

**CANADIANS ON RADAR**  
**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**  
**1940 -1945**  
**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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## FOREWORD

The list of honours and awards granted to radar technical officers and airmen radar mechanics of the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II was first compiled as a chapter for "**Canadians on Radar Royal Canadian Air Force 1940 - 1945**", ISBN 0 - 9687596 -0 -2. In the final edit of "Canadians on Radar R.C.A.F. 1940-1945" several potential chapters had to be excluded in order to contain the material into one volume. The Chapter on Honours and Awards was one of the casualties.

The Canadian Radar History Project has now decided that this list of honours and awards should now be published. It will complement the major work "**Canadians on Radar Royal Canadian Air Force 1940 - 1945**".

This list owes its being to Hugh Halliday's research in gathering together all of the honours and awards granted to members of the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. A substantial majority of the 93,844 RCAF personnel who served overseas between 1939 and 1945 were attached to the Royal Air Force. This meant that considerable research, time and effort had to be spent at the Public Records Office, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England. Even so, many of the records are bare; only the dates of the award in the **London Gazette** and the applicable **Air Force Routine Orders (AFRO)** are listed with the note that the honour or award was earned "Overseas".

Hugh Halliday's career in military history research includes seven years with the RCAF and the Canadian Forces Historical Sections and twenty-one years with the Canadian War Museum. He is the author of several books including: "The Tumbling Sky", "No. 242 Squadron, The Canadian Years", and "RCAF at War, 1939-1945".

Halliday combed out those that were or could be RCAF radar officers and airmen and R. F. Linden worked with Halliday in the RCAF

records at the Department of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, to verify and identify those radar veterans. That list is contained in this book.

Douglas A. Swanson and Robert F. Linden then, with the cooperation of Gregg J. McCooeye of the National Archives of Canada, searched the personnel records to determine the unit or squadron, location and the theatre of war in which the recipient of the award served. A further search through the volumes of "The Second World War 1939-1945 Royal Air Force, SIGNALS", initially classified Secret or Confidential, obtained additional information.

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| <b>RUSSELL, Sgt Alfred Ernest (R179A)</b>               |      |
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| <b>SCHWALM, F/L Richard Paul (C18951)</b>               |      |
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| <b>SCOTT, F/Sgt Clarence Wilfred (R95065)</b>           |      |
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| <b>SCOTT, S/L Clayton Rennie (C3866)</b>                |      |
| Mention in Despatches -                                 | 97   |
| <b>SCOTT, F/L Stanley Gordon (C11926)</b>               |      |
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| <b>SHARPE, F/Sgt Clarence Robert (R91869)</b>           |      |
| Mention in Despatches -                                 | 97   |
| <b>SHEPHERD, Sgt Boyd Carson (R149025)</b>              |      |
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| <b>SINCLAIR, F/L Harold Daniel (C8117)</b>            |            |
| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>99</b>  |
| <b>SKINNER, F/L Elgin Arnold (R129825)</b>            |            |
| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>99</b>  |
| <b>SMITHBOWER, F/O Richard Joseph (C17182)</b>        |            |
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| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>100</b> |
| <b>STEINER, F/O David Millard (C8094)</b>             |            |
| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>101</b> |
| <b>STEWART, F/Sgt Laurie Stead (R95916)</b>           |            |
| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>101</b> |
| <b>TAYLOR, F/O Alexander Keith (C8111)</b>            |            |
| <b>Mention in Despatches -</b>                        | <b>101</b> |
| <b>TAYLOR, Cpl George William (R100327)</b>           |            |
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| <b>THOMPSON, F/L Hugh Aimers Stevens (C8064)</b>      |            |
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**ADAIR, Flight Sergeant (F/Sgt) Fulton Muir (R100752) -**

**- Croix de Guerre (France) -**

- AMES 15082 mobile Ground Control Interception (GCI), 21 Base Defence Sector, (BDS) 85 Group, RAF, landed on Omaha Beach in the American sector of the Normandy beachheads on D-Day June 6 1944. From there it moved forward with the army, gave radar coverage to the French Channel ports, and then on to the liberation of Paris.

