

directed his pilot's bombing run and successfully attacked the target.

1388657 Flight Sergeant Basilios VASSILIADES, R.A.F.V.R., 19 Sqn.

This airman has participated in many sorties over Northern France and has attacked many military targets with good results. He is a most capable section leader whose example of gallantry and determination has won much praise. Flight Sergeant Vassiliades has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Can/R.165420 Flight Sergeant Edwin Austin SNIDER, R.C.A.F., 424 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Snider is a most capable and determined air gunner and has taken part in very many sorties. On a recent occasion, on the outward flight to Villeneuve-St.-George, his aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Coolly and skilfully, Flight Sergeant Snider directed the necessary combat manoeuvres and, as the attacker broke away, he delivered bursts of fire which struck the enemy aircraft, causing its destruction. This airman has proved himself to be a most reliable and courageous member of aircraft crew.

Can/R.191347 Sergeant Walter Roy WILLIAMS, R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has taken part in a number of sorties in the role of wireless operator and his efficiency, strong sense of discipline and crew co-operation have set a fine example. On a recent occasion he was a member of the crew of an aircraft detailed for an operational mission. In the vicinity of the target the aircraft was struck by machine gun bullets and the pilot was fatally wounded. The bomb aimer took over the controls after the pilot had been gently removed to the rest position where Sergeant Williams made desperate efforts to save his stricken captain little realising that he was beyond human aid. After the contents of the spare oxygen bottle had become exhausted he even used his own oxygen mask which he affixed to his captain in a last effort to revive him. Although himself affected by the lack of oxygen, Sergeant Williams returned to his wireless apparatus and when nearing the English coast, sent out distress signals warning base that a crash landing would be attempted at the first

available airfield. In most trying circumstances this airman displayed notable courage, determination and devotion to duty.

Government House, Canberra, 5th September, 1944.
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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award with effect from 15th August, 1944, in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the South-West Pacific area:—

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Acting Squadron Leader John A'Beckett Penleigh Boyd (Aus.400691).

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington,
New Zealand.

5th September, 1944.

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9 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Bruce St. John Campbell
THOMSON (N.Z.402528), 2 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.
Flying Officer Clive Samuel Whitehouse YOCKNEY
(N.Z.413548), 2 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa,
Canada.

5th September, 1944.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the under-mentioned officer who has been commended for valuable service in the air:—

Flying Officer Samuel John WATERS (Can/J25267).

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