

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)

Acting Warrant Officer George Wilfred BROOK (1213186) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 550 Squadron.

This officer has completed a successful tour of operations during which he has attacked Berlin on 10 occasions. He has at all times displayed praiseworthy determination in the execution of his tasks, many of which were undertaken in adverse weather. He is a most efficient captain, whose example of courage and devotion to duty has proved inspiring.

1215802 Flight Sergeant Herbert Allison DONALDSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 199 Squadron.

This airman was the wireless operator (air) of an aircraft detailed for an attack on a target in March, 1944. Soon after crossing the enemy coast, the aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences. Flight Sergeant Donaldson was hit in the leg by fragments of shrapnel which lodged against the bone, causing a most painful wound. Despite this, he acted with great promptitude in assisting to extinguish a fire which had commenced in the aircraft. He afterwards set to work to repair his wireless apparatus which had sustained damage. Not until this task was successfully completed did Flight Sergeant Donaldson report his injury. Later on, the aircraft again came under fire and received further damage. Although in considerable pain, Flight Sergeant Donaldson made light of his injuries and remained at his post to execute his wireless duties until the sortie was completed. He displayed fortitude, courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

Air Ministry, 31st March, 1944.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John Cochrane PARE (60294) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 204 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Lionel Wallace SILBURN (110884) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 95 Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth MACVICAR (122153) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 28 Squadron.

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Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Allan Bruce CATIP (Aus.405376) No. 95 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Warrant Officer George Harold Frederick HUTCHISON (N.Z.41906) No. 162 Squadron.

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

Air Ministry, 31st March, 1944.

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

Air Force Cross.

Squadron Leader Clifton Charles Joseph BARRITT (70045), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Squadron Leader Adam Cairns SMITH (73663), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader Archibald Edward BALLAM, A.F.M. (43626), Royal Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Fred BUCKNELL (43248), Royal Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader Henry Lionel DERWENT (70853), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony White FARRELL (85281), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Squadron Leader Thomas Carver PICK (73002), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Ewart Victor ASPLIN (43842), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Brian Coghlan BENNETT (41365), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant Arnold Alexander BETTS (102068), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Maura DRYDEN (77343), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Raymond DUTT (78722), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Godfrey Brian ECCLES (62684), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Henry HAYTER (47038), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Hugh Wilkinson HORSLEY (68726), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Daniel JACK (86650), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Victor Henry KING (46405), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Hubert Pinkard LAVENDER (89579), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Reuben MAYELL (46794), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Leslie Rupert Joseph OVENDEN (45233), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Bayne RUTHERFORD (68194), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Broughton STEVENSON (110580), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant John Kennedy WILSON (60301), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer George Edwin ADDY (122395), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Walter Richard George EXELL (126711), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Harold Ernest HERRTAGE (141782), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Judah Nathan SOMERS (120092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Charles Frederick James WATTS (52540), Royal Air Force.

Pilot Officer Frank Marcel JONES (161388), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Warrant Officer George ROBERTSON (1430412) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Warrant Officer Noel STRATTON (1311894), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Air Force Medal.

1197788 Flight Sergeant Wilfred SWANN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Air Force Cross

Squadron Leader Michel De PRETT-ROOSE (Can/C.3002).

Flight Lieutenant Buddy Karl BRODSKY (Can/C.5560).

Government House, Canberra, 31st March, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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

Air Force Cross.

Squadron Leader Norman Steed PARRY (Aus.291972).

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following personnel who have been commended:—

FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR.

Flying Officer C. R. HIBBERT (Aus.1414).

FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Flying Officer S. E. HASSALL (Aus.402908).

Aus.52047 Leading Aircraftman L. R. LIMON.

Aus.72129 Leading Aircraftman K. M. OWEN.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 24th March, 1944 (p. 1391, col. 2), regarding award of Distinguished Flying Cross to Flying Officer A. P. V. NESSER (Can/J.9135) for "NESSER" read "CHEATER."

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