

of the target area would he allow anyone to leave their post to attend to his injuries. Warrant Officer Craneheld proved himself to be a courageous and resolute captain, setting a very fine example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer David William SUMMONS (Aus.410749)
R.A.A.F., 550 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1877605 Sergeant Clifford Charles JERMAN,
R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund in November, 1944. During the operation the aircraft sustained serious damage. Two engines were put out of action, whilst the main plane was badly affected. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Summons retained a good measure of control and flew the crippled aircraft to an airfield in this country. He displayed exceptional skill and coolness in most dangerous circumstances. Sergeant Jerman also proved himself to be a most determined and devoted crew member. His expert work in the face of considerable difficulty greatly assisted his pilot in his endeavours to bring the crippled aircraft home.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.175078 Flight Sergeant Norman Frankland HALL, R.C.A.F., 12 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Hall has participated in many attacks on targets in Germany, including Frankfurt, Duisburg, Stuttgart and Essen. Throughout he has proved himself a skilful navigator whose accurate work has played a good part in the successes obtained. In November, 1944, he took part in an attack on Dortmund. When nearing the target the aircraft was hit by an anti-aircraft shell and Flight Sergeant Hall was wounded in the leg by a piece of shrapnel. The injury caused him much physical distress but, after receiving first aid, he continued with his duties. The bombing task was successfully executed and Flight Sergeant Hall afterwards navigated the aircraft back to base. This airman set a fine example of courage and fortitude.

1378949 Flight Sergeant Andrew McHUGH,
R.A.F.V.R., 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Sergeant McHugh has taken part in many sorties and has proved himself to be a confident and highly skilled crew member. In September, 1944, he was the navigator in an aircraft detailed to drop supplies to our troops in the vicinity of Arnhem. Some time after leaving the target the aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters. The captain and his co-pilot were killed. Flight Sergeant McHugh promptly went forward and took over the controls, although not as experienced as a regular pilot. Soon afterwards the aircraft was again hit. It became necessary to abandon the aircraft. Displaying the qualities of a true captain, Flight Sergeant McHugh ordered his comrades to leave by parachute. Not until he was satisfied all were clear did he jump himself. This airman displayed great coolness and initiative, setting a fine example.

1384215 Flight Sergeant John Edward MASINI,
R.A.F.V.R., 512 Sqn.

This airman has participated in many sorties and has displayed commendable skill, determination and devotion to duty throughout. On one occasion in September, 1944, Flight Sergeant Masini piloted an aircraft on a mission, involving the dropping of supplies to our ground forces fighting near Arnhem. When approaching the target his aircraft came under intense light anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this Flight Sergeant Masini executed a good run in to release his supplies with accuracy. His aircraft had been hit by shells and bullets in innumerable places but he flew it to base. This airman displayed courage and resolution of a high order.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 30th January, 1945 (p. 640, col. 2) (Awards of Legion of Merit). Under heading "Degree of Chief Commander," regarding Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford LEIGH-MALLORY, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.A.F. for "since deceased" read "since missing."

Delete heading and all reference to award of Order of Kutuzov (1st Class) to Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford LEIGH-MALLORY, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.A.F., award previously announced on 31st October, 1944 (p. 4980, col. 2).

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