- Awarded as per AFRO 1619/45 dated 19 October 1945. Home in Cannington, Ontario. Enlisted in Toronto, 8 April 1941; repatriated to Canada, 12 August 1945. No details or citation in records in Canada. Public Records Office Air 2/9645 gives unit and citation.

**From D-Day until the fall of Paris, Flight Sergeant Adair was in charge of the major part of the men and equipment of 15082 GCI [Ground Control Interception] and was at all times in the front of the battle. His unit was responsible for the ultimate destruction of over 50 enemy aircraft. His skill and devotion to duty, his coolness and judgement in the face of many difficult situations, was a fine example to all those who worked with him.**

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**ADAMS, Sgt (now P/O) James Allen (R90629/C16857) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

35 Squadron RAF, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command. Award effective 1 June 1943 as per **London Gazette** dated 2 June 1943 and AFRO 1247/43 dated 2 July 1943. Home in Montreal. Enlisted in North Bay, 14 April 1941. No citation.

**AINSLIE, Cpl William John (R108937) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

97 Squadron, 54 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Born 8 November 1915 at Comber, Ontario; educated there and in London and Walkerville. Enlisted Toronto 15 May 1941 or 19 June 1941. Trained in radar at Guelph and Clinton; overseas May 1942. Served with Nos.49, 97 and 83 Squadrons. See **War Service Records, 1939-1945** (Canadian Bank of Commerce, 1947). No citation in AFRO.

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**AKHURST, LAC Edward Carden (R172292) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

518 Squadron, Meteorological Unit, Coastal Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Vancouver; enlisted there 23 June 1942. No citation in AFRO.

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**ANDERSON, F/L Jack Fenton (C11923) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 899 AMES, RAF, 323 Wing, MACAF, at Gabicoe Marina, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Crediton, Ontario; enlisted Ottawa 5 January 1942. No citation.

**ARTZ, LAC Edward David Gerald (R176503) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

- Linton-on-Ouse - This was the base for 408 and 426 Squadrons of No. 6 RCAF Group, Bomber Command. Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Home in Middleton, Nova Scotia; enlisted in Digby, Nova Scotia, 23 June 1942. DHist file 181.009 D.1719 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20606) has recommendation forwarded 3 February 1945 when he had served one year in Canada, 18 months overseas.

**This Radar Mechanic has proven himself to be an outstanding technician and performs his duties with exemplary diligence. By virtue of these qualities this airman contributes in no small manner to the efficiency of his section and commands the respect of his officer, NCOs and comrades.**

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**ASH, Sgt Robert Joseph (R94216) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

50 Squadron RAF, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Home in Montreal; enlisted there 10 April 1941. No citation.

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**EVERY, F/L George Henry (C12166) -**

**- Military Cross -**

Attached 33rd Indian Army Corps, Burma - Award effective 28 August 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1507/45 dated 28 September 1945. Born in Ottawa, 1917; home there. Educated at Lisgar Collegiate and Ontario Agricultural College (B.Sc. in Agriculture, 1940). Enlisted Ottawa, 29 August 1941 and trained as radar officer. In 1943, in UK, volunteered to be a frogman and returned to Canada for training in California and Bahamas. Returned overseas and trained as paratrooper and commando. Posted to India (attached 5th Infantry Brigade, 2nd British Division, 33 Indian Army Corps, Burma). Award presented 1 December 1948. In postwar army; as of May 1959 was Supervisor of Civilian Personnel.

**Flight Lieutenant Avery commanded No.4 Section S.R.U. prior to and during the operation resulting in the establishment of a bridgehead on the bank of the Irrawaddy River in the Myittha area. He made several reconnaissances by night and in view of the enemy, and gathered valuable information necessary for the furtherance of the operations. On the night of 24th-25th February 1945, Flight Lieutenant Avery led the first assault party across the river and guided craft to the landing beaches under heavy fire. His work was arduous and dangerous, but his remarkable achievements contributed greatly to the successful establishment of the vital bridgehead through which, later, the whole division passed.**

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**BACH, Cpl Harry (R158787) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

120 Squadron RAF, 15 Group Coastal Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Home in Hamilton; enlisted there 18 March 1942. No citation.

