

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1377986 Sergeant Frank WEBSTER, R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.

This officer and airman were captain and mid-upper gunner, respectively of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission in the Kattegat one night in October, 1944. After leaving the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Flying Officer Strachan manoeuvred with great skill but his aircraft was hit by the enemy's machine gun fire. A fire commenced in the fuselage below Sergeant's Webster's turret. This airman promptly attacked the flames with extinguishers and beat at the flames with some of his flying clothing. He sustained burns to his face and hands but he continued his efforts and with the assistance of other members of the crew, the fire was finally put out. The aircraft had sustained much damage and was difficult to control. A large hole had been burned in the fuselage. The hydraulic system had been rendered unserviceable and the bomb doors were in the open position. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Strachan flew the aircraft to base and executed a successful crash landing. This officer displayed a high degree of skill and determination throughout. Sergeant Webster also proved himself a resolute member of aircraft crew. His promptitude and resource in the emergency set a very fine example.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flying Officer Gordon Herbert STEWART (Aus.18221), R.A.A.F., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.421843 Flight Sergeant Robert CALOV, R.A.A.F., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

As pilot and air bomber respectively, this officer and airman were detailed to attack the Nolle Dyke in daylight in October, 1944. In the first run-in to the target the aircraft was hit by a heavy shell and sustained damage. The wind-screen of the bomb aimer's compartment was smashed. Flight Sergeant Calov was struck in the eye by flying particles of glass. His injury was most painful and he became temporarily blind in the affected eye. Despite this he successfully attacked the target at the fourth attempt. Flying Officer Stewart afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base and landed it safely. This officer and airman set a fine example of courage, resolution and devotion to duty.

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Can/R.196916 Flight Sergeant Charles Marcien BUJOLD, R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As air gunner, Flight Sergeant Bujold has participated in very many sorties. He has displayed great keenness and devotion to duty throughout. The skill and resolution he has shown in defending his aircraft against enemy-fighters have been most commendable.

Can/R.182184 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) John David HAMILTON, R.C.A.F., 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In September, 1944, this airman captained an aircraft detailed to attack Calais. Whilst over the target area considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Despite this Sergeant Hamilton was determined to attack his target as accurately as possible. His aircraft was hit several times but he maintained a steady bombing run to execute a successful attack. He afterwards flew the damaged bomber to an airfield. Sergeant Hamilton set a fine example of tenacity and devotion to duty.

1532898 Sergeant Kenneth Claude SHEASBY, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

As flight engineer this airman has participated in a large number of sorties. He has proved himself to be a highly skilled, resolute and devoted member of aircraft crew. On a recent occasion, Sergeant Sheasby participated in an attack on Bochum. On the return flight his aircraft was hit by bullets from a fighter. Sergeant Sheasby was wounded in the arm and shoulder. Although

greatly distressed he insisted on fulfilling his engineering duties until this country was reached. He set a fine example of courage and fortitude.

*Air Ministry, 5th December, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Wing Commander.*

Patrick Abercrombie LOMBARD (37110), R.A.F., 228 Sqn.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Norman CARR (129343), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Arnold Ryder CUSONS (103557), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

Anthony Henry William GILCHRIST (131104), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Geoffrey Walter ROUSE (132337), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

Arthur Francis WALLACE (120620), R.A.F.V.R., 220 Sqn.

Leonard James Alfred WHITTAKER (111583), R.A.F.V.R., 220 Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

Leonard John BARCHAM (133658), R.A.F.V.R., 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Derrick Stewart BIELBY (171054), R.A.F.V.R., 172 Sqn.

Stephen Theodore FAITHFUL (151026), R.A.F.V.R., 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Donald Glover HILL (157101), R.A.F.V.R., 541 Sqn.

Hubert John O'BRIEN (52658), R.A.F., 220 Sqn.

James Edward ORCHARD (139926), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

Hubert Charles Sydney POWELL (138686), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

*Pilot Officer.*

Peter Beresford OSBORNE (182647), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

1396022 Clifford Walter John DEADMAN, R.A.F.V.R., 254 Sqn.

1577859 Joseph William TOWNSEND, R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

524787 William Henry WESTBY, R.A.F., 205 Sqn. (since deceased) with effect from 31st January, 1944.

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.**Acting Wing Commander.*

Colin George MILSON, D.F.C. (Aus.402379), 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenant.*

Charles Edgar BLAIR (Can/J.10609), 59 Sqn.

*Flying Officer.*

John Harvey SYMONS (Can/J.20389), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Warrant Officer.*

Jack PERRY (Can/R.109092), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

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

## AMENDMENT.

In notification of 14th November, 1944 (p. 5211, col. 1), Award of Foreign decorations. Immediately below "Pilot Officer Eric Steele DOHERTY (N.Z.415296) R.N.Z.A.F." insert heading "Air Medal."

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