

One night in October, 1943, he captained an aircraft detailed to attack Munich. Whilst over the target area, the bomber was subjected to fierce anti-aircraft fire whilst illuminated by the searchlights. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Atkinson held to his course and executed a successful bombing run. He is an inspiring captain.

Pilot Officer Albert Harry MOORES (149620), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on such strongly defended targets as Berlin, Hamburg and industrial centres in the Ruhr. He has displayed great skill and determination throughout and his efforts have been worthy of the highest praise. On one occasion his aircraft sustained extensive damage when attacked by a fighter. In spite of this, Pilot Officer Moores skilfully out-maneuvred the attacker and afterwards flew his damaged aircraft to base. His tenacity was highly commendable.

Pilot Officer Michael William NESBITT (155023), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 623 Squadron.

As pilot, this officer has completed many sorties against important enemy targets. Undaunted by the fiercest opposition, he has attacked his targets fearlessly and with great determination. His courageous and confident example is worthy of high praise.

Warrant Officer Reginald Paul RABETT (1317004), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron (since deceased).

Warrant Officer Rabett was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Ludwigshafen one night in October, 1943. On the outward flight, whilst many miles from the target, one of the bomber's engines became useless. Some height was lost but, displaying a fine fighting spirit, Warrant Officer Rabett continued to the target and bombed it. This officer has always endeavoured to press home his attacks with great vigour.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer John Thompson HUTCHINSON (141812), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Borden Carrick DENNISON (Can./J.16008) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1004784 Flight Sergeant William Henry MARSHALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

In air operations, these officers and airman have displayed skill, courage and fortitude of a high order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Warrant Officer John Edwin THOMAS (1028690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

625920 Sergeant Arthur Victor COLLINS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Thomas and Sergeant Collins were pilot and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover one night in October, 1943. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The bomber was repeatedly hit by cannon shells and sustained some damage but Warrant Officer Thomas held to his course and bombed the target. Meanwhile, Sergeant Collins directed his efforts towards extinguishing a fire which had started in the fuselage and, after a gallant effort, succeeded in so doing. One of the bomber's engines was useless but Warrant Officer Thomas flew on with great confidence. Whilst crossing the enemy coast the aircraft sustained further damage by fire from the ground defences. When nearing the English coast a second engine became useless. Nevertheless, Warrant Officer Thomas reached an airfield and effected a safe landing. This pilot displayed exceptional skill, great courage and tenacity, while Sergeant Collins set a splendid example of coolness and gallantry in harassing circumstances.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Warrant Officer Arthur Joseph Samuel WALKER (1380714), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

1040284 Flight Sergeant Stanley MAYER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

This warrant officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover one night in September, 1943. In the run-up to the target, the bomber was illuminated by the searchlights and subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire, while immediately afterwards it was attacked by an enemy fighter. The aircraft was repeatedly hit and sustained serious damage. One of its engines was set alight but, with great coolness, Warrant Officer Walker went into a steep dive and thus evaded the fighter, whilst the force of the wind extinguished the flames. Meanwhile, a fire had started amidships. Flight Sergeant Mayer, displaying great gallantry and promptitude, made strenuous efforts to prevent the flames from spreading. He succeeded in getting the outbreak under control before he was overcome by the fumes. He was dragged clear, however, and the fire was afterwards extinguished. The situation was very serious but, undaunted, Warrant Officer Walker went on to release his bombs on the target. Displaying superb airmanship, this gallant and resolute pilot flew his crippled bomber to this country where he effected a safe landing in appalling weather. Throughout the return flight, Flight Sergeant Mayer rendered material assistance, while his exemplary conduct in the face of imminent dangers was beyond praise.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1337671 Flight Sergeant Stanley Percy CLARK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 620 Squadron.

1201264 Sergeant Alfred William DOWSETT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 620 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Clark and Sergeant Dowsett were pilot and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt one night in October, 1943. Shortly after the bombs had been released on the target, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter whilst illuminated in the searchlights. The bomber was hit by the enemy's machine gun fire, sustaining much damage and the rear gunner was killed. In spite of this Flight Sergeant Clark coolly and skilfully out-maneuvred the attacker. Sergeant Dowsett was thus enabled to engage the enemy aircraft which he shot down with a devastating burst of fire. Although 1 engine was unserviceable, Flight Sergeant Clark flew the damaged bomber to base. These airmen displayed great courage, skill and coolness.

1077128 Flight Sergeant Joseph Anthony FAGAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover. During the bombing run, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which wounded Flight Sergeant Fagan and rendered his turret unserviceable. Shortly afterwards the bomber was attacked by a fighter. In spite of his wounds, Flight Sergeant Fagan refused to leave his turret and played his part determinedly in frustrating the attacker. Displaying great fortitude and devotion to duty, this gallant gunner steadfastly held to his post until his aircraft was clear of the enemy coast. His example was most inspiring.

1381862 Flight Sergeant Arthur Gordon HARRIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Sergeant Harris is a highly efficient wireless operator whose determination and devotion to duty has set an excellent example. He has taken part in many sorties and on several occasions his ability to repair essential equipment during flight has proved his skill. On a recent occasion, whilst attacking Munchen Gladbach, his aircraft was hit by gunfire from a fighter. A fire started amongst the ammunition boxes. Sergeant Harris acting promptly, was able to extinguish it and afterwards rendered first aid to a wounded comrade. His coolness was most praiseworthy.

Aus.413002 Flight Sergeant Noel McPHAIL, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 102 Squadron.

One night in October, 1943, this airman piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel. The sortie was successfully accomplished and Flight Sergeant McPhail flew the aircraft safely to base. Whilst making his approach to land, the bomber began to vibrate violently. It was seen that a blade of one of the propellers was missing. Before the