

Flying Officer Frederick Ernest George CARMICHAEL (139386), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 98 Squadron.

In September, 1943, this officer was the navigator/bomb aimer of the leading aircraft of a formation which attacked a number of E boats in Boulogne harbour. In the run-up to the target, Flying Officer Carmichael's aircraft was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire. The wind-screen of his compartment was shattered, and the oxygen supply failed. Flying Officer Carmichael was saturated by liquid from a burst pipe, while his goggles were ripped away by a fragment of shrapnel. In spite of this, he coolly and skilfully directed an accurate bombing attack. Although the aircraft was badly damaged the pilot flew it back to an airfield and effected a crash landing. The aircraft caught fire and the pilot was wedged in the escape hatch but Flying Officer Carmichael pushed him clear. One of the gunners had become entangled in the wreckage and was unable to get clear. Flying Officer Carmichael at once re-entered the blazing bomber and dragged his comrade free. This officer displayed courage and determination of a high order.

Pilot Officer James Francis BASSETT, D.F.M. (135461), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

As navigator, this officer has taken part in many sorties, involving attacks on industrial centres in the Ruhr and numerous other important and well defended targets. His exceptional ability has been evident throughout and has contributed materially to the many successes achieved. By his outstanding determination and unswerving devotion to duty, this officer has set a highly commendable example.

Pilot Officer Arthur BEEVOR (149963), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Beevor is a first class captain. He has undertaken many sorties and his keen and determined efforts to ensure success have been highly commendable. On more than one occasion his aircraft has been attacked by enemy fighters but Pilot Officer Beevor has shown great skill in frustrating them. This officer has displayed great devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer William Ernest McCREA (146428), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer has completed many successful operations, including such targets as Berlin, Hamburg and many industrial centres in the Ruhr. He has displayed great skill and leadership and his efforts throughout have been featured by determination of a high standard. One night in September, 1943, when returning from an attack on a target in the Ruhr, his aircraft was intercepted by a fighter. A prolonged combat ensued but coolly and skilfully, Pilot Officer McCreA finally succeeded in out-manceuvring his adversary. The bomber sustained much damage but this pilot flew it safely to base. He displayed great courage and resolution in trying circumstances.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Can/R.120651 Flight Sergeant Joseph Vincent RUSSELL, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in October, 1943, this airman piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel. Whilst making his bombing run the aircraft was subjected to heavy fire from the ground defences but Flight Sergeant Russell held to his course and executed his bombing attack. Almost immediately, the aircraft was repeatedly hit by machine-gun fire from a fighter. Extensive damage was sustained, causing the bomber to become difficult to control but, displaying superb airmanship, Flight Sergeant Russell flew the crippled bomber to an airfield in this country. Although almost exhausted by his efforts, he succeeded in effecting a safe landing. This airman displayed outstanding courage and tenacity.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1383796 Flight Sergeant James OXENBURGH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Oxenburgh has completed a large number of sorties including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg and Essen. He is a cool and reliable member of aircraft crew and, on more than one occasion, his vigilance and skill have contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. His keenness and devotion to duty have been most praiseworthy.

1430260 Sergeant Albert Edward WINN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked Hanover one night in September, 1943. Although one of the bomber's engines failed when nearing the target, Sergeant Winn went on to execute a most determined attack. Shortly afterwards a second engine became unserviceable. Despite this, Sergeant Winn flew the bomber back to this country, effecting a successful crash-landing at an airfield near the coast. This airman displayed superb skill, great courage and determination in the face of heavy odds.

*Air Ministry, 29th October, 1943.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Flying Officer Richard Frank Wharton CLEAVER (124411), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 295 Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Harold Arthur Cooper BIRD-WILSON, D.F.C. (40335), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader James Eric STORRAR, D.F.C. (41881), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 65 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred LAMMER, D.F.C. (81940), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Charles Douglas TOMALIN, A.F.C. (37548), Royal Air Force, No. 605 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Gordon Charles SEMPLE (Can/J.15509), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 411 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader James Newman WESTCOTT (42548), Royal Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Aubrey George BARING (88861), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 26 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Norman BARGATE (84980), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 223 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Gordon PANITZ (Aus.404891), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 456 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred SHAW (47410), Royal Air Force, No. 107 Squadron.

Captain Rupert Reynolds FARRANT (103435V), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Captain Cecil Stanley MARGO (202974V), South African Air Force, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George CRABTREE (Can/J.15524), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Liddell Mackay DAVIDSON (116425), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alan Frank HEMSLEY (Can/J.16788), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Raymond Walter HEPWORTH (121301), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles MASON (122357), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Albert WIGGLESWORTH (119876), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 32 Squadron.

Acting Captain Claude Vincent STERLEY (103349V), South African Air Force, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Denis Christopher AGER (131170), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

Flying Officer Philip Alfred ANDREW (123847), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Edward Oliver BROWNE (128417), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

Flying Officer George Stanley COWLEY (130830), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Flying Officer Lionel William DAFFURN (129231), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 47 Squadron.

Flying Officer Harry James DOWDING (Can/J.16027), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 403 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.