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**BANTON, F/L Kenneth (C3685) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Mediterranean Air Command - F/L Banton was the Officer Commanding a mobile Ground Control Interception radar unit in the Italian campaign and in the invasion of the South of France. This GCI's final site was at La Londe, France, under the operational control of 340 Wing, RAF, in the Aix Sector. Award effective 17 September 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date 28 and AFRO 2198/43 dated 29 October 1943. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 20 January 1941. No citation. DHist file 181.009 D.1754 (RG.24 Vol.20609) has correspondence from him dated 6 December 1943 when he was on strength of No.8015 AMES.

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**BARWOOD, F/L William Harry Ernest (C7487) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

AMES 267, RAF, 287 Wing, MAAF, Cattolica, Italy. Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Home in Vancouver; enlisted there 19 April 1941. No citation.

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**BEALL, S/L Herbert Wilson (C4437) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.217 Group was formed in 1943 as the Rhodes Expeditionary Force at Middle East Headquarters, RAF Cairo.

Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Home in Ottawa; enlisted there 24 February 1941. No citation.

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**BEATTIE, LAC Allan Wilson (R140181) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

106 Squadron, RAF, No 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Swalwell, Alberta; enlisted Calgary, 14 November 1941. No citation in AFRO.

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**BELL, S/L William John (C15953) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

Group Headquarters, Foggia, Italy: 205 (Heavy Bomber) Group, RAF, Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Force (MASAF) - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born 19 February 1915 in Huron Township, Bruce County, Ontario. Teacher for five years. Home in Ripley, Ontario; enlisted in

Hamilton, Ontario, 19 May 1941. Medal presented 13 July 1945. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9056 has recommended citation.

**This officer is the Group Radar Officer. He has been beset by many difficulties and equipment has been in short supply. Flight Lieutenant Bell has shown exceptional keenness and untiring energy in improvising and it is largely due to his efforts that the Group has been able to fit and operate so efficiently. Besides his work with No.205 Group, Flight Lieutenant Bell has spent much time in obtaining radar equipment for other units in the Command and has assisted them in its full maintenance. He has shown fine technical capabilities and excellent powers of organization.**

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**BELYEA, Sgt Cecil Ross (R98184) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

97 RAF Squadron, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Leamington, Ontario; enlisted Windsor, 23 April 1941. No citation in AFRO.

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**BICKERTON, Sgt Harvey E. (R96097) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.72 Wing, part of 60 (radar) Group, RAF, among other functions included three mobile Oboe stations AMES 9442, AMES 9412 and AMES 9431. Oboe was the precision navigation radar used by the Pathfinder Force of Bomber Command, RAF- Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born at Navan, Ontario, 30 November 1915; enlisted in Ottawa, 7 May 1941. Overseas 22 October 1941. Award presented 9 December 1947. Public Records Office Air 2/9094 has recommended citation.

**The unit in which this NCO is serving is one of a chain providing essential Radar assistance to British and American bombers in the Western Front. He is a radar mechanic who displayed exceptional resourcefulness during the difficult period of evacuation from the Laroche area, when the site was overrun by the enemy in the Ardennes battle in December, 1944, until the station was refitted and made operational in the neighbourhood of Flarennnes a week later. It was mainly due to his efforts that the crew succeeded in building and erecting the 105-foot tower making the station fully serviceable within two days of arrival on the Flarennnes site in difficult and severe weather. By his enthusiasm and devotion to duty this airman has brought into being an exceptionally keen team spirit amongst the members of his crew.**

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**BLYTHE, F/O Thomas Reid (C18093) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

64 Base, Middleton St. George, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 388/46 dated 12 April 1946. DHist file 181.009 D.4364 (RG.24 Vol.20648) has recommendation submitted to OC No.64 Base, 4 May 1945. Home in Kapuskasing; enlisted North Bay, Ontario, 10 May 1941; as of recommendation he had spent ten months in Canada, three years overseas. Certificate sent to him 10 August 1948.

