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The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned —

Can/R.75958 Corporal Frederick Cyril Cox, Royal Canadian Air Force

Air Ministry, 21st July, 1944

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy. —

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Wing Commander Eric Colquhoun HAMBER (Can/C 1625), R C A F 426 (R C A F) Sqn

Wing Commander Hamber has completed numerous sorties and has displayed a high degree of determination and devotion to duty throughout. His successes pay an excellent tribute to his great skill and courage.

Acting Squadron Leader Frank BRIERLEY, D F M. (120738), R A F V R. 55 Sqn.

This officer has completed several sorties on his second tour of operations. He has displayed great skill, tenacity and devotion to duty and has achieved much success. On a recent occasion Squadron Leader Brierley successfully attacked a large quantity of oil stores. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire he obtained hits which set much fuel on fire. On this his hundredth sortie, Squadron Leader Brierley displayed commendable courage and great devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Ralph Campbell CHOPPING (70120), R A F V R 514 Sqn

This officer has completed very many sorties as pilot and captain of aircraft. He has displayed a high standard of skill and his determination to achieve success has been most commendable. On one occasion in May, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. Early on the outward flight severe icing conditions were encountered, causing the aircraft to vibrate violently. Control was temporarily lost and the bomber fell towards ground at an alarming rate. Squadron Leader Chopping ordered his crew to leave by parachute but himself remained at his post and struggled to regain control. He succeeded in so doing when down to some 2,000

feet and then went on to jettison his bombs in the sea. He afterwards flew the aircraft to an airfield and effected a safe landing. His coolness and resolution on this occasion was typical of that he has shown throughout his tour.

Flight Lieutenant Allan John Laird CRAIG (103561), R A F V R. 7 Sqn

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them demanding a high degree of skill and resolution. Throughout his tour he has displayed exceptional keenness whilst his good judgment and outstanding ability have contributed in a large measure to the success of many important missions in which he has taken part.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Odwyn JOHNSTON (125527), R A F V R 161 Sqn

This officer has displayed notable skill and devotion to duty throughout his tour of operations. On a recent occasion he piloted an aircraft detailed for a sortie. Whilst returning from his target his aircraft was engaged by enemy fighters which attacked with great persistence. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Johnston manoeuvred with great skill and finally evaded the attackers. In the fight the aircraft sustained damage. Although it became difficult to control, Flight Lieutenant Johnston flew it to base and effected a safe landing. This officer displayed courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Robert MOORE (102100), R A F V R 3 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked a wide range of targets, including shipping, airfields and industrial targets. Flight Lieutenant Moore has shot down a Messerschmitt 109. This officer has invariably displayed great dash and determination and is a fine leader.

Flight Lieutenant Wylie Hall SPAFFORD (Can/J 14328), R C A F 408 (R C A F) Sqn

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and gallantry in air operations against the enemy. He has completed many sorties during which he has attacked such strongly defended targets as Berlin, Frankfurt and Mannheim. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with vigour and has obtained much success. He is a most inspiring leader.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur WILDING (41642), R A F O 138 Sqn

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including attacks on Berlin and other more distant targets. He is a most efficient pilot whose example of gallantry and devotion to duty has impressed all.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Rowland GORDON-DAVIS (162516), R A F V R 78 Sqn.

This officer has proved himself to be an outstanding captain and an inspiring leader. He has completed very many sorties against targets in Germany and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination. He has set a worthy example.

Flying Officer Thomas Balger BRADLEY (Aus 413338), R A A F, 75 (N Z) Sqn.

As air bomber, Flying Officer Bradley has taken part in many sorties. He has displayed praiseworthy ability and his successes pay a fine tribute to the accuracy of his bombing. He has invariably displayed a high standard of gallantry and devotion to duty, setting an excellent example.

Flying Officer William James CAMPBELL (Can/J 20820), R C A F, 408 (R C A F) Sqn.

This officer has completed a noteworthy tour of operations, during which a wide range of targets have been attacked. He is a most competent bomb aimer, whose determination to obtain good results has been a prominent feature of his work throughout. Flying Officer Campbell has set a fine example to all.

Flying Officer Harry EAST (156339), R A F V R, 161 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including many successful bombing missions. He has displayed great skill throughout and he has contributed materially to the successes obtained by the accuracy of his bombing. He is a keen and devoted member of aircraft crew whose record is worthy of much praise.

Flying Officer Raymond John HAWORTH (Can/J 21640), R C A F, 429 (R C A F) Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin and industrial centres in the Ruhr area. He is a most dependable and gallant member of aircraft crew and his navigational ability has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Raymond Henry JAMES (Can/J 22093), R C A F, 434 (R C A F) Sqn.

