

Flight Lieutenant Donald Ralph CAMPBELL, D.F.C. (Can/J.24406), R.C.A.F., 196 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in numerous attacks against the enemy including the airborne operations against Arnhem. In March, 1945, he took part in an airborne mission east of the Rhine. When setting course over base the port inner engine failed. Although the airspeed was affected, Flight Lieutenant Campbell continued his mission and by skilful flying, maintained height and eventually released his glider at the correct landing zone with the minimum loss of time. His consistent good work together with his keenness and determination has set a fine example to all.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Trenham Christopher MUSGRAVE, O.B.E. (41726), R.A.F.O., 296 Sqn.

This officer has displayed devotion to duty of the highest standard. In August, 1943, Wing Commander Musgrave was injured in a flying accident. As a result his left leg was amputated. On his recovery, within 3 months, Wing Commander Musgrave resumed operational flying. On every possible occasion he led the squadron against various targets with great skill. Wing Commander Musgrave has commanded this squadron for many months and much of the success achieved can be attributed to his skilful leadership and outstanding resolution. His example has impressed all.

Acting Wing Commander John Bernard NICHOLLS (Aus.403760), R.A.A.F., 35 Sqn.

Wing Commander Nicholls has taken part in a large number of sorties, including very many bombing missions. He has displayed a high standard of devotion to duty and his successes are a good tribute to his fine qualities of skill and courage. On one occasion, in April, 1945, Wing Commander Nicholls piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Potsdam. En route to the target, the port outer engine failed and the propeller had to be feathered. Undeterred, this resolute pilot continued to the target which he eventually attacked at a height less than originally planned. He afterwards returned safely to base. His determination was typical of that which he has shown on all occasions.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Robert LEDINGHAM (Can/J.12266), R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in many sorties against a wide variety of targets, including Hanover, Duisburg and Dusseldorf. On two occasions his aircraft has sustained severe damage, but with characteristic skill and gallantry he has brought the aircraft safely back to base. As flight commander, this officer has at all times displayed outstanding tenacity and courage and has set a fine example to all.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Joseph HEARNE (129957), R.A.F.V.R., No. 19 Sqn.

On his second tour of operational duty this officer has completed many sorties including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. He has always displayed the greatest keenness for operations during which he has been responsible for the destruction of four enemy aircraft, one of them during an escort mission in April, 1945. Squadron Leader Hearne has invariably shown a high degree of courage.

Flight Lieutenant Cecil Ronald BRADFORD (Can/J.12027), R.C.A.F., 212 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice SHNIDER (Can/J.13755), R.C.A.F., 212 Sqn.

These officers as pilot and navigator respectively have completed many long and arduous sorties and have consistently displayed a high standard of skill and determination. On two occasions they have flown with great distinction in air sea rescue missions during which they have succeeded in rescuing a number of personnel. These operations called for the highest standard of flying and navigational skill and the successes obtained reflect the greatest credit on the ability shown by these officers.

Flight Lieutenant Patrick Kitchener DEANE (Can/J.13844), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Throughout his tour of operational duty, this officer has set a high standard of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty. In February, 1945, he was the navigator in an aircraft detailed to attack Kamen. On the bombing run the aircraft was subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire and sustained

damage. A large piece of shrapnel pierced the fuselage and struck Flight Lieutenant Deane over the heart. Although in great pain, Flight Lieutenant Deane refused to leave his post. Not until he was satisfied that he had done everything possible to assist in executing a successful attack would he consent to take a rest. His example on this occasion was in keeping with that which he has shown at all times.

Flight Lieutenant Harold LANNING (50995), R.A.F., 644 Sqn.

As wireless operator this officer has completed a large number of sorties, including the airborne operations against Arnhem and those in support of the Rhine crossing. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and throughout has set a fine example of devotion to duty. Flight Lieutenant Lanning has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Flight Lieutenant Graham Stuart PEARSON (127224), R.A.F.V.R., 65 Sqn.

This officer has at all times displayed great keenness and determination in air operations. He has participated in a large number of sorties including numerous escort missions to bomber formations. Many of these sorties have involved long and hazardous sea crossings often in very adverse weather. His outstanding ability and unflinching devotion to duty have set a fine example to all. Flight Lieutenant Pearson has destroyed four enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant John Lyall STORMS (Can/J.20845), R.C.A.F., 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Storms has an excellent operational record. He has completed many bombing attacks against the enemy and also numerous mine-laying missions. He has shown skill of a high standard and has invariably pressed home his attacks with exceptional determination, often in the face of heavy opposition. Whilst over Hamburg, in March, 1945, his aircraft sustained serious damage. Some five feet of one of the wings was torn away, thus rendering the aileron useless. Although the aircraft became difficult to control, Flight Lieutenant Storms pressed home his attack and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. He set a very fine example of devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant William Merle WALKER (Can/J.21276), R.C.A.F., 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in thirty-two sorties against enemy targets and has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and determination throughout. On one occasion in February, 1945, whilst over Essen, his aircraft sustained extensive damage. The propeller of one of the engines was pierced. Both wings were holed. The hydraulic system was put out of action and the tail unit was damaged. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Walker flew the aircraft to base. On two subsequent occasions this officer's aircraft has sustained damage whilst over his target but each time, Flight Lieutenant Walker has executed his attack and afterwards flown back to base. He is a fine captain, whose example has greatly inspired his crew.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Deane COOK (149369), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.

In air operations, this officer has displayed the highest standard of skill, courage and fortitude.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick Desmond MOSS (179566), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

One night in March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Moss was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Chemnitz. Soon after leaving the target following a successful attack, the aircraft was engaged by an enemy fighter. Severe damage was sustained. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Moss manoeuvred with much skill, enabling his gunners to bring their guns to bear on the attacker. The enemy attacked with great persistence, however, until finally a well placed burst, caused it to dive towards the ground with the engine on fire. Flight Lieutenant Moss's aircraft was very severely damaged and was now on fire. It became necessary to abandon it. Displaying great coolness this captain requested his crew to leave by parachute, meanwhile retaining a good measure of control of the burning aircraft, although in much distress due to the smoke and fumes and to burns to his face. After his comrades had got clear, Flight Lieutenant Moss