**Flying Officer Blythe has been for the past year and a half the Radar Officer in charge of all Servicing and Repair work carried out at Middleton St. George. His keenness and technical ability have been instrumental in achieving the highest state of serviceability of any station in 6 Group. His interest in the men under his charge, and his actions to further develop the many ingenious improvements to Radar equipment has definitely proved him to be an outstanding leader of men.**

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**BOWMAN, F/Sgt Adelbert Charles Holmes (R89694) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Dartmouth, N.S. Eastern Air Command, RCAF. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 82/46 dated 25 January 1946. Home in Hagersville, Ontario; enlisted in Hamilton, Ontario, 3 April 1941.

**This non-commissioned officer has always displayed keen initiative and has always rendered exceptionally meritorious service both administratively and technically. His ability and enthusiasm have always inspired his fellow workers.**

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**BOYES, F/O Nelson William Ross (C16031) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

95 Squadron RAF (Sunderland Aircraft) - Bathurst, Gambia, North West African Air Force - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 30 April 1941. No citation.

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**BRANSON, F/L Thomas Laurel Cecil (C7483) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.5 Group Headquarters, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Home in Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, Mexico. Enlisted in Vancouver, 17 April 1941. No citation.

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**BROADBRIDGE, F/L Arthur Frederick (C12177) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force Headquarters, Italy - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. Home in Invermay, Saskatchewan; enlisted Saskatoon 2 July 1941. No citation.

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**BROWN, LAC Harold Frank (R170702) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Skipton-on-Swale, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command -Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Enlisted in Toronto 11 June 1942. DHist file 181.009 D.2619 (RG.24 Vol.20628) has recommendation forwarded 1 February 1945 to No.63 Base HQ when he had served 15 months in Canada, 17 months overseas.

**The above-mentioned airman has shown, during his service overseas, a particularly willing attitude toward his work. He has proved a most conscientious and sober individual, thoroughly trustworthy in any situation requiring him to use his own initiative, and quick to appreciate the special problems peculiar to his trade of radar mechanic. Largely through his efforts, following an accident in which an aircraft crashed and blew up during an operational take-off, a fellow airman who was badly injured by the explosion was removed from further danger and taken to hospital. LAC Brown has maintained a most enthusiastic spirit throughout his service career which has been a constant source of inspiration to his fellow airmen.**

**BROWN, F/L Hugh John Alexander (C8050) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (MAAF), Caserta, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Home Toronto; enlisted there 4 April 1941. Certificate sent 13 August 1948. No citation

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**BROWN, S/L Hugh John Alexander (C8050) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (MAAF), Caserta, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 322/46 dated 29 March 1946. No citation.

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**BURKE, Cpl Michael Alastar (R132765) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

106 Squadron RAF, Netheringham, Lincs, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Enlisted in Montreal, 9 September 1940. Trained in radio and radar work, went overseas May 1942. Attached at various times to Nos. 50 and 106 Squadrons. No citation in AFRO.

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**BURLINGHAM, F/L Clark Kitchener (C8081) -**

**- Air Force Cross -**

Coastal Command Development Unit - Award effective 1 September 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 2637/44 dated 8 December 1944. Award presented 6 September 1947. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9019 has recommendation drafted when he had flown 845 hours, 282 in previous six months.

**This officer has served as a radar officer at the unit since October 1943, and has been responsible for developing all forms of airborne radar operating technique since October 1943. The efficiency of general reconnaissance squadrons in all theatres of war has been increased as a result of his researches. He has been involved in two serious crashes during this work and on one occasion he was slightly injured. He continues to display undiminished keenness and devotion to duty. Although a technical officer he has flown as many hours as a normal crew member in addition to evincing administrative abilities. Flight Lieutenant Burlingham has also managed to write valuable reports on Radar operating. He has proved a great asset to his unit and an inspiration to all ranks.**

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**BURLINGHAM, F/L Clark Kitchener (C8081) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Coastal Command Development Unit - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944.

