

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)

Sgt. E. F. HICKS, No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—For citation see P/O. Hopkins, D.S.O.

Flt. Sgt. R. S. HOGG, No. 49 Sqn.—This airman has participated in a large number of operational sorties which have included a high proportion of attacks on Essen, Hamburg, and targets in the Ruhr.

Sgt. R. K. HEWITT, D.F.M., No. 61 Sqn.—This airman has completed a number of sorties since the award of the D.F.M. His courage and efficiency as a member of aircraft crew have always been of a very high order and have contributed much to the successful completion of many missions. On one occasion, when returning from an operational sortie, his aircraft was attacked by four enemy fighters. Sgt. Hewitt displayed the utmost courage and coolness in assisting to extinguish a fire which had resulted from the engagement.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Medal

Flt. Sgt. J. H. ALLEN, D.F.M., No. 83 Sqn.—Since the award of the D.F.M. this airman has completed numerous operational sorties. Map-reading and bomb-aiming duties have been performed with especial efficiency by this airman on many operations against heavily defended enemy objectives. In December, 1942, while on a raid on Frankfurt, one engine of his aircraft became disabled early on in the outward flight. Over the target the aircraft was heavily engaged by anti-aircraft fire and held in searchlights. Flt. Sgt. Allen, with great determination and coolness, gave his captain instructions for evasive action, and also directed him to the objective which was bombed accurately.

Flt. Sgt. E. H. MANTLE, D.F.M., No. 105 Sqn.—Since the award of the D.F.M., Flt. Sgt. Mantle has completed numerous operational flights as wireless operator. On two occasions, when damage has been sustained to the wireless equipment or when parts have become unserviceable, he has displayed admirable ingenuity in improvising repairs which have enabled the aircraft to contact base and assisted in making a safe landing.

Flt. Sgt. E. MILLS, D.F.M., No. 83 Sqn.—This airman has completed a number of operational sorties since being awarded the D.F.M. He has participated in attacks on the most heavily defended targets in Germany, including daylight sorties to Danzig and the Ruhr. On one occasion he was returning from Essen in an aircraft with only two engines functioning when it was attacked by two Me 110s and two Fw 190s. Flt. Sgt. Mills fought off the attackers, probably destroying one Fw 190. On several occasions his keenness and alertness in the air have enabled his captain to avoid engagements when on long-distance flights to the Baltic and Italy.

Distinguished Flying Medal

Sgt. F. C. BLAIR, No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—For citation see P/O. Hopkins, D.S.O.

Flt. Sgt. W. W. DRECHSLER, R.C.A.F., No. 150 Sqn.—In most hazardous circumstances this airman has displayed courage and fortitude worthy of the highest praise during air operations.

Flt. Sgt. (now P/O.) J. M. BISSETT, R.C.A.F., No. 78 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Bissett has displayed great courage and determination to accomplish his tasks successfully. He has taken part in many sorties, including attacks on various targets in the well-defended Ruhr area.

Flt. Sgt. T. S. COOK, No. 61 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Cook has participated in sorties including targets at Berlin, Bremen, Essen and Hamburg. In March, 1943, when returning from a mine-laying operation, his aircraft was attacked by four enemy fighters from close range. Owing to Flt. Sgt. Cook's skill his aircraft escaped serious damage and one of the attackers was observed to dive away out of control.

Flt. Sgt. I. CORNFIELD, No. 35 Sqn.—This airman has taken part in a large number of operational sorties and has invariably displayed keenness. His skilful advice and vigilance have enabled his captain to avoid enemy attackers and thus contributed greatly to the success of the sorties.

Flt. Sgt. A. K. COX, No. 101 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Cox is a courageous and efficient air-gunner who has taken part in numerous sorties over enemy occupied territory.

