

Early in his operational career he was wounded in combat but his enthusiasm remained unabated. On one occasion, during an attack on Bochum, his aircraft was repeatedly attacked by enemy fighters. His skilful and determined work during the combats contributed materially towards frustrating the attackers. Warrant Officer Montgomery has displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Alexander Moir DINWOODIE (121563), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 27 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1335106 Sergeant Cyril George JOHNSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 27 Squadron.

As navigator and pilot respectively, this officer and airman have completed many successful sorties and have displayed a high degree of skill, courage and tenacity. On 1 occasion they attacked and destroyed a very large oil storage tank. In addition 12 sampans were destroyed. In spite of extremely bad weather, the aircraft was flown safely to base. Flying Officer Dinwoodie and Sergeant Johnson have rendered valuable service.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Warrant Officer Claude Edward WHITE (1383031), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1395833 Sergeant Leslie Charles Andrew DOWDELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

One night in October, 1943, Warrant Officer White and Sergeant Dowdell were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. Soon after leaving the airfield, the inter-communication system became unserviceable, and later after crossing the enemy coast, one of the bomber's engines became defective. Before the propeller could be feathered, the engine burst into flames. An extinguisher failed to put out the fire completely and it burned sufficiently bright to illuminate the fuselage and tailplane. In spite of this, Warrant Officer White flew on to the target and bombed it. On the homeward flight, Sergeant Dowdell displayed exceptional skill and resource and, in spite of great difficulties, unerringly guided his pilot to base. The defective engine was still alight when the airfield was reached but Warrant Officer White effected a masterly landing. As the bomber touched down the flames from the engine shot upwards and threatened to envelop the bomber but Warrant Officer White coolly ensured that his crew safely disembarked whilst he attended to the switches and petrol cocks. In serious circumstances, this gallant pilot displayed skill, coolness and tenacity which inspired all, while Sergeant Dowdell proved a valuable member of aircraft crew and supported his captain valiantly.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.409255 Flight Sergeant Norman Lindsay THOMAS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

This airman has proved himself to be a very confident and resourceful captain and pilot. In August, 1943, he piloted an aircraft in an operation against Munchen Gladbach. On the return flight the bomber was attacked by a fighter. The flight engineer was killed and the aircraft sustained extensive damage and caught fire. Despite this, Flight Sergeant Thomas skilfully maintained control. The fire was extinguished and, by a supreme effort, this resolute pilot succeeded in reaching base. His coolness and courage in harassing circumstances were most praiseworthy.

1321623 Sergeant Leslie John BENTLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

This airman was the air bomber of an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel one night in October, 1943. Shortly after the target had been successfully attacked the bomber was hit by machine gun fire from a fighter. Sergeant Bentley and 2 other members of the crew were wounded. In spite of his injury, Sergeant Bentley did all in his power to assist his pilot on the homeward journey, making a valuable contribution towards the safe return of the bomber. This airman is a keen, conscientious and zealous member of aircraft crew

1338695 Sergeant Duncan Albert LONG, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

One night in October, 1943, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Kassel. Whilst still some distance from the target, the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The windscreen was smashed and Sergeant Long was struck on the head by a piece of shrapnel. One of the bomber's engines was put out of action and the aircraft lost some height. In spite of this, Sergeant Long continued to the target and bombed it, afterwards flying his damaged bomber to base. This airman has completed several sorties and has invariably displayed praiseworthy skill and determination.

*Air Ministry, 16th November, 1943.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Graham Reese MAGILL, D.F.C. (39236), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 180 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Blair Dalzell RUSSELL, D.F.C. (Can./C.1319), Royal Canadian Air Force.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Kelvin Milne BARCLAY (Aus.407662), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 453 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Norman DAVIS (43544), Royal Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Francis Heveningham PUGHE (43552), Royal Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony DREW (128710), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Dulmage PHILLIP (Can./J.16145), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 421 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Douglas Henderson ALCORN (Can./J.15842), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth Stanley BUTTERFIELD (134307), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 276 Squadron.

Flying Officer David Arden GREVILLE-HEYGATE (112011), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 16 Squadron.

Flying Officer Basil Bertram KENNETT (109056), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 464 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth McINTYRE (Aus.413230), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

Flying Officer Richard MASCALL (143490), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Flying Officer Duncan McNaught MOODIE (Can./J.12811), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

Flying Officer Vincent Wilfred Gordon MUSGROVE (142882), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur Gordon NORMAN (125707), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 295 Squadron.

Flying Officer Norman George PAYNE (132350), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 464 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey RICE (141707), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alfred Edward ROBBINS (144544), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric Victor SANDERS (130600), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

Flying Officer Clifford Alvin SHIRLEY, D.F.M. (Can./J.16399), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer Francis Arthur SPILSBURY (135424), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer Augustus Burton STOVEL (Can./J.13597), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 139 Squadron.

Flying Officer Henry Havergal TAYLOR, D.F.M. (80474), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Flying Officer Harold John THOMAS (50096), Royal Air Force, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Lloyd WALSHAW (143113), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.