Born 11 February 1916. Home in Winnipeg; enlisted in North Bay, 21 April 1941. To McMaster University, 13 June 1941; to No.31 Radio School, 12 December 1941; posted overseas 19 March 1942; repatriated 22 January 1945. Released 29 December 1945. Radar officer. No citation.

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**BURSTOW, Sgt William Frederick John (R103063) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

105 Squadron RAF, 8 Group Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Dundas, Ontario; enlisted in Hamilton, 6 May 1941. No citation.

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**CABORN, F/L Elmer Franciscus (C21342) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Base Radar Officer, RAF Station Elsham Wolds, Lincs, 103 and 576 RAF Squadrons, 1 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Bladworth, Saskatchewan; enlisted in Saskatoon, 20 February 1942. Certificate sent to his home, 20 August 1948. No citation.

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**CAMDEN, F/L James Orville (C3410) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No.219 (Night Fighter) Squadron, North African Coastal Air Force (NACAF) at Bône, Algeria. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 132/45 dated 26 January 1945. Born in Hamilton, Ontario, 1917; enlisted in London, Ontario, 22 November 1940. Award sent by registered mail 8 June 1948. Radar officer. Personal recollections appear in the **CAHS Journal** (Vol.24, No.2, Summer 1986) and an obituary notice appears in Vol.28 No.4 (Winter 1990); died 19 May 1990. No citation in Canadian sources; Public Records Office Air 2/8872 has recommendation.

**This officer is Squadron Radar Officer. He was posted to his present unit at a time when new equipment was being introduced and his work during the initial period when many difficulties were being undergone was of the highest order. He did much flying to test equipment and to train Navigators Radio. Flight Lieutenant Camden proceeded with his unit to North Africa and was instrumental in effecting a high percentage of serviceability of Radar equipment. There was an almost complete absence of failures during the subsequent operations. As well as imparting his technical experience this officer also trained the mechanics of three American night fighter squadrons in the use of Radar equipment and during the whole year he has never been known to relax his efforts. His untiring devotion to duty has been exemplary.**

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**CAMERON, Cpl Richard Cleland (R121920) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

156 Squadron RAF, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home in Sylvan Lake, Alberta; enlisted Edmonton, 23 August 1941. No citation.

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**CAMPBELL, F/O Frederick Albert (C25189) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

27 Radar Unit (CHL) RCAF, Western Air Command, Marble Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1127/45 dated 6 July 1945. Home in Regina; enlisted there 11 May 1941.

**This officer is in command of one of the most isolated radio units in Western Air Command. He has set a personal example of courage by invariably assisting in the landing of supplies and personnel through dangerous rocks and surf which have cost the lives of several men. He has maintained a very high level of morale at this unit by his own competent and cheerful outlook in spite of the extreme isolation and depressing surroundings. In every respect his personal conduct and outlook have been an inspiration to his men.**

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**CAMPBELL, F/L William Iver (C7964) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

4 (C) OTU, 17 Group, Coastal Command- Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 15 April 1941.

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**CARD, Cpl Lester Charles (R77614) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

69 Squadron RAF, Air Headquarters Malta - Award effective 1 January 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 232/43 dated 12 February 1943. Home in Cardston, Alberta; enlisted in Calgary, 26 January 1940. No citation. Later commissioned.

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**CARD, F/L Lester Charles (C15730) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.201 Naval Cooperation Group, RAF Middle East - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. No citation.

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**CARD, F/L Lester Charles (C15730) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

OTU, Nicosia, Cyprus, RAF Middle East - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9056 had recommendation for an MBE;

**This officer is the Radar Officer at the station. He is a fine technician who has worked with the greatest zeal and skill and has produced many excellent devices for helping training, including the perfection of the ASV trainer. Flight Lieutenant Card has been an inspiration to all who have worked with him and his efforts have been beyond praise. Although not officially employed on air crew duties he completed over 400 operational flying hours while serving in Malta.**

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**CARIONI, S/L Harold Mario (C3396) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No 5 Radio and Communications School, RCAF, Clinton, Ont. - Award effective 13 June 1946 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 660/46 dated 5 July 1946. Enlisted in Hamilton, Ontario, 6 November 1940. Award presented 14 June 1949.

