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ROYAL AIR FORCE AWARDS No.324

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:-

BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Acting Squadron Leader Roderick Aeneas Chisholm, D.F.C., Auxiliary Air Force, No.604 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in March, 1941, this officer has destroyed 5 enemy bombers at night, thus bringing his victories to 7 destroyed. By his exceptional skill, Squadron Leader Chisholm has been largely responsible for the high standard of efficiency shown by his flight.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Desmond Joseph Lovell, D.F.C., No.145 Squadron. This officer is a fearless and skilful fighter pilot. His keenness to engage the enemy, combined with fine leadership, both in the air and on the ground, has set an inspiring example. In November, 1941, Squadron Leader Lovell shot down a Junkers 88 some 35 miles off the Yorkshire coast. In January, 1942, in the same area and in difficult weather conditions, he intercepted another Junkers 88 and shot it down into the sea. This officer has personally destroyed at least 11 hostile aircraft and has damaged others.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

N.Z.402136 Sergeant James Phillip Farrow, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No.408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. One night in January, 1942, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft which bombed Emden. The aircraft was subsequently attacked and badly damaged by the fire from 2 enemy fighters. Sergeant Farrow received a slight wound in the leg and the remaining members of the crew were seriously wounded. In the face of a harassing situation, Sergeant Farrow ordered the crew to abandon aircraft.

Unaware that his message had not been received, as the intercommunication system had broken down, and believing himself to be alone in the aircraft, he finally evaded his attackers and set an approximate course for England. Flying a badly damaged aircraft, on a dark moonless night, and with no instruments to aid him, Sergeant Farrow eventually reached this country, where he made a safe landing with the under-carriage retracted. By his skill and resolution, he saved both his aircraft and, unknowingly, his wounded crew.

This airman has participated in many operational missions and has always shown courage and tenacity worthy of high praise.

947148 Sergeant Edward William Briggs, No.15 Squadron.

565929 Sergeant Maurice Sidney Pepper, No.15 Squadron.

One night in January, 1942, Sergeants Briggs and Pepper were wireless operator and flight engineer, respectively, of an aircraft which carried out a successful operation against Munster. On leaving the target area, the aircraft was caught in a belt of searchlights and attacked by enemy fighters. During the first attack Sergeant Briggs was wounded in the leg. Despite considerable pain and loss of blood, he coolly continued his wireless duties until the aircraft reached this country.

Sergeant Pepper was wounded in the hand and knee, but he bravely made his way to the astro-dome, where, although suffering much pain, he rendered most valuable assistance to his pilot by directing the necessary avoiding action through a succession of attacks. He thus played a great part in the safe return of the aircraft to this country.

NOTES ON CAREERS.

Sqdn. Ldr. Chisholm was born in 1911. His home is at Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire. He was commissioned in No.604 (County of Middlesex) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, in 1931. He was awarded the D.F.C. in April, 1941, as flying officer, when it was stated:

"This officer has completed many hours of operational flying at night. He has at all times shown the greatest keenness and determination to seek and destroy the enemy and, during one night in March 1941 he succeeded in destroying two Heinkel 111's."

Sqdn. Ldr. Lovell, D.F.C., was born in CEYLON in 1919 and was educated at Ampleforth College, YORKS. He was commissioned in the R.A.F. in 1937. He was awarded the D.F.C. in November, 1940, as flight lieutenant, when it was stated:

"This officer has flown continuously on active operations against the enemy since war began. He has shown a fine fighting spirit and has led his flight, and on occasions his squadron, with great courage, coolness and determination. He has destroyed seven enemy aircraft."

Sgt. Farrow, R.N.Z.A.F., was born in 1918 at YGISBORNE, AUCKLAND, where his home still is. He was a lorry driver before enlisting in the R.N.Z.A.F. in July 1940 as pilot.

Sgt. Briggs was born in 1915 at DONCASTER. His home is at New Mills, Stockport. He was a Local Government clerk before enlisting in January 1940 as wireless operator air gunner.

Sgt. Pepper was born in 1915 at SMETHWICK, BIRMINGHAM. His home is now at Handsworth. He was a clerk before he enlisted in 1932 as fitter. He is now a flight engineer.

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