

subjected to extremely heavy fire from the ground defences. One engine was hit and rendered useless. Despite this the pilot held to his course. Although almost blinded by the glare of the searchlights, Flight Lieutenant Davies skilfully directed the bombing run and a successful attack was made. Considerable difficulty was experienced in evading the searchlights but, displaying great coolness, Flight Lieutenant Davies gave the necessary directions for the pilot to steer in order to avoid the worst concentrations. As course was set for this country considerable height had been lost but Flight Lieutenant Davies plotted his way home with great skill and his fine work played a worthy part in the safe return of the aircraft. Throughout the sortie, this officer displayed commendable coolness and resolution and proved a tower of strength in difficult circumstances. *

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony HARTE-LOVELACE (42060), R.A.F.O., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed a notable tour of operations during which he has attacked many of the most strongly defended targets in Germany. He has displayed a high standard of skill and gallantry and throughout his determination to make every sortie a success has been most commendable. Recently, Squadron Leader Harte-Lovelace took part in an attack on a target in France. When a considerable distance from his objective one engine became useless. Some height and speed were lost but this did not deter Squadron Leader Harte-Lovelace who went on to bomb his target. This officer is a most able flight commander and he has rendered great service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Flying Officer Bernhorst Hermanus BOTHA (155758), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his third tour of operations during which he has attacked a wide range of targets, including Berlin, Frankfurt and Stuttgart and other well-defended targets in Germany. He has at all times displayed outstanding keenness and his determination to press home his attacks has earned him many successes. Flying Officer Botha has rendered loyal and devoted service and his example has been most inspiring.

Pilot Officer Thor Bjorgvin FJELDSTED (Can/J.19797), R.C.A.F. 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, including attacks on Berlin, Hanover, Mannheim and many other well-defended targets. He has invariably displayed the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty, and his navigational ability has been a prominent factor in the successes obtained. He has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Pilot Officer Ronald William TUCK (172064), R.A.F.V.R., No. 21 Sqn

This officer has completed many sorties against a variety of targets and has set a fine example of skill, courage and tenacity. On one occasion recently his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. A large hole was torn in the fuselage, part of the mainplane was torn away, whilst the nose of the aircraft was very badly damaged. Great physical exertion was necessary in order to maintain a measure of control but Pilot Officer Tuck held resolutely to his task and succeeded in flying the aircraft to an airfield in this country. He displayed skill, and fortitude of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer George Thomas GRAHAM (Can/J.14729), R.C.A.F. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.80349 Sergeant Leonard Frank MARTIN, R.C.A.F. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In air operations this officer and airman have displayed courage and fortitude of a high order.

Air Ministry, 27th June, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Thomas PRESTON, D.F.C. (33334), R.A.F., 625 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader Sidney John BEARD, D.F.C. (89597), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Harold GRANT-DALTON, D.F.C. (88036), R.A.F.V.R., 100 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Harold GOLDSTRAW, D.F.C. (51328), R.A.F., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Lee WAKE, D.F.C. (120992), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Flying Officer Richard MASCALL, D.F.C. (143490), R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Group Captain.

Alexander Annan ADAMS (29156), R.A.F., 49 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

John SIMPSON (60796), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Edward John CHIDGEY (131540), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Ronald Charles MACANDREW (68180), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

Barcroft Melrose MATHERS (44634), R.A.F., 156 Sqn.

Arthur James PUTNAM (115310), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenants.

Norman Henry FREDMAN (115624), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Cyril Joseph GINDER (82182), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Howell Thomas JOHN (119299), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Henry Lawrence MCCARTHY (123974), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.

Walter Aisne WILLIAMSON (107159), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Arthur Eric BILLSON (130521), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

Clifford Stanley CHATTEN, D.S.O. (149529), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.

Paul Adrian CUNNINGHAM (135293), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

Michael Pulsford FLOYD (155265), R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.

Douglas Uphill GIBBS (155008), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Ronald Arthur WALKER (149550), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Flying Officers—

Dennis Herbert ACWORTH (141163), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

James BARR (159928), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Alfred Henry BIGNELL (138073), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

James BRNHAM (133804), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

John Arthur BRADWELL (157973), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Percy William BUTTLE (144447), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.

Clyde Frederick Adams CLOTHIER (146833), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Henry Bradfield COOPER (143866), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Kenneth Richard COX (149833), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

Douglas Louis CRAMP (139688), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Philip Louis Ulric CROSS (133060), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

Cyril John DUNN (155196), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Thomas David HALBERT (160855), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Reginald Arthur HINKLEY (156949), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

John Service MIDDLEMISS (158907), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.

Frederick Manuel MIFFLIN (155436), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

John Taylor MILLER (159773), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

Henry Richard MOSSOP (143942), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

Kenneth John NOTT (132997), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Kenneth William ODGERS (134160), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

Donald Augusto PAGLIERO (142377), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Reginald PENNICOTT (124876), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

James Edward Raw REES (149905), R.A.F.V.R., 463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Anthony Ernest RICHARDS (145499), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.