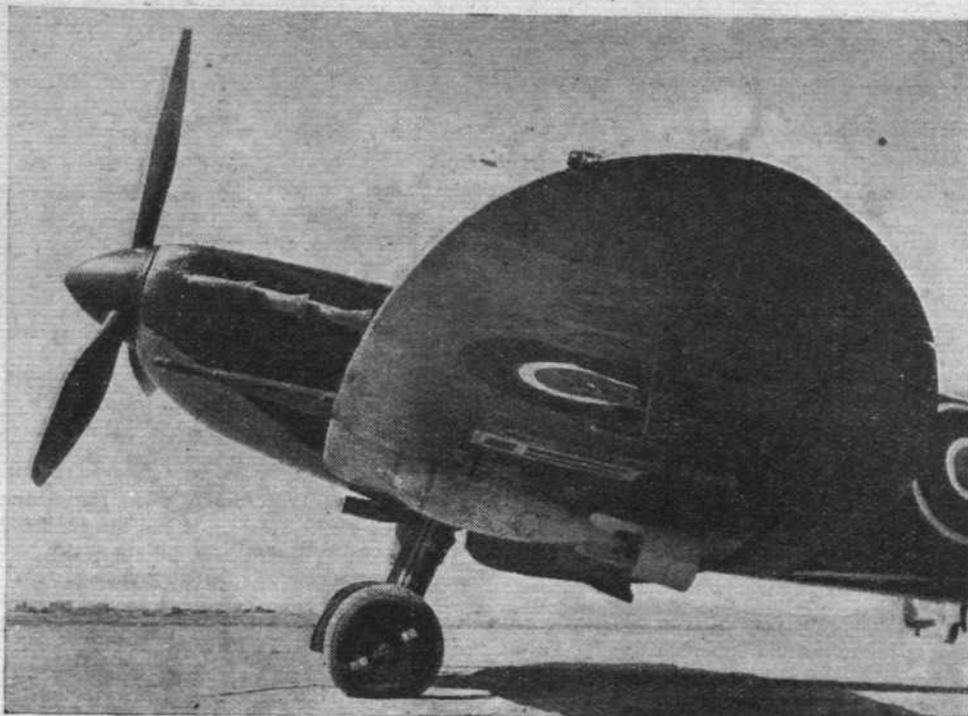
Flt. Sgt. G. CURRY, No. 77 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Curry has taken part in a large number of operational sorties and anti-submarine patrols. In July, 1942, the aircraft in which he was flying on patrol over the Bay of Biscay was attacked by an enemy fighter. The front gunner was severely wounded. Flt. Sgt. Curry completed his task, and after assisting his wounded comrade from the forward position continued to man the guns until the attack was frustrated.

Flt. Sgt. T. E. DONE, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—This airman has participated in attacks on a wide variety of targets, including Berlin, Essen, Cologne, Bremen, and many other well-defended areas; he also flew on the daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan.

Flt. Sgt. J. F. EDWARDS, No. 61 Sqn.—This airman has completed numerous operational sorties over very heavily defended targets in Germany, including Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and Essen.

Flt. Sgt. S. EWEN, No. 10 Sqn.—In October, 1942, when crossing the Alps on the way to Genoa, the inter-communication system in Flt. Sgt. Ewen's aircraft failed. He dismantled the set and restored it to serviceability within an hour.

Flt. Sgt. J. H. GILMORE, R.C.A.F., No. 101 Sqn.—In the face of all hazards he has frequently completed his mission successfully, despite strong enemy opposition. During an attack against Turin in December, 1942, he bombed the target successfully, undeterred by exceptionally adverse weather. One night in December, 1942, by skilful



CANNON AND BOMB: A mark V Spitfire with 250 lb. bombs fitted under the wing. This famous fighter now provides height-cover and zero-ft. strafing.

airmanship, he evaded three attacks by enemy night fighters. Flt. Sgt. Gilmore also proved his ability to deal with difficult situations during an attack on Essen in January, 1943. His aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire and the wireless operator wounded, but by cool and calculated handling of the aircraft Flt. Sgt. Gilmore again reached home safely.

Flt. Sgt. L. J. HAMPTON, No. 10 Sqn.—Whilst returning from a raid on Essen recently Flt. Sgt. Hampton's aircraft was shot down into the sea in the vicinity of the Dutch coast. He and his crew were rescued three days later by an Air/Sea Rescue Launch after undergoing extreme hardships. The rescue was completed under fire from three enemy "E" boats. In spite of this grim ordeal, this captain has continued to operate with undiminished ardour. During an attack on Kiel in October, 1942, his aircraft was illuminated by searchlights and repeatedly hit by gun fire. In spite of this Flt. Sgt. Hampton dived down from 14,000 ft. to 6,000 ft. to bomb, and secured outstanding photographs.

Flt. Sgt. G. E. HEATH, R.A.A.F., No. 460 Sqn.—This airman has taken part in many successful sorties, including a raid on Milan and three on Berlin; his last sortie was against the last named city on the night March 1st, 1943.

Flt. Sgt. G. JACKSON, No. 207 Sqn.—This airman is an enthusiastic and efficient air gunner, who has completed a large number of operational missions, which have included many raids on industrial centres in Germany and a successful daylight attack on Le Creusot. On one occasion, when engaged in mine laying, he effectively attacked enemy anti-aircraft ships and thereby contributed largely to the success of the sortie.

