

aircraft fire. In October, 1944, he was detailed to observe the results of an attack on the sea wall at West Kapelle. In the first run over the target the aircraft was hit in the tail by a high explosive shell. In spite of this, and much concentrated light anti-aircraft fire, several good photographs were obtained. In November, 1944, Flying Officer Saunders again flew with great distinction on a smaller mission over another enemy target. This officer has set a fine example to all.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander John Kennedy Francis MACDONALD (Can/C.890) R.C.A.F., Bomber 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn

Pilot Officer Douglas Maxwell Cox (Can/J.88380) R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In air operations these officers have displayed outstanding bravery, fortitude and devotion to duty, setting an example of a high order.

Acting Squadron Leader Marcus Dods (66013) R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

This officer has completed a tour of operational duty during which he has displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high standard. In November, 1944, Squadron Leader Dods piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. Soon after crossing the English coast one engine became completely unserviceable. This did not deter Squadron Leader Dods who went on to attack the target with his usual determination. His devotion to duty has been outstanding.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas ARMSTRONG (134035) R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

As navigator Flight Lieutenant Armstrong has participated in many sorties, involving attacks on a variety of targets such as enemy airfields, road communications and shipping. On one occasion, early in his operational career, Flight Lieutenant Armstrong was wounded when his aircraft was attacked by enemy aircraft. Upon his recovery he soon resumed operational flying and participated in many successful missions. More recently, Flight Lieutenant Armstrong has taken part in several determined attacks on shipping and has set a fine example of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Surrender BERRY (133715) R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of devotion to duty. He has participated in numerous sorties and has proved himself to be a most able and resolute navigator. In November, 1944, he took part in an operation against Homberg. During the sortie the aircraft sustained much damage. Flight Lieutenant Berry was badly wounded. Although unable to move he maintained a fine spirit and, under his direction, other members of the crew were enabled to navigate the damaged aircraft home. This officer set an example of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Malcolm Hamilton Murray MACLEAN (Aus. 414311) R.A.A.F., 608 Sqn.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Hanover one night in November, 1944. At one stage of the outward flight, Flight Lieutenant MacLean temporarily lost consciousness. The aircraft went into a deep dive. Flight Lieutenant MacLean quickly recovered and, although the aircraft had lost much height, he succeeded in levelling out. A little later a fighter was encountered. The attacker opened fire several times but by skilful manoeuvring, Flight Lieutenant MacLean prevented his aircraft from being hit. The enemy aircraft was eventually evaded and Flight Lieutenant MacLean continued to the target which he attacked at a height much lower than was originally planned. He afterwards flew safely to base. This officer has completed many sorties and has invariably displayed commendable skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant William Harold McCAMUS (Can/J.10049) R.C.A.F., 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Louis Celos BOILEAU (Can/J.23870) R.C.A.F., 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

These officers have completed many sorties and throughout have displayed a high standard of ability and determination. In November, 1944, they were navigator and pilot respectively of one of a formation of aircraft detailed to attack enemy shipping. The vessels were lying in a fiord bounded on each side by high hills. Despite this, and in

the face of anti-aircraft fire, the attack was pressed home. In this well executed operation these officers displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Colin William STACEY (49698), R.A.F., 90 Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) this officer has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has participated in attacks on a wide range of heavily defended enemy targets. He is a most keen and resolute crew member whose undoubted skill and unflinching co-operation have contributed materially to the successes obtained. His conduct in the face of the enemy has been exemplary.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Walter WATSON (Aus. 413699), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties including a number of successful attacks on enemy shipping. On one occasion he observed a force of 15 enemy vessels off the Hook of Holland. After a message reporting the position had been transmitted, Flight Lieutenant Watson went in to the attack. In spite of much fire from the convoy he made three runs over the target and effectively attacked two of the vessels. In November, 1944, he participated in a successful attack on three enemy merchant vessels lying in a fiord surrounded by high hills. In this operation his leadership was brilliant and played a good part in the success achieved. Throughout his tour this officer has displayed the highest standard of courage, skill and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Orville Louis ORENDORFF (Can/J.28324), R.C.A.F., 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In August, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack St. Leu D'Esserent. While over the target, the aircraft was hit by high explosive shells. The main fuel pipe to the two port engines was severed, whilst some sixty holes were torn in the fuselage and wings by pieces of shrapnel. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Orendorff completed his bombing run and course was set for home. By skilful airmanship he flew to a base in England where he effected a safe landing although a tyre on one of the landing wheels was punctured. This officer has completed very many sorties and throughout has displayed high qualities of skill, gallantry and resolution.

Flying Officer John William ABELL (Can/J.36330), R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties and has displayed a high standard of navigational ability throughout. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on Wanne Eickel. Whilst leaving the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer Abell was wounded. He was given first aid and, although suffering acutely, he did everything he could to assist in navigating the aircraft home. He set a fine example of fortitude and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer James Leonard KING (Can/J.25379), R.C.A.F., 424 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf one night in November, 1944. The target was successfully bombed but, later on the return flight, the aircraft was badly hit by an explosive shell which caused a fire in one of the port wing petrol tanks. Attempts were made to quell the flames but without much success. Flying Officer King thereupon changed course and, displaying great determination reached friendly territory by taking the shortest possible route. By this time the fire in the petrol tank was burning fiercely. Flying Officer King ordered his crew to leave the aircraft by parachute. He himself remained at the controls to keep the aircraft level whilst his comrades jumped. As they got clear, the burning tank fell away. Flying Officer King, therefore, remained at the controls and searched for a likely place to land. Finally, he brought the aircraft down in a field, aided solely by his landing lights. This officer displayed the greatest possible coolness and skill throughout and was undoubtedly responsible for saving a valuable aircraft.

Flying Officer Alan Ivan ROWE (170665), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill and courage in air operations. He has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he