

Acting Flight Lieutenant Neil Onslow Steele BAYLEY (162968), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This pilot has attacked many of the enemy's most strongly defended targets. In September, 1944, he was detailed to attack a synthetic oil plant in the head of the Ruhr. In the vicinity of the target the aircraft was subjected to heavy and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. Violent evading action was taken but the aircraft was hit by fragments of shell in the nose, bomb doors, port aileron and the tailplane; the cowling of the port engine was also struck. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Bayley pressed home his attack, the success of which was proved by the photograph which he obtained. The coolness and courage displayed by this officer on this occasion are characteristic of that which he has invariably shown throughout his tour.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harry James GOODWIN, D.F.M. (160061), R.A.F.V.R., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As flight engineer this officer has completed many sorties, most of which have been against strongly defended targets. He has displayed a high degree of skill and throughout his coolness and initiative in times of emergency have made him a most dependable member of aircraft crew. In a sortie in August, 1944, engine trouble was experienced. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Goodwin proved his engineering skill and his efforts played a good part in the safe return of the aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robin Anderson SLATER (151830), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

In August, 1944, during a daylight attack on an oil refinery at Homberg, the aircraft captained by this officer was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire during the bombing run. The port outer engine was rendered unserviceable and a fire was started in the fuselage. Nevertheless this pilot pressed home his attack with the utmost determination. Meanwhile, other members of the crew had successfully fought the fire and Flight Lieutenant Slater flew the damaged aircraft safely to base. On another occasion, when the target was Berlin, his aircraft was attacked and damaged by 2 enemy fighters. By excellent airmanship he succeeded in extricating his aircraft from a difficult situation and went on to bomb his target. Flight Lieutenant Slater has, throughout his operational tour, shown outstanding courage and a fine fighting spirit.

Flying Officer Teftime William CASSOR (Can/J.19667), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on various targets in Germany and enemy-occupied territory. He is a highly skilled pilot and an efficient captain. He has set a fine example of keenness and his determination to make every sortie a success has been most commendable.

Flying Officer James Douglas KOCH (Can/J.17760), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

As wireless operator this officer has displayed a high degree of efficiency. During his operational tour he has taken part in attacks on many important German targets including Berlin, Essen, Schweinfurt and Dusseldorf. On several occasions his skilful work has played a good part in the safe return of his aircraft. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flying Officer David Austin LAMPARD (151378), R.A.F.V.R., 272 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high degree of skill and courage in air operations. He has completed a large number of sorties, mostly against enemy shipping and has always pressed home his attacks with the utmost determination. In a recent attack on a very large vessel in enemy waters, Flying Officer Lampard displayed exceptional resolution, obtaining several hits on the ship which caught fire.

Flying Officer Gordon Hudson MONTGOMERY (Can/J.25972), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and determination. He has completed a large number of sorties and on many occasions has proved his skill by successfully completing his bombing mission in the face of much difficulty and danger. He is a most inspiring captain.

Flying Officer Eric Gordon MYRING (133790), R.A.F.V.R., 272 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on enemy shipping, wireless installations and airfields. In September, 1944, Flying Officer Myring took part in a successful attack on a liner in enemy waters. In this operation he displayed commendable skill and courage, playing a worthy part in the success obtained. He is a most capable and fearless pilot.

Flying Officer Chester Franklin RIDEOUT (Can/J.21262), R.C.A.F., 272 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties involving attacks on enemy shipping, airfields, radio installations, bridges and mechanical transport. He has set a fine example of skill, and throughout his determination and devotion to duty have been unflinching. In a recent successful attack on a large enemy vessel, Flying Officer Rideout flew with great distinction.

Flying Officer John Thomas RODGERS (Aus.425190), R.A.A.F., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. One night in August, 1944, in an attack on Kiel his aircraft sustained much damage. Despite this he completed his bombing task. Later on the home-ward flight the aircraft sustained further damage but Flying Officer Rodgers flew the bomber to base. His determination was in keeping with that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer Cyril ROWSELL (146604), R.A.F.V.R., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) this officer has completed two tours of operational duty, during which he has participated in attacks on many heavily defended targets in Germany including Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Stettin and Berlin. He has rendered service which has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Henry Victor TAYLOR (148483), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

As air bomber, Flying Officer Taylor has taken part in a large number of sorties. He has at all times displayed a strong sense of duty together with great skill and his excellent work has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained. In addition to his work in the air, Flying Officer Taylor has given valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Douglas James BATHFIELD (177897), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties against enemy targets and throughout his tour has revealed high qualities of courage, initiative and leadership. One night in July, 1944, Flying Officer Bathfield was detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. When nearing the target area a burst of anti-aircraft fire hit the front of the aircraft. The nose was damaged, the hydraulic system was rendered unserviceable and fragments of shell tore through the mid-upper turret. Nevertheless this pilot went on to execute a successful attack. He afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to this country and made a safe landing. In this, as on many other occasions; Flying Officer Bathfield set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flying Officer Keith Victor BROWNE (Aus.422129), R.A.A.F., 158 Sqn.

Flying Officer Browne was captain of an aircraft detailed for an attack on a synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen in September, 1944. Although his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire several times, this pilot held to a straight and level course for an excellent bombing run. He afterwards flew his badly damaged aircraft safely back to base where it was found to have been riddled in the fuselage, main plane and tail plane by fragments of shell. This officer has completed numerous operations and his determination to complete his missions successfully has won the greatest praise.

Acting Flying Officer Alfred William MEADEN (182868), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

On several occasions this officer has bombed his objective with great persistence and accuracy in spite of his aircraft being damaged by anti-aircraft fire en route to the target. In September, 1944, he was detailed for a daylight attack on a synthetic oil plant in the Ruhr area. When nearing the