Utmost Courage

Flt. Sgt. D. J. MCCOY, R.C.A.F., No. 78 Sqn.—As air gunner Flt. Sgt. McCoy has taken part in many operational sorties, always showing the utmost courage in the face of the enemy. Recently he has flown on operations to Berlin and the Ruhr.

Flt. Sgt. A. W. MACRAE, R.A.A.F., No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—This airman has served as an air bomber, successfully completing 30 operational sorties over Germany and Occupied Europe, including two raids on Essen, where he obtained hits on the Krupp works.

Flt. Sgt. J. MCCREM, No. 156 Sqn.—During his service with the squadron this airman has displayed exceptional knowledge and skill in the performance of his duties. He has participated in operational sorties against objectives in Germany, Italy and occupied territory, which have been attended with a large measure of success.

Flt. Sgt. (now P/O.) C. P. McDONALD, R.C.A.F., No. 9 Sqn.—This airman is an outstanding captain of aircraft who has invariably exhibited the greatest keenness and enthusiasm for operations. He always presses home his attacks with the utmost vigour, and has completed operations against many of the most strongly defended objectives in enemy territory, including Bremen, Essen and Le Creusot. On two occasions, undeterred by the failure of one engine, before leaving the English coast, he has continued and successfully located and bombed his target.

Flt. Sgt. P. H. MCKENNA, No. 12 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. McKenna, who is now serving on his second tour of operations, has participated in sorties against Munich, Wilhelmshaven, Cologne and Essen.

Flt. Sgt. G. MADDERN, R.A.A.F., No. 105 Sqn.

—Since October, 1942, this airman has taken part in many operational sorties, always pressing home his attacks with accuracy and determination and often obtaining excellent photographs.

Flt. Sgt. J. N. P. MARTIN, No. 49 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Martin has participated in many operational sorties. He has always shown outstanding ability as a gunner and wireless operator. On the many occasions that Flt. Sgt. Martin's aircraft has been subjected to accurate and intense gunfire when over the target area, he has consistently given his captain the greatest possible assistance.

Flt. Sgt. J. W. MOORE, R.A.A.F., No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Moore, a wireless operator of very high calibre, has completed 30 operational sorties against targets in Germany, Italy and Occupied France, including Lorient, St. Nazaire, Berlin and Essen.

100ft. Over Lorient

Flt. Sgt. C. PASSINGHAM, No. 214 Sqn.—As air gunner, Flt. Sgt. Passingham has taken part in a large number of operational sorties over Germany and the occupied countries. On three of these he has used his guns most effectively on ground targets, damaging enemy trains and a factory. He also attacked enemy searchlights at Lorient from a height of only 100 feet. Flt. Sgt. Passingham's aircraft has been attacked by enemy night fighters on several occasions, once by three Me 110s at the same time. Recently on two occasions he has been engaged in air combats with hostile aircraft, but each time, owing to his fine gunnery, the attack has been frustrated. This airman has been involved in several bad crashes, but despite this his enthusiasm is undiminished.

Flt. Sgt. E. POVEY (now P/O.), No. 207 Sqn.—This airman, a most able and efficient navigator, has participated in sorties against targets in Berlin, Essen and Turin, the success of which has been largely due to his cool determination regardless of difficulties.

Flt. Sgt. J. RENVOIZE, No. 138 Sqn.—A wireless operator of great ability, Flt. Sgt. Renvoize has completed 43 operational sorties. On several occasions, in adverse weather, his efficiency and resourcefulness has enabled his aircraft to make a safe return.

Flt. Sgt. I. R. RICHARDSON, R.A.A.F., No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—This airman has taken part in many operational sorties over Germany, Occupied France and Italy. In the height of attack, Flt. Sgt. Richardson has shown a quiet confidence, checking his calculations with a calm deliberation and thus contributing largely to the safe return of the bomber through heavily defended zones.

Flt. Sgt. L. ROBERTS, No. 161 Sqn.—Flt. Sgt. Roberts has flown on operations since the beginning of the war. A first-class wireless operator, he inspires confidence in all with whom he flies.

Flt. Sgt. A. R. ROWSELL, R.N.Z.A.F., No. 207 Sqn.—This airman has participated in many operational sorties against heavily defended targets in Germany. He also took part in the highly successful daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan. On one occasion when his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters much damage was sustained which rendered the aircraft difficult to control. Flt. Sgt. Rowsell acted as fire controller from the astrodome until the attackers broke away. This airman then released the rear gunner who was trapped in his damaged turret, afterwards assisting his pilot to control the aircraft.

Flt. Sgt. J. A. SAINT-SMITH, R.A.A.F., No. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.—This airman has dislaved out-