This officer is a first class bomb aimer whose good work in attacks on a wide range of targets has won high praise. He is a devoted and gallant member of aircraft crew and his example has been worthy of emulation. On one occasion when returning from a sortie his pilot was temporarily blinded by particles of glass when the windscreen was shattered. Flying Officer James immediately took over the controls and, although without any previous flying instruction, he succeeded in safely landing the aircraft at an airfield at the third attempt, saving a valuable aircraft and its crew.

Flying Officer Colin Hiram MCKENZIE (50237), R A F, 44 Sqn.

During his tour of operations this officer has attacked a wide range of targets including Berlin, Hamburg, Stuttgart and other such targets important to the enemy's war effort. He is an air bomber of high merit and has invariably displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer McKenzie took part in a sortie against a target in Germany. During the operation the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained extensive damage. On the return flight, Flying Officer McKenzie rendered valuable assistance by directing his pilot on courses which avoided heavily defended areas. His skilful navigation played a good part in the safe return of the aircraft.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Stephenson STOUT (145510), R A F V R, 617 Sqn.

As pilot and captain of aircraft, this officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including 6 attacks on the capital of the German Reich and many more on strongly defended targets in the Ruhr area. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on the E boat pens at Le Havre. The operation called for a high degree of skill. Nevertheless, success was achieved, in which Flying Officer Stout played a worthy part. This officer has invariably displayed courage and determination of a high order.

Pilot Officer Seymour Bernard FELDMAN (176091), R A F V R, 3 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties. He has displayed high skill

and great determination and throughout his example of devotion to duty has been most commendable. He has shot down a Junkers 88.

Pilot Officer William Cyril HOLMES (176554), R A F V R, 149 Sqn.

One night in June, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. In the first run-in to the target the bomb doors failed to open fully. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Holmes made a second run over the target but once again was forced to turn away as the bomb aimer was blinded by the searchlights and unable to pin point the target. Pilot Officer Holmes was fully determined to complete his mission successfully however, and made yet a third attacking run. In spite of considerable heavy and light anti-aircraft fire he pressed home a successful attack. His aircraft was hit in the fuselage and mainplanes but he flew it safely to base. Pilot Officer Holmes displayed great skill, courage and tenacity throughout.

Pilot Officer Robert Alexander KALLE (Can/J 19881), R C A F, 420 (R C A F) Sqn.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack a target at Bourg-Leopold one night in May, 1944. When approaching the target the aircraft was struck by machine gun fire from an enemy fighter. The starboard engine was set on fire, the hydraulic and electrical systems were damaged, whilst a large hole was torn in the starboard mainplane. In spite of this, Pilot Officer Kalle out-maneuvred the attacker which was afterwards shot down by the rear gunner. Pilot Officer Kalle then went on to bomb his objective and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This officer has completed many sorties and has set a fine example of skill and courage.

Pilot Officer Georges Yvon LEBEL (Can/J 85624), R C A F, 429 (R C A F) Sqn.

As air gunner this officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. He has proved himself to be a skilful and determined member of aircraft crew and his exemplary conduct in the face of the enemy has won great praise.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross*

Flying Officer Albert Hart Robertson ZILLWOOD (N Z 4310159), R N Z A F, 75 (N Z) Sqn.

#### *Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)*

Warrant Officer Alexander William HURSE (Aus 410489), R A A F, 75 (N Z) Sqn.

This officer and warrant officer were navigator and air bomber respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack a target at Nantes. Shortly after making the attack the aircraft sustained damage. The pilot was seriously injured and was unable to execute his duties. Despite his lack of experience, Warrant Officer Hurse took over the controls and with the assistance of Flying Officer Zillwood succeeded in flying the damaged aircraft to base. These members of aircraft crew displayed exceptional coolness, great determination and devotion to duty in most difficult circumstances. They have completed very many sorties against heavily defended targets in Germany.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross*

Warrant Officer Gordon Frederick BROWN (Can/R 104757), R C A F, 293 Sqn.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal*

1376231 Flight Sergeant Cyril Sidney TAYLOR, R A F V R, 293 Sqn.

As pilot and wireless operator/air gunner respectively, Warrant Officer Brown and Flight Sergeant Taylor have completed many air/sea rescue sorties. Their steadfastness and courage in the face of numerous difficult and dangerous situations has won the greatest praise.

#### *Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)*

1400321 Sergeant Gilbert Ebenezer James STEERE, R A F V R, 429 (R C A F) Sqn.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal*

Can/R 195860 Sergeant John MANGIONE, R C A F, 429 (R C A F) Sqn.

