

were able to open fire with telling effect. The following night, Sergeant Dixon took part in an attack on Augsburg. Whilst over the target the aircraft was heavily hit by anti-aircraft fire. A large hole was torn in the fuselage and the hydraulic gear was rendered unserviceable. Almost immediately the bomber was struck by bullets from a fighter. One of the petrol tanks was pierced, the starboard elevator was shattered and a large hole was torn in the starboard main plane. Nevertheless Sergeant Dixon succeeded in evading the attacker and afterwards flew the damaged bomber to base where he effected a successful crash-landing. In trying circumstances, this airman displayed skill, courage and determination of a high order.

Can/R.123425 Sergeant William John WALTON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin one night in February, 1944. Before the target was reached the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage. The inter-communication system was put out of action and the rear turret was rendered unserviceable. Although deprived of the use of oxygen and the means of heating, Sergeant Walton refused to vacate his turret. He suffered intensely on the homeward flight but maintained his vigilance and enabled his pilot to evade enemy aircraft on 3 occasions. This airman displayed great fortitude, determination and devotion to duty, setting a worthy example.

*Air Ministry, 24th March, 1944.*

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*Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa.*

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