

Acting Wing Commander Hubert LAW-WRIGHT, D.F.C. (79741), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has displayed exceptional skill and tenacity. On a recent occasion he undertook an operation which entailed a flight lasting for 10½ hours. His efforts throughout and the result achieved were worthy of the highest praise. Wing Commander Law-Wright is a resolute leader, whose personal example has proved most inspiring.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Rodney Thirsk PHIPPS (Can/J.9648), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 272 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties, involving successful attacks on shipping, airfields and rail installations. In September, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Phipps participated in an engagement against 11 Junkers 52. Early in the fight, a bullet pierced his windscreen. The gun sight was damaged and Flight Lieutenant Phipps was cut over the eye by splinters. Despite these difficulties, he fought with rare skill and destroyed 4 of the enemy aircraft. His fine qualities have earned great praise.

Flying Officer George Augustus Shotan WILLIAMS (118639), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 196 Squadron.

As navigator, Flying Officer Williams has taken part in many attacks against well defended targets in the Ruhr and Western Germany. He has displayed outstanding ability and great determination and has contributed materially to the successes obtained. His keenness and devotion to duty have always been evident.

Pilot Officer Philip DYSON (147748), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 196 Squadron.

Throughout his tour of operations, this officer has displayed great skill and sound judgment and has achieved much success. He has attacked his targets fearlessly, often in the face of heavy opposition, setting a very fine example.

Pilot Officer Cyril Bruce MEGONE (148126), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 603 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Megone is a keen and tenacious pilot. He has participated in a very large number of sorties, including a most determined attack on a large merchant ship which he bombed with destructive effect. In September, 1943, he took part in an engagement against a formation of enemy aircraft, one of which he shot down. During the combat, his aircraft was hit and a fire commenced near the port main plane. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Megone coolly flew the aircraft to the flat terrain of a small island where he effected a safe landing. Flames were still issuing from one of the fuel tanks but they were quickly extinguished. The situation was serious but, as it was clear that the island was still in enemy hands, Pilot Officer Megone took off. Displaying great skill and resolution he succeeded, after a long flight, in reaching base where he landed his badly damaged aircraft safely. His courage and resource were of a high order.

Acting Warrant Officer George Alexander LINDSAY (Can/R.79665), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

This warrant officer was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Oldenburg one night in September, 1943. Shortly after the take-off, Warrant Officer Lindsay discovered that his electrically heated clothing was unserviceable and that his oxygen supply was not functioning properly. Displaying exceptional devotion to duty, Warrant Officer Lindsay refrained from disclosing these mishaps to his captain. At great personal discomfort, he remained at his post, alert to any threat to his aircraft, until the operation was almost completed. Not until the English coast was crossed, on the homeward flight, did he disclose his plight. His conduct was typical of the determination he has shown throughout the many sorties in which he has taken part.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Eric Leeming HARTLEY (136223), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1281039 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Edward LADDS Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft engaged on a patrol in September, 1943. A surfaced U-boat was sighted and Flying Officer Hartley immediately dived to attack. In spite of fierce gun fire from the submarine, Flying Officer Hartley straddled the vessel with his depth charges and probably destroyed it. During the approach, Flight Sergeant Ladds used his guns to good effect, pouring a hail of bullets into the U-boats gun positions. The aircraft sustained severe damage during the action and, a little later, Flying Officer Hartley was compelled to bring it down on to the sea. This officer and airman together with other members of the crew boarded the dinghy in which they subsequently drifted for 11 days before being rescued. During this period they had little food or water and, at times the sea was very rough. Nevertheless, they bore their privations with great heart and fortitude, setting an example which proved an inspiration to their comrades.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

577497 Flight Sergeant John Charles CHAPMAN, Royal Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has participated in very many sorties, including attacks against such targets as Berlin, Peenemunde, Hamburg and Mannheim. He is a highly skilled and resolute member of aircraft crew, whose services have proved extremely valuable. His keenness and devotion to duty have been highly commendable.

1301824 Flight Sergeant Gordon George FORBES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Forbes has taken part in a large number of sorties and has displayed great determination and devotion to duty throughout. On one occasion, en route to Munster, Flight Sergeant Forbes was wounded in an encounter with an enemy fighter. Nevertheless, he fought with great resolution and refused to leave his post until the target had been bombed. His keenness and fine fighting spirit have been highly commendable.

*Air Ministry, 12th November, 1943.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Group Captain Wilfred Ewart OULTON, D.F.C., Royal Air Force, No. 58 Squadron.

Wing Commander James Crawford HALLEY (37169), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 502 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Russell Merriman MACKENZIE, D.F.C., A.F.C. (40245), Royal Air Force, No. 201 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Henry Niel George WHEELER, D.F.C. (33296), Royal Air Force, No. 236 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Gordon HUGHES, D.F.C. (73047), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 540 Squadron.

*Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Colin Falkland GRAY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (41844), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader John Ramsey St. JOHN, D.F.C. (39687), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 101 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack Stewart BELTON, D.F.C. (61018), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Henry BUNKER, D.F.C. (40668), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader George Ronald HAY, D.F.C. (83258), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Brownlow MARTIN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (68795), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Edwin STREET, D.F.C. (79557), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.