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*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader John William Holbrook HARWOOD, D.F.M. (126025), R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.

Now on his second operational tour, this officer has completed attacks against a wide range of targets including Berlin, Essen, Stuttgart, Brest and Frankfurt. On numerous occasions his aircraft has been subjected to attacks by enemy fighters but his skilful and calculated handling of his aircraft, combined with coolness and great presence of mind have enabled him to evade these attacks. As flight commander he has been responsible for the organising and training of crews. Displaying considerable powers of leadership he has undertaken this duty with outstanding initiative and skill.

Acting Squadron Leader Denis Raymond STUBBS (87017), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

In August, 1944, this officer was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack oil storage tanks at La Pallice. On the outward flight very adverse weather was encountered but Squadron Leader Stubbs was determined to complete his mission. Undeterred by heavy and accurate fire from the enemy's ground defences he commenced his bombing run and made a successful attack. Throughout this long and arduous flight Squadron Leader Stubbs displayed a high standard of leadership, courage and unswerving devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader James Ernest WHITE (66581), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.

Squadron Leader White has completed much operational flying during which he has attacked a variety of targets in Germany and France. In August, 1944, he piloted an aircraft on a mine-laying mission. Despite intense opposition and being illuminated by searchlights he made a determined attack and succeeded in placing his mines accurately. Squadron Leader White has completed many sorties and has displayed the highest standard of skill and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Lance Amigo Percy BURRA-ROBINSON (89384), R.A.F.V.R., 65 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Burra-Robinson has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. He has displayed exceptional fighting qualities and on one occasion in August, 1944, he accounted for three enemy aircraft destroyed of a force of twenty, bringing his personal score of destroyed aircraft to six. His leadership has been of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant William Ritchie CHRISTISON (Can/J.15143), R.C.A.F., 404 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has at all times displayed exceptional coolness and determination. On a recent sortie he was flight commander in an attack upon enemy shipping in Le Verdon harbour. During the action his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire rendering one engine useless. However, Flight Lieutenant Christison completed the attack and made a successful return flight, landing at an advanced base in France. This officer has led his squadron with great skill and has set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Basil Gordon COLLYNS (NZ.391342), R.N.Z.A.F., 19 Sqn.

This officer, now on his second tour of operational flying, has completed a large number of sorties. As flight commander, he has led his flight with outstanding skill and courage and has inflicted much damage on the enemy. During August, 1944, the squadron met a large force of enemy aircraft, and Flight Lieutenant Collins displayed considerable ability and initiative by leading his flight to attack the enemy top cover, thus enabling the remainder of the squadron to engage the lower enemy formation. This officer has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft and damaged many others.

Flight Lieutenant Bernard James DOBSON (109371), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.

Since joining his squadron, Flight Lieutenant Dobson has completed many sorties against targets

in Germany and France. Many of these targets have been strongly defended by ground and fighter defences. On one occasion in August, 1944, he was pilot of an aircraft detailed for a minelaying mission. In spite of heavy fire from the enemy's defences this officer completed his allotted task with determination and accuracy. This officer has consistently displayed the utmost skill and determination in pressing home his attacks.

Flight Lieutenant Gordon GREGORY (119884), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. These include numerous attacks on enemy shipping the success of which have been proved by the excellent photographs he has obtained. On a recent sortie against two enemy vessels in the Gironde his port engine failed before the attack. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Gregory continued the mission on one engine and flew back to an airfield in France where he executed a successful landing. His keenness and courage are most praiseworthy.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cyril Donald AIDNEY (157690), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill, resolution and devotion to duty. He has participated in many attacks against enemy shipping the successes of which have been due to his untiring efforts and fearlessness. Flight Lieutenant Aidney has shown marked ability as a pilot and is an invaluable officer to his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice JOHNSTON (N.Z.42409), R.N.Z.A.F., 15 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Johnston is an outstanding captain of aircraft who has at all times displayed courage and determination to press home his attacks. On one occasion when detailed to attack Friedrichshaven, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter just before reaching his target. Slight damage was caused to the bomber and, at about the same time, an anti-aircraft shell exploded beneath the aircraft causing further damage. Undeterred, Flight Lieutenant Johnston continued his mission and successfully bombed his objective. This officer has completed very many sorties against such targets as Berlin, Essen, Duisburg and Stuttgart.

Flying Officer George BUNTING (131100), R.A.F.V.R., 228 Sqn.

Flying Officer Bunting captained an aircraft in an attack on a U-boat recently. The vessel submerged at the approach of the aircraft but with great skill this officer released two depth charges, causing heavy oil to come to the surface. A little later a periscope was sighted and an accurate attack was made with the remaining depth charges. Later a surface disturbance occurred a mile from the scene of the attack and large air bubbles followed by oil were observed. This officer has undertaken many sorties and has invariably displayed commendable courage and determination.

Flying Officer Colin William KIPFER (Can/J.86565), R.C.A.F., 106 Sqn.

Flying Officer William Norman REDMAN (147125), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

These officers as pilot and air bomber respectively have completed many operational sorties. On a recent minelaying mission, although their aircraft was hit and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officers Kipfer and Redman displayed exceptional skill and determination in pressing home their attack and bringing the damaged aircraft safely back to this country. Their co-operation and devotion to duty have been of a high order.

Flying Officer Royal Lewis MIDDLEMAS (151691), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

During the past four months this officer has achieved a fine operational record. He has made numerous attacks against enemy shipping and has obtained some excellent and valuable photographs. Flying Officer Middlemas is an extremely keen and reliable operational pilot and has at all times pressed home his attacks with great determination.

Flying Officer William James MYERS (Can/J.18688), R.C.A.F., 441 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and efficiency. He has completed very many sorties and has at all times pressed home his attacks with great determination inflicting much damage on the enemy. On one occasion his squadron encountered 12 enemy aircraft. Flying Officer Myers