

engaged and his aircraft received such damage that it could no longer be flown and he was forced to leave it by parachute. In this spirited action, Lieutenant Sachs displayed great courage and determination and his example was worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer John Parker ROBERTS (Aus.413931), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer was the captain of an aircraft which attacked and destroyed a U boat in the Bay of Biscay. In spite of heavy fire from the enemy's guns, Flying Officer Roberts pressed home his attack with great skill, raking the vessel with bullets and then attacking it with depth charges which were accurately placed. Flying Officer Roberts displayed great courage and resolution and his effort was worthy of high praise.

Pilot Officer Jack CHURCHILL (159031), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has completed many sorties, involving long distance flights over difficult terrain, often in adverse weather. He has at all times displayed outstanding devotion to duty and his example of courage, skill and fortitude has been highly commendable.

Pilot Officer Arthur John FLOYD (158343), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer Floyd is a navigator of high merit and his brilliant work has contributed in a large measure to the success of the many sorties in which he has participated. He has set an excellent example of determination and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Henry Hugh LLOYD (758163), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Warrant Officer Lloyd has completed a very large number of sorties, including anti-submarine patrols, attacks on shipping and many reconnaissances. He has at all times displayed great keenness and determination and on several occasions has returned to base with valuable information. Warrant Officer Lloyd has rendered most valuable service.

*Air Ministry, 1st February, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Lionel COHEN, D.S.O., M.C. (72629), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Douglas WHYARD, A.F.C. (104335), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Flying Officer Michael FROST (120446), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

*Air Ministry, 1st February, 1944.*

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

*Croix de Guerre, Belge, 1940.*

Acting Wing Commander John Kenneth BUCHANAN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39628), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald RANKIN, D.F.C. (Aus.402394), Royal Australian Air Force.

*Amendments.*

In notification of 7th January, 1944 (p. 162, col. 2) under heading Distinguished Flying Cross *delete* Lieutenant David Goring WOOD (206515V), South African Air Force and subsequent citation and insert name and citation immediately after citation relating to Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick James GARVEY, D.F.C. (117420), R.A.F.V.R. on p. 162 col. 1.

In notification of 21st January, 1944 (p. 430, col. 2) in heading preceding name of Air Chief Marshal Sir W. Sholto DOUGLAS, K.C.B., M.C., D.F.C., Royal Air Force, *for "1st Class" read "2nd Class."*

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