

Acting Flying Officer George Edward WILLIAMSON (Aus.426933), R.A.A.F., 186 Sqn.

In November, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Both the port engines were disabled and only one of the propellers could be feathered. The port petrol tanks were pierced and much of the contents seeped into the wing and fuselage. The aircraft lost height but Flying Officer Williamson continued his run to execute a good bombing attack. Afterwards, course was set for base. The aircraft was still gradually losing height and Flying Officer Williamson was unable to maintain his place with the main bomber force. A little later the aircraft was again hit. The petrol supply was becoming diminished and it was apparent that England could not be reached. Course was altered and eventually Flying Officer Williamson effected a masterly landing in a water-logged field in friendly territory. In most harassing circumstances this officer displayed skill, courage and tenacity of a high standard.

Pilot Officer William Latimer MIDDLETON (176773), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

As flight engineer, this officer has participated in a very large number of sorties and has displayed devotion to duty of a high order. On one occasion, whilst over Stuttgart, the aircraft sustained damage by anti-aircraft fire. Pilot Officer Middleton quickly assessed the damage and, displaying commendable resource, contrived to fix up an emergency aileron control in place of the one which had been severed and thus he greatly assisted in the return of the aircraft to this country. On another occasion, the day which marked the invasion of Northern France, Pilot Officer Middleton was a member of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack enemy gun positions at Mont Fleury. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained extensive damage. The port wing caught fire. Determined efforts were made to extinguish the flames but in vain. The crippled aircraft was now over the sea and the crew were ordered to leave by parachute. Pilot Officer Middleton came down safely and some time later was rescued in an exhausted condition. In spite of this trying experience this officer retained his great keenness and soon resumed operational flying. He has since completed numerous sorties.

*Air Ministry, 29th December, 1944.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

*Acting Wing Commander.*

John Robert BALDWIN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (122337), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

*Acting Wing Commanders.*

Jack Hubert HOSKINS, D.F.C. (100030), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 221 Squadron.

Alan Geoffrey PAGE, D.F.C. (74709), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

George Binmore JOHNS, D.F.C. (45543), Royal Air Force, No. 260 Squadron.

Harold Eustace TURNER, D.F.C. (111478), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 104 Squadron.

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Robert Henry PITMAN (148452), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Wing Commander.*

George Francis Herbert WEBB, D.F.C. (90987), Auxiliary Air Force.

*Squadron Leaders.*

Charles Ian Rose ARTHUR, D.F.C. (41241), Royal Air Force, No. 72 Squadron.

Keith D'Alroy TAUTE, D.F.C. (40764), Royal Air Force, No. 164 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

John Lawrence Wemyss ELLACOMBE, D.F.C. (43031), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

Herbert Cecil RIGBY, D.F.C. (117303), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 222 Squadron.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Charles Ernest BROAD, D.F.C. (121529), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 222 Squadron.

Guy LANSDALL, D.F.C. (116745), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Alastair Cavendish Lindsay MACKIE, D.F.C. (68747), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

Robert McKIMM, D.F.C. (109137), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Wing Commanders.*

John Christopher Willans GOLDTHORP (43964), Royal Air Force, No. 225 Squadron.

Peter Wolryche STANSFELD (25045), Royal Air Force, Squadron Leader.

Leonard John ANDERSON (41358), Royal Air Force, No. 114 Squadron.

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

Patrick Lampard BURKE, A.F.C. (39490), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 600 Squadron.

Edward Moore GRIFFITH (118714), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.

Donzil Plummer JENKINS (170419), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 257 Squadron.

Charles Duncan Nye LONGLEY (76588), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron (since deceased).

Richard Moore MUMFORD (111114), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 256 Squadron.

George Milner SMITH (49034), Royal Air Force, No. 256 Squadron.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Alexander Conway BLYTHE (66567), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 437 Squadron.

Kenneth Edward Richardson BOOTH (87407), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Geoffrey Henderson BRIGGS (131947), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Peter Ian BURDEN (129246), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

Cecil Gordon CHADWICK (116919), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Walter Thomas CUNNINGHAM (106674), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Ronald Gordon ELVIN (121534), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Peter FURNESS (47829), Royal Air Force, No. 154 Squadron.

Tom GRACE (129754), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 272 Squadron.

Jack Percy HART (131826), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Peter Ivan HART (124164), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Francis Joseph HOPE (126788), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 2 Squadron.

Raymond Edmund KNIGHT (47461), Royal Air Force, No. 613 Squadron.

Jack Forster OVERTON (47571), Royal Air Force, No. 613 Squadron.

Eric RAYNER (126000), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 613 Squadron.

Norton Mitchell REDINGTON (116407), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Simon Talbot SITWELL (46720), Royal Air Force, No. 613 Squadron.

Alan Peter SKINNER (46808), Royal Air Force, No. 242 Squadron.

Eric SWAINE (121522), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Duncan SWALE (124996), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Trevor Charles THOMAS (104408), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 226 Squadron.

Harold WIGLEY (120624), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.

Albert George WILLERS (124693), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Kenneth Procter WINDER (61041), Royal Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

Leslie Edward Stuart WHALEY (129530), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.