days later, he bombed station buildings at Palermo with success. One night in July, 1943, Flying Officer Dolden completed a hazardous sortie the success of which was vital to certain land operations. This officer has displayed courage and tenacity of the highest order.

Flying Officer Gordon Louis RENEAU (Can/J.9750), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 47 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in several attacks on enemy shipping and has displayed great tenacity in pressing home his attacks. In July, 1943, he flew 1 of a formation of torpedo carrying aircraft which operated against a strongly escorted convoy. As the formation turned away after the attack, Flying Officer Rneau discovered that his release had failed to work. He thereupon made another run over the target and this time was successful, obtaining a hit on a merchant vessel. His success was worthily earned.

Flying Officer Francis Graham Niven THOMSON (135422), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

As observer, Flying Officer Thomson has participated in very many night operations and has assisted in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft. He has set a praiseworthy example by his skill and keenness.

Pilot Officer Ralph Eric DODD (146356), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including numerous mine-laying missions and attacks on shipping. One night in March, 1943, he successfully attacked a heavily escorted convoy, obtaining hits on a medium sized merchant vessel. In July, 1943, Pilot Officer Dodd flew the leading aircraft of a section which attacked a destroyer with good results, while another target, some 3 miles away was afterwards raked with gunfire. Although 1 engine of his aircraft caught fire, Pilot Officer Dodd pressed home his attack with great resolution. Later, his damaged aircraft could no longer be flown but he brought it safely down on to the sea off the coast of Corsica. Pilot Officer Dodd has displayed praiseworthy skill and tenacity.

Warrant Officer Arthur Charles WILLMOTT (932773), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Willmott is an extremely efficient observer who has participated in many sorties and assisted in the destruction of 6 enemy aircraft at night. His example of keenness and devotion to duty has been highly commendable.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John George JENKINS (130667), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Can/R.151677 Sergeant Richard Neil HURST, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg one night in August, 1943. During the operation the bomber was intercepted by a fighter which attacked from close range. Flying Officer Jenkins took the necessary evading action and, when the enemy aircraft attacked a second time, Sergeant Hurst delivered accurate bursts of fire, causing the attacker to spiral slowly down in flames. The bomber sustained extensive damage, both elevators being shot away, while the rudders were pierced in many places and much superficial damage sustained. In spite of this Flying Officer Jenkins, displaying superb airmanship, flew the damaged bomber to base. This officer and airman displayed great courage and coolness in harassing circumstances.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1016806 Flight Sergeant John Douglas ANDERSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.

This airman is a navigator of high merit. On 2 recent occasions he has navigated the leading aircraft of a formation which attacked shipping

with excellent results. By his skilful and accurate navigation, Flight Sergeant Anderson contributed materially to the success of the operations.

658316 Flight Sergeant Henry BARTLETT, Royal Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

This airman, who has completed 27 sorties, is a most determined and skilful pilot. On 2 occasions in attacks against Messina he achieved excellent results. In July, 1943, he participated in a mission the success of which was vital to the success of an operation by troops at Syracuse. He accomplished his work with great skill. Flight Sergeant Bartlett has since undertaken several successful sorties.

Aus.412364 Flight Sergeant Arthur James BENSON, Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Sergeant Benson captained an aircraft engaged on an anti-submarine patrol. During the flight 2 U-boats were observed. After shadowing them for a short time, Flight Sergeant Benson executed a most determined attack on the vessels in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire. His skill and daring were worthy of the highest praise.

#### AMENDMENT.

In notification of 25th May, 1943 (p. 2322, col. 1), for Pilot Officer Harry William WICKMAN (124631), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, read Pilot Officer Harry William WICKHAM (124631), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Air Ministry, 24th August, 1943.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. (tempy.) on being employed with the R.A.F.:—

2nd Lt. John Howard STEPHENS, R.A. (52616). 18th Apr. 1942.

Lt. Thomas Geoffrey DIXON, D.W.R. (52613). 25th June 1942.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—  
Wt. Offs.

517779 Albert Richard Thornton HOUGH (52600). 1st May 1942.

580915 Douglas Thomas EDMED (52645). 17th Feb. 1943.

527194 James Henry CRIDGE (52598). 3rd May 1943.

523837 Frank Thomas RUSSELL (52647). 18th June 1943.

Tempy. Wt. Off.

519570 Derrick George SCRUTON (52599). 26th May 1943.

Flt. Sgts.

523424 Terence Arthur Frederick ANDREW (52656). 9th Mar. 1943.

530240 Harold PERRY, D.F.M. (52593). 1st June 1943.

648189 Francis SAYLES (52592). 4th June 1943.  
591562 Edward Lewis HEATH (52614). 3rd July 1943.

Sgts.

542987 John Thomas CLIFFORD (52615). 22nd Feb. 1943.

637963 Evan Roderick REES (52620). 21st May 1943.

574919 Ivan Maurice GLADWELL (52662). 7th June 1943.

574917 William John ROBERTS (52601). 14th June 1943.

577722 Allan HILL (52619). 18th June 1943.  
573344 Peter Dennis BAXTER (52604). 3rd July 1943.

Tempy. Sgt.

531053 Frederick Louis DENT (52646). 29th June 1943.

Cpls.

533730 James PHILLIPSON (55097). 28th May 1943.

632210 Robert William MACUIRE (55205). 11th June 1943.

Wg. Cdr. R. F. S. MORTON retains the rank of Gp. Capt. on reverting to the ret'd. list. 25th June 1943.

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy. Wg. Cdr.) C. W. HARRISON (13107) (ret. and re-employed) retains the rank of Wg. Cdr. on reverting to the ret'd. list. 9th Aug. 1943.

Fig. Off. L. A. CLARK (42590) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health and retains his rank. 27th July 1943.