

succeeded in reaching an airfield. In most harassing circumstances these airmen displayed notable skill, high courage and outstanding devotion to duty.

1388280 Flight Sergeant Herbert John FRIEND, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.  
1368303 Sergeant John Cameron WILSON, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

As air bomber and wireless operator respectively, these airmen have participated in many attacks on strongly defended targets in Germany. They have proved themselves to be highly efficient and resolute members of aircraft crew and have played a worthy part in the successes obtained. In spite of more than one trying experience they have maintained a high standard of keenness and their example has been worthy of great praise.

1258143 Sergeant Leslie Ewart REYNOLDS, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

This airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr area. After leaving the target area, the aircraft was attacked by two enemy fighters, much damage was sustained, whilst Sergeant Reynolds was wounded in the neck and face by splinters. Nevertheless, he continued to man his guns and greatly assisted in driving off the attackers. Although weak from the loss of blood and suffering from the lack of oxygen and severe shock, this valiant airman refused to leave his turret until this country was reached. This airman displayed unbeatable courage and determination throughout. On three other occasions he has defended his aircraft with great skill against enemy fighters.

*Air Ministry, 7th July, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

*Wing Commander.*

Roderick Hugh McCONNELL, D.F.C. (33268), R.A.F. 235 Sqn.

*Acting Wing Commanders.*

John Swire DINSDALE, D.F.C. (40999), R.A.F.O. 489 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.  
Nelson Bruce HARVEY (43123), R.A.F. 39 Sqn.

*Acting Squadron Leader.*

Lionel Albert MALINS, D.F.C. (101019), R.A.F.V.R. 260 Sqn.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Squadron Leader.*

John Michael Vowles CARPENTER, D.F.C. (42191), R.A.F.O. 72 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

David Towers DOWNER (79156), R.A.F.V.R. 279 Sqn.  
Harold Hardwicke Clarke HOLDERNESS, A.F.C. (74351), R.A.F.V.R. 502 Sqn.  
Richard Kenneth Howard JOHNSON (102084), R.A.F.V.R. 272 Sqn.  
Allen Henry MAWER (117404), R.A.F.V.R. 624 Sqn.  
Ruthven Lowry WADE (33524), R.A.F. 153 Sqn.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Basil John BLACKBURN (115106), R.A.F.V.R. 72 Sqn.  
Arthur Farrer BOYD (123097), R.A.F.V.R. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.  
Leonard Henry CHERRY (114723), R.A.F.V.R. 250 Sqn.  
Henry Gerald CULLEN (120494), R.A.F.V.R. 144 Sqn.  
David EVANS (47511), R.A.F. 502 Sqn.  
Raymond Vincent HEARN (102547), R.A.F.V.R. 250 Sqn.  
Burton Roy KENWRIGHT (122960), R.A.F.V.R. 542 Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenants.*

Ernest GOOCH (143717), R.A.F.V.R., 55 Sqn.  
William Alistair ROSS MACDONALD (120166), R.A.F.V.R., 145 Sqn.

George Joseph MATTHEWS (124226), R.A.F.V.R., 603 Sqn.

Robert PLENDERLEITH (139411), R.A.F.V.R., 253 Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

Patrick Joseph GALLAGHER (161727), R.A.F.V.R., 36 Sqn.  
Ernest Henry GUEST (124762), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.  
Herbert LORD (53673), R.A.F., 224 Sqn.  
Thomas Alfred NEWMAN (146646), R.A.F.V.R., 55 Sqn.  
Vernon Bartlett WHITE (169740), R.A.F.V.R., 542 Sqn.

*Pilot Officers.*

John Thomson FOY (172932), R.A.F.V.R., 120 Sqn.  
Walter Alfred John HOCK (171409), R.A.F.V.R., 39 Sqn.  
Herbert Bartlett TATHAM (54439), R.A.F., 254 Sqn.

*Warrant Officers.*

Cyril FORTUNE (638213), R.A.F., 148 Sqn.  
William Thomas SERLE (928367), R.A.F.V.R., 223 Sqn.  
Ronald Charles TURTON (1267015), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

*Flight Sergeants.*

1437911 James Edmund BIRCH, R.A.F.V.R., 70 Sqn.  
1314503 Walter James DOE, R.A.F.V.R., 114 Sqn.  
1578105 Maurice HENSTOCK, R.A.F.V.R., 153 Sqn.  
1573629 John McNAB, R.A.F.V.R., 142 Sqn.

*Sergeant.*

1589610 Ronald Albert NORCROSS, R.A.F.V.R., 37 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Squadron Leader.*

Murray Percival NASH, D.F.C. (Aus.400101), 3 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Jack Carlisle DOYLE, D.F.C. (Aus.404604), 3 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenant.*

John BEATSON (Aus.412340), 249 Sqn.

*Flying Officer.*

Lewis Dean STANTON (Aus.417127), 37 Sqn.

*Pilot Officer.*

Kelvin Martin HAYES (Aus.413080), 250 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Alfred John Delaune RUTLEDGE, D.F.C. (Can./J.15160), 624 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Richard Rosswell LIPSIT (Can./J.10601), 114 Sqn.  
Thomas James MASTERS (Can./J.9463), 36 Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Robert Adrian GAUTHIER (Can./J.12450), 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

Ernest James KEEFE (Can./J.14117), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.  
James Wilson MATHERS (Can./J.12570), 162 Sqn.  
George OVENS (Can./J.15676), 502 Sqn.

*Pilot Officer.*

James Edgar Victor BANNING (Can./J.28388), 162 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

*Acting Wing Commander.*

Richard WEBB, D.F.C. (N.Z.391853).