

by a piece of shrapnel, concealed the seriousness of his wound and took over the task of navigating the aircraft back to base. The English coast was eventually crossed and a landing was made at the first available airfield. Weak from loss of blood Flight Sergeant Cole was on the verge of collapse and was removed to hospital. These airmen have completed many sorties and their gallantry and devotion to duty have been of a very high order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1575362 Flight Sergeant John George BODEN, R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

This airman has proved himself to be a highly skilled pilot and a most resolute captain. He has completed many sorties against various targets, including Kiel. On this occasion he successfully bombed the target but his aircraft sustained damage which made it difficult to control. On the return flight his aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Flight Sergeant Boden skilfully out-maneuvred the attacker and afterwards flew safely to base.

1531284 Flight Sergeant Thomas Henry COX, R.A.F.V.R., 620 Sqn.

This airman has consistently displayed notable keenness and skill as flight engineer and has proved himself to be a most dependable member of aircraft crew. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on Hanover. Base was reached and the sortie almost completed when, just as the pilot was a bare 400 feet from touching down, the two star-board engines stopped. Displaying great promptitude, Flight Sergeant Cox succeeded in re-starting them although the petrol supply was practically exhausted. His resource enabled his pilot to land the aircraft safely.

N.Z.424504 Flight Sergeant Eldrid Duke O'CALLAGHAN, R.N.Z.A.F., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, during an attack on Russelsheim, Flight Sergeant O'Callaghan's aircraft was illuminated in a cone of searchlights and

heavily attacked by anti-aircraft fire. When taking violent evasive action both the ailerons snapped. In spite of this Flight Sergeant O'Callaghan flew back to base where he effected a masterly landing. By his skill and resourcefulness, Flight Sergeant O'Callaghan undoubtedly saved a valuable aircraft and its crew. He is a most keen and efficient captain.

Air Ministry, 27th October, 1944.

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CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Air Vice-Marshal Robert Victor GODDARD, C.B., C.B.E., R.A.F.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Air Vice-Marshal Leslie Norman HOLLINGHURST, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington, New Zealand, 27th October, 1944.

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Flight Lieutenant Ross Stuart MCHARDY (N.Z. 402882).

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