

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Henry DUNKLEY, Aus.413358), R.A.A.F., 464 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer joined the squadron at the beginning of 1944. His keenness was quickly evident and in attacks on enemy airfields he displayed high qualities of skill and courage. Afterwards Squadron Leader Dunkley participated in a number of other operational missions on one of which his aircraft was so badly hit that he was forced to leave by parachute. On landing Squadron Leader Dunkley injured his foot. He soon resumed operational flying and in subsequent attacks on such targets as locomotives, barges, troop concentrations and other objectives, this officer achieved much success by his great skill and daring. His efforts have been untiring.

Acting Squadron Leader Walter James HIBBERT (120487), R.A.F.V.R., 274 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties. Within recent months he has led his flight and, on occasions, the squadron, on a variety of enemy targets with good results. His successes include the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. This officer has set a fine example of resolution throughout.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Smith BARTON (Can/J.13606), R.C.A.F., 400 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of reconnaissances and has been responsible for securing much valuable information. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Barton was detailed to photograph an area in the Rees sector. During the operation much anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Barton successfully accomplished his task and then, acting on his own initiative, went on to reconnoitre the whole of the Rhine river between Emmerich and Wesel. In this well executed sortie, Flight Lieutenant Barton displayed skill, courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Ambrose HOLBECH (122420), R.A.F.V.R., 2 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them in adverse weather. In the execution of many low-level photographic reconnaissances, Flight Lieutenant Holbech has invariably displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage in the face of much opposing fire. On one occasion, Flight Lieutenant Holbech was detailed to reconnoitre the causeway leading to the island of South Beveland, prior to the assault by our ground forces. Owing to low cloud, he had to fly at low level down the causeway in the face of continuous anti-aircraft fire. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Holbech secured excellent photographs which proved of immense value. His work was of the highest standard.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Frederick Bridges STEVENS (Can/C.1498), R.C.A.F., 430 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including very many reconnaissances over the battle areas. The excellent photographs he has secured, often in the face of much opposition, reflect the greatest credit on his undoubted skill and persistence. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Stevens was detailed to photograph an area comprising a heavily-defended river line. Just as he commenced his run-in, at very low level, his aircraft was struck by an anti-aircraft shell. The canopy above Flight Lieutenant Stevens's head was torn away and a jagged hole was torn in the frame of the aircraft. In spite of this Flight Lieutenant Stevens completed a successful run, obtaining photographs which proved of great value to our ground forces. His skill and courage were in keeping with that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer William George JUDSON (N.Z.413425), R.N.Z.A.F., 487 (N.Z.) Sqn.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and fortitude of a high order.

Flying Officer Frederick Roland WALKER (148168), R.A.F.V.R., 184 Sqn.

Flying Officer Walker has displayed great zest for air operations and has completed a large number of varied sorties. Cool, skilful and resolute, Flying Officer Walker has set a splendid example in pressing home his attacks and he has been responsible for inflicting much loss on the enemy. In March, 1945, this officer led his section in an attack on a number of mechanical vehicles, many of which were left burning. Later in the day, Flying Officer Walker took part in an

attack against some buildings very close to our own forward troops. A high degree of accuracy was essential but the attack was pressed home with great skill. Our attacking ground forces were thus able to walk into the enemy strong point immediately afterwards.

Pilot Officer Thomas Frederick TAYLOR (188134), R.A.F.V.R., 488 (N.Z.) Sqn.

As observer, Pilot Officer Taylor has participated in a large number of sorties. He is a most skilful and devoted member of aircraft crew, whose coolness and courage in action have set a fine example. Pilot Officer Taylor has assisted in the destruction of five enemy aircraft.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1459728 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Roland William John ALLEN, R.A.F.V.R., 98 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Allen has taken part in a large number of sorties, many of them against heavily defended targets. He has proved himself to be a keen, resolute and devoted crew member and his example has been most commendable.

#### *Air Ministry, 8th May, 1945.*

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

#### *Distinguished Service Order.*

*Acting Air Commodore.*

Douglas Griffith MORRIS, C.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F.

*Acting Wing Commander.*

James Bernard GRANT, D.F.C. (33313), R.A.F., 58 Sqn.

#### *Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Squadron Leader.*

John Munroe GARLICK, D.F.C. (45425), R.A.F., 97 Sqn., with effect from 1st Dec. 1943 (since deceased).

*Flight Lieutenant.*

Wilfred Cyril RICHES, D.F.C. (121448), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn., with effect from 6th July 1944 (since deceased).

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Wing Commander.*

Basil Alexander Charles WOOD (33151), R.A.F., 240 Sqn.

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

John Marchbank BETTS, A.F.C. (85657), R.A.F.V.R., 226 Sqn.

Norman John DURRANT (60095), R.A.F.V.R., 198 Sqn.

Ronald HADLEY (102608), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn., with effect from 15th Dec. 1943 (since deceased).

Thomas William Albert HUTTON (124855), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn., with effect from 4th Jan. 1944.

Emanuel Barnett LYONS (83269), R.A.F.V.R., 222 Sqn.

Peter Alan Scott THOMPSON (110891), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

Hugh Marsden Hough TUDOR (124527), R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.

Reginald Henry WOOD (65565), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Robert Lewis BEVERLEY (74712), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Antony Gerald BROWNSILL (88651), R.A.F.V.R., 179 Sqn.

Keith DURBRIDGE, D.F.M. (143999), R.A.F.V.R., 542 Sqn.

John Wilson HARPER (141737), R.A.F.V.R., 177 Sqn.

Harold Thomas HERBERT (136664), R.A.F.V.R., 541 Sqn.

Richard Brian JACKSON (139990), R.A.F.V.R., 42 Sqn.

Percival Thomas PRATT (116988), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

William Goring POTTER (65552), R.A.F.V.R., 107 Sqn.

Ronald Edward ROBINSON (136191), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

Robert James RYLEY (118478), R.A.F.V.R., 42 Sqn.

Anthony SEAGER (80265), R.A.F.V.R., 80 Sqn.