

flew safely back to base. As squadron commander, he has set a fine example by his great skill, good judgment and outstanding determination.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Francis ARCHAMBAULT (Can/J.11286), R.C.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Archambault has completed many sorties against such targets as Duisburg, Cologne and Dusseldorf. On one occasion in January, 1945, he was detailed to attack Chemnitz. On the outward flight some important equipment became unserviceable. Later, trouble was experienced with the port outer engine. Undeterred, this officer proceeded to the target which was successfully bombed despite intense enemy activity. He has at all times displayed the utmost determination and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Butts BENTON, (Can/J.22891), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has at all times proved a keen and reliable captain of aircraft and has displayed courage and skill of a high order. One night in January, 1945, he was detailed to attack Saarbrücken. Soon after taking off the port inner engine failed. Undeterred, Flight Lieutenant Benton continued to the target which was successfully attacked. This officer has completed many sorties and his determination to press home his attacks on the enemy has set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur William BROWNE (Can/J.26970), R.C.A.F., 550 Sqn.

One night in April, 1945, this officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Planen. On the outward flight the starboard inner engine caught fire and had to be put out of action. Although some height was lost, Flight Lieutenant Browne continued to the target which he attacked in the face of considerable and accurate anti-aircraft fire. His aircraft sustained damage to the bomb bays. On the homeward flight another engine failed. Nevertheless, this determined pilot skilfully flew his aircraft back to base where he effected a safe landing. This officer has completed numerous sorties and has displayed courage and determination of the highest order.

Flight Lieutenant Alan Craig DAVIES (Can/J.19015), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed two tours of operational duty during which he has attacked a wide range of enemy targets. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and throughout has set a fine example of devotion to duty. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Davies participated in an attack against Gladbach. By his skilful leadership, this officer contributed materially to the success obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Melville FORSTER (106650), R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties during which he has most effectively attacked a variety of enemy targets, including aircraft on the ground, locomotives and mechanical transport. In March, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Forster piloted an aircraft in an attack against the harbour installations at Venice. Despite heavy fire from the ground defences, Flight Lieutenant Forster pressed home a most accurate attack which resulted in the destruction of a portion of the quayside. This officer displayed great skill and courage throughout.

Flight Lieutenant David Charles GONYEA (Can/J.12557), R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties as pilot and captain of aircraft. His qualities of courage and determination were well reflected on one occasion in March, 1945, when he was badly wounded in the shoulder by anti-aircraft fire. Despite intense pain he flew on to his target which he successfully bombed. On the return flight his arm became completely useless. Although suffering great pain, Flight Lieutenant Gonyea flew his aircraft back to base and effected a safe landing. He afterwards collapsed. This officer set a fine example of courage, fortitude and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Bertram Morris KAPLANSKY (Can/J.16510), R.C.A.F., 431 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of devotion to duty throughout his operational career. He has taken part in very many sorties during which he has attacked such targets as Mannheim, Essen, Stuttgart and Dortmund. The successes obtained are a fine tribute to this pilot's great skill, courage and tenacity.

Captain Annesley Moore COOKE (328314V), S.A.A.F., 245 Sqn.

This officer has executed very many harassing attacks on a variety of enemy targets. In April, 1945, Captain Cooke led his flight with great skill and courage in an attack against a number of enemy self propelled guns. As a result our ground forces were enabled to move forward and gain their objective. Some days later, Captain Cooke led the squadron in an attack on various targets in the village of Bramsche. The results achieved greatly mitigated the task of our attacking forward troops. By his undoubted ability, fearlessness and devotion to duty, this officer has set a splendid example.

Flying Officer Duncun Roderick BLACK (Can/J.89826), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Black has completed many operational missions and has proved an efficient and determined captain of aircraft. This was amply demonstrated in March, 1945, when detailed to attack Cologne. Soon after taking off, the starboard outer engine became unserviceable. Although some height was lost, this officer continued to the target which he successfully attacked. Throughout he displayed fine airmanship and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Bruce Burrard GRAY (Can/J.18650), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As air gunner, this officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty during which a wide range of enemy targets have been attacked. He has proved himself to be a highly efficient, vigilant and resolute member of aircraft crew, whose devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flying Officer William French GRIFFITHS (Can/J.19961), R.C.A.F., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As air gunner, Flying Officer Griffiths has participated in a large number of sorties. He has at all times displayed great devotion to duty. On one occasion in January, 1945, during a sortie against Stuttgart, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. Directing his captain to take the necessary evading action, Flying Officer Griffiths coolly withheld his fire until the enemy came into close range. Then, with a well placed burst he succeeded in shooting down the attacker. By his vigilance and skill, Flying Officer Griffiths contributed greatly to the safe return of the aircraft.

Flying Officer Percy Charles O'CONNOR, (Can/J.17736), R.C.A.F., 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in many sorties as wireless operator. In March, 1945, while attacking a target in Germany, his aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer O'Connor was wounded sustaining severe injuries to the chest and forehead. Despite intense pain, he remained at his post until the target had been successfully attacked and the aircraft was well clear of enemy defences. His determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with that which he has invariably shown.

Flying Officer Graeme Frederick REED (N.Z.402215), R.N.Z.A.F., 219 Sqn.

Flying Officer Ralph BRICKER (146684), R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively, Flying Officers Reed and Bricker have undertaken very many sorties. They have invariably displayed a high degree of skill and throughout their devotion to duty has been unswerving. During a sortie one night in March, 1945, in extremely adverse weather, they destroyed a Junkers 88. The next night they were responsible for the destruction of another enemy aircraft operating over the Rhine bridgeheads. Their conduct at all times has been exemplary.

Flying Officer Peter James SPELLMAN (152252), R.A.F.V.R., 182 Sqn.

This officer has always displayed the greatest keenness to attack the enemy. He has participated in a large number of sorties, including harassing attacks on such targets as gun positions, locomotives, barges and mechanical transport. In March, 1945, Flying Officer Spellman flew the leading aircraft of a section engaged on armed reconnaissance. Whilst over an area north of the Rhine, a concentration of enemy mechanical vehicles was sighted. The target was promptly attacked. During the operation, Flying Officer Spellman was wounded when his aircraft was struck by several light enemy shells. Disregarding his injuries, this brave pilot attempted to lead