Can/R 211243 Sergeant Gordon John McDowell RITCHIE, R C A F, 429 (R C A F) Sqn.

These airmen were flight engineer, mid-upper and rear gunners respectively of an aircraft

detailed for a sortie one night in June, 1944. Over the enemy coast the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the pilot was mortally wounded. He gave orders to the remainder of the crew to leave by parachute but Sergeant Steere, realising that his comrade would be unable to follow, disregarded the order. He went to his wounded comrade and together they succeeded in regaining control of the aircraft. Sergeant Steere then discovered that Sergeants Mangione and Ritchie had also stayed in the aircraft and were ready to assist in rendering what aid they could to their fatally injured pilot. This done, they did everything possible to assist Sergeant Steere who had taken over the controls in an effort to fly the aircraft home. Although he had no previous experience he flew to an airfield. After making contact with the ground personnel by radio telephone he circled the airfield whilst Sergeants Mangione and Ritchie gave additional first aid to the pilot and then parachuted him out of the aircraft on a static line in a last effort to save his life. Only when he was sure that his other two comrades had safely left the aircraft by parachute did Sergeant Steere then leave himself. In the face of a trying ordeal these airmen displayed great courage and devotion to duty setting an example of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Medal*

1600884 Flight Sergeant Roy Arthur DYMOTT, R.A.F.V.R. 514 Sqn.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Dymott has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on a variety of enemy targets. He is a keen, cool and resolute gunner whose successes are a good tribute to his skill. He has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft.

1334210 Flight Sergeant Charles James JOHNSON, R.A.F.V.R. 514 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Johnson is a skilful and resolute pilot who has completed many sorties against the enemy. On three occasions recently his aircraft has been attacked by fighters whilst over enemy territory. Each time he has cleverly out-maneuvred the attackers, however, and his gunners have followed up his skilful manoeuvring by good shooting which has resulted in the destruction of the 3 attackers. This airman has set a fine example of zeal and determination.

1870250 Flight Sergeant James POAD, R.A.F.V.R. 514 Sqn.

This airman has taken part in many sorties and has set a high example of determination and devotion to duty. His keenness and efficiency as air gunner have always been evident and have made him a most reliable member of aircraft crew. He has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy fighters.

Can/R 197583 Flight Sergeant Arthur Ronald WOOLSEY, R.C.A.F. 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has taken part in a large number of attacks on strongly defended targets in Germany. He is a most determined and devoted air gunner, whose vigilance and skill have made him a most valuable member of aircraft crew. He has set a very fine example to all.

2206983 Sergeant George Dawson BURTON, R.A.F.V.R. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman was the flight engineer of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy target. During the operation the bomber was engaged by a fighter and sustained much damage. One engine caught fire and the flames blew into the fuselage through the open bomb doors. Displaying great promptitude, Sergeant Burton obtained an extinguisher with which he put out the flames and thus a dangerous situation was averted. His coolness and resolution in harassing circumstances set an excellent example.

Can/R 195070 Sergeant Jean Paul FLORENCE, R.C.A.F. 424 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has participated in very many sorties and has proved himself to be a vigilant and resolute air gunner. On one occasion in May, 1944, when returning from an attack on a target in Germany, Sergeant Florence sighted a Messerschmitt 410 closing in to attack. Displaying great coolness, Sergeant Florence gave the necessary combat manoeuvre to his pilot and then opened fire. His first burst struck the enemy aircraft which caught fire and fell to the ground. This airman has invariably displayed a high degree of determination and devotion to duty.

Can/R 184363 Sergeant John Bryson SULLIVAN, R.C.A.F. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In June, 1944, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Northern France. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. Sergeant Sullivan was wounded in the head but although partially blinded by blood which flowed from the wound, this gallant gunner remained at his post and gave skilful directions which enabled his pilot to out-maneuvre the attacker. Sergeant Sullivan's turret was badly damaged and caught fire but he succeeded in putting out the flames with an extinguisher which was brought to him by another member of the crew. Displaying exceptional fortitude and devotion to duty, Sergeant Sullivan insisted on remaining in his turret until the enemy coast was crossed. His example was most inspiring.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
FOR AIR.

Ottawa, 21st July, 1944.

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

*Air Force Medal.*

Can/R 175983 Sergeant John Bell McRAE, Royal Canadian Air Force.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 30th June 1944 (p 3091, col 1), Royal Canadian Air Force *Delete* award of Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot Officer Wray PATERSON (Can/J.85007), 156 Sqn. Award previously announced on 21st April 1944 (p 1838, col 2).

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