

target the aircraft was subjected to intense and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. Shell after shell exploded near the aircraft which was hit in many places by fragments. With the coolness and resolution which he has invariably displayed this officer continued to the target which he attacked with great determination and afterwards flew safely to base.

Acting Flying Officer EDWIN PAULSEN (Aus.414954), R.A.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has proved an exemplary captain of aircraft whose coolness and efficiency in times of danger have been an unfailing source of inspiration to his comrades. One night in June, 1944, Flying Officer Paulsen was detailed to attack an airfield at Laval in France. On the bombing run he was met by a hail of light anti-aircraft shells but he pressed home his attack with the greatest determination and precision. In September, 1944, he took part in an attack on a synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen. Whilst over the target his aircraft was repeatedly hit by fire from the ground defences. This did not deter him from maintaining a steady run-in and he released his bombs with accuracy. His determination has been outstanding.

Acting Flying Officer LIONEL SMITH (183010), R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.

This officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Calais in September, 1944. While making his run-in his aircraft was subjected to concentrated fire from the ground defences and was hit. The mid-upper gunner was wounded, the hydraulic system was put out of action and both starboard engines were damaged; eventually they became useless. Despite this, the attack was pressed home with determination. Flying Officer Smith afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to a home-based airfield where he effected a safe landing with the undercarriage retracted.

Air Ministry, 7th November, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

Henry John Walter MEAKIN, D.F.C. (83280), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant.

John Lyall MASON, D.F.C. (101071), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer.

David Barrett FROST, D.F.C. (131007), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

William Christopher MAHER, A.F.M. (43177), Royal Air Force, No. 88 Squadron.

Squadron Leaders.

Reginald Pictor NELMS (39750), Royal Air Force.
John Foulkes ROBERTS (40018), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 26 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenants.

William ATKINS (116042), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 162 Squadron.
William Russell DONAGHUE (121282), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.
Norman Albert DONIGER (109048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 63 Squadron.
Arthur JACQUES (128978), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.
John Henry SPIRES, D.F.M. (121239), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officers.

Ben BUCK (157699), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 280 Squadron.

Robert Munro CAMPBELL (169422), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

Jack Arthur Douglas DEIGHTON (174552), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 542 Squadron.

John Davis IBBOTSON (136414), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 542 Squadron.

Desmond Ignatus O'TOOLE (151262), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Raymond George PRICE (50220), Royal Air Force, No. 248 Squadron.

Louis SANCHA (152092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Archibald WILSON (146869), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Warrant Officers.

William John ASHCROFT (570672), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 201 Squadron.

Colin CHURM (570078), Royal Air Force, No. 201 Squadron.

Francis Louis FITZGIBBON (1263637), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

William Arthur MAHONEY (Can/J.7679), No. 162 Squadron.

Flying Officers.

Edward George DOWDING (Can/J.23224), No. 254 Squadron.

William Charles Lovell DE PELHAM (Can/J.14650), No. 524 Squadron.

Pilot Officer.

Arthur Bodan FRENCH (Can/J.85937), No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant.

Can/R.166930 John Wentworth LEWIS, No. 220 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Thomas Henry DAVIDSON (N.Z.412661), No. 489 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

Ian James McNEIL (N.Z.401774), No. 63 Squadron.

David Gordon SIMPSON (N.Z.414689), No. 603 Squadron.

Flying Officers.

John Jardon O'CONNOR (N.Z.415007), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Charles Norman GALL (N.Z.411492), No. 63 Squadron.

Charles Millard TAPPER (N.Z.415038), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Government House, Canberra, 7th November, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award with effect from 20th October, 1944, in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the South-West Pacific area.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Joseph Stafford LEE (Aus.734).

*Department of National Defence for Air,
Ottawa, 7th November, 1944.*

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

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

R.217776 Leading Aircraftman Eldon Stanley BIGGS.