

destroyed two before his aircraft sustained damage. Nevertheless, he continued the combat and destroyed a further enemy aircraft, bringing his total to three destroyed. This officer has set a worthy example.

Flying Officer Harold Ernest SAYEAU (Can/J.19922), R.C.A.F. 106 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties as captain of aircraft and has at all times displayed outstanding determination and skill. One night in August, 1944, he was detailed for a mine-laying mission. The operation called for the highest standard of accuracy and resolution as the target area was very strongly defended. However, regardless of personal danger the mines were laid with great precision despite intense fire from the ground defences. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Acting Flying Officer Ronald Thomas John HOMES (173319), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

During August, 1944, Flying Officer Homes was pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Russelsheim. Soon after bombing the target the aircraft was engaged and damaged by an enemy fighter. One of the engines burst into flames, the hydraulic system was wrecked and both turrets were put out of action. The enemy aircraft continued the attack but by skilful manoeuvres Flying Officer Homes eventually evaded it. Then with exceptional skill and courage, this officer extinguished the flames in his damaged engine and flew his crippled aircraft safely back to this country and effected a successful emergency landing. Throughout his operational career Flying Officer Homes has displayed the highest degree of skill and courage.

Acting Flying Officer John Edgar Percival OXBORROW (176017), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, Flying Officer Oxborrow piloted an aircraft on a minelaying sortie. In view of the nature of the target extremely skilled and determined flying was required. Despite heavy opposition and the added difficulty of combating searchlight defences, this officer pressed home his attack. On the mining run his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and one engine was put out of action. Undeterred he continued the run and placed his mines in the correct position. He then brought his aircraft safely back to base without incurring any further damage. Flying Officer Oxborrow has completed many operations against a wide range of targets and his skill and devotion to duty have set a fine example.

Acting Flying Officer Raoul John WISKER (N.Z.415255), R.N.Z.A.F., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

On one occasion in July, 1944, Flying Officer Wisker was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack a flying bomb site near Lizzieux. On the bombing run, the aircraft was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire, one shell bursting immediately beneath the starboard wing causing the aircraft to go into a violent spiral dive. This officer managed to regain control, however, and despite severe damage to the aircraft, he made a second bombing run and executed a successful attack. It was later discovered that his aircraft had sustained 205 holes. Flying Officer Wisker has just completed a most successful tour of operations and throughout has proved himself to be a keen and conscientious pilot.

Pilot Officer Malcolm MACNEIL (Can/J.87594), R.C.A.F., 83 Sqn.

In August, 1944, Pilot Officer MacNeil was bomb aimer of an aircraft detailed for a sortie against a target in France. During the operation the aircraft was intercepted by enemy fighters and in the ensuing engagement sustained severe damage. The front gunner was trapped in his turret and the rear gunner lay severely injured as the aircraft fell out of control. The pilot succeeded in regaining control, however, and Pilot Officer MacNeil, who had displayed great coolness throughout, promptly went to the assistance of the front gunner whom he freed. He then went to the rear turret where he released the other injured comrade and gave him first aid. This done, he manned the rear turret until the English coast was reached. He displayed outstanding coolness and determination under most harassing circumstances. Pilot Officer MacNeil has completed a large number of sorties against a wide range of targets.

Warrant Officer Cyril Aubrey NEWARK (743086), R.A.F.V.R., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer Newark has completed a large number of sorties against a wide range of targets. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination and his example has been most inspiring. He participated in the first of the 1,000 bomber raids against Cologne in May, 1942, and again in June, 1942, against the Ruhr.

Warrant Officer Ralph WALKER (1435348), R.A.F.V.R., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer Walker has participated in very many sorties including anti-shipping attacks and several successful reconnaissance flights. On a recent operation against an enemy convoy off the Dutch coast, despite the fact that his aircraft was severely damaged, this officer pressed home his attack with great skill and determination and brought his damaged aircraft safely back to base. His consistent good work has done much towards the successes achieved.

#### *Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Warrant Officer Harold Arthur CORBIN (1295151), R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

This officer has taken part in many sorties, several of them being attacks on enemy shipping. On these operations many vessels of varying classes have been successfully attacked despite heavy enemy opposition. Throughout, Warrant Officer Corbin has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1620607 Flight Sergeant Albert Leslie PLIMMER, R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Plimmer has participated in many sorties as air bomber. On a recent operation he was detailed for a daylight attack on an enemy airfield. On the outward flight, the aircraft was hit by enemy fire from the ground defences and this airman was wounded in the right arm. Despite this, with exceptional coolness and determination, he successfully directed his captain to the target and by skilful use of his bomb sight made an accurate bombing attack. His courage and determination to press home his attack are worthy of the highest praise.

#### *Air Ministry, 17th October, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards.

#### *Distinguished Service Order.*

##### *Squadron Leader.*

David Laurence PITT, D.F.C., A.F.C. (83986), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

##### *Squadron Leaders.*

Peter Dickson SQUIRES (40954), R.A.F.O., 271 Sqn.  
Paul WEBB, (90171), A.A.F., 253 Sqn.

##### *Acting Squadron Leaders.*

Charlton HAW, D.F.M. (117992), R.A.F.V.R., 129 Sqn.  
George Rupert PUSHMAN (42260), R.A.F.O., 88 Sqn.

##### *Flight Lieutenants.*

Ivor Daniel CHARLES (111966), R.A.F.V.R., 39 Sqn.  
Edward Joseph HARROD (45654), R.A.F., 267 Sqn.  
Cyril Charles ISAAC (127859), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.  
Eric MARTIN (122086), R.A.F.V.R., 16 Sqn.  
Frederick William PAWSEY (49089), R.A.F., 253 Sqn.  
Paul Douglas PETRIE (47541), R.A.F., 16 Sqn.  
Arthur Vernon SANDERS (80144), R.A.F.V.R., 266 Sqn.  
George Frederick SILVESTER (113838), R.A.F.V.R., 32 Sqn.  
John Harold Whishaw YEATES (106191), R.A.F.V.R., 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

##### *Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

David Johnstone DONNET (130303), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

##### *Flying Officers.*

John Patrick Joseph BROWNE (133663), R.A.F.V.R., 39 Sqn.