**This officer, as instructor and Chief Instructor at this Radar and Communications School has displayed outstanding keenness, enthusiasm and organizing**

**ability. To his efforts are largely due the smooth and efficient functioning of the training programme and high standard of training of the graduates.**

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**CARSTAIRS, F/L Lloyd Alexander (C17361) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No. 64 Base, Middleton St. George, No.6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 9 April 1941. No citation in AFRO. DHist file 181.009 D.4364 (RG.24 Vol.20648) has a letter signed by S/L E.P.Seon (Base Signals Officer) dated 2 May 1945. This may be treated as a recommendation. Enlisted May 1941, served six months in Canada, and had served 3 1/2 years overseas.

**I wish to bring your attention to the work of the above referenced officer, who has been carrying out the duties of Base Radar Officer here at No.64 Base most efficiently for some nine months. His drive, energy and efficiency have been of such a high calibre that I have been able to pass on to him, without hesitation, all the technical and administrative problems arising in the ever changing field of Radar as applicable to Bomber Command. All of these have been satisfactorily solved.**

**Through his guidance, new work has been assumed, a new section named B.M.S. Radar, has been organized, and the serviceability figures for Radar equipment in aircraft of this Base have increased until they now top the Group, yet the personnel situation has deteriorated,**

**through repatriations without replacements. This record could only have been accomplished through hard work and good organization within all sections under his control. In this respect, Flight Lieutenant Carstairs has applied himself unsparingly.**

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**CHARLWOOD, Sgt Dennis William (R89818) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

37 Squadron, 231 Wing, 205 Group, MAAF, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 721/45 dated 27 April 1945. Enlisted in Hamilton, 10 April 1941. No citation.

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**CHEREMKORA, F/Sgt John (R124136) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

617 Squadron, RAF, 54 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Winnipeg; enlisted there 26 August 1941. No citation.

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**CHERRY, F/O Douglas Raymond (C27592) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

61 Squadron, No.53 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated

2 March 1945. Home in Saskatoon; enlisted there, 22 May 1942. No citation.

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**CHISHOLM, Cpl Reginald James (R153977) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

106 RAF Squadron, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Toronto; No citation in AFRO.

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**CLARK, F/O Reginald Clair (C17992) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

115 Squadron RAF, 3 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. Home in Orillia, Ontario; enlisted in Toronto, 7 April 1941. No citation.

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**CLARK, F/L Sebert Alfred (C12596) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

28 Radar Unit RCAF, Western Air Command, Cape St. James, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 89/45 dated 19 January 1945. Home at Prospect Lake, British Columbia; enlisted Winnipeg, 20 October 1941.

**This officer volunteered to accept the responsibilities of opening this unit despite the hazards of its extremely isolated position. His level headed and responsible management of this Detachment through its first winter, under extremely trying circumstances, prevented any loss of life and maintained a high standard of efficiency in operation. His personal example of energy and cheerfulness have inspired the full co-operation of the members of his unit and have done much to maintain high morale among the airmen in this extremely isolated spot.**

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**COLTON, Sgt Gordon Edgar (R94880) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Enlisted in Regina, 7 April 1941. No citation.

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**CRAWFORD, F/L Alan Masters (C5734) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.62 Base, Linton-on-Ouse, No. 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command, Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. No citation, but DHist file 181.009 D.1719 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20606) has recommendation dated 31 July 1944. Enlisted in Vancouver, 21 June 1941.

**This officer has shown outstanding ability in his work, and in adapting himself and directing others in the new Base organization in such a manner as to maintain maximum effort from all ranks. Mainly through his**

**efforts and guidance, inexperienced junior officers have been able to successfully carry out their duties. This has entailed a great deal of extra work and long hours on his part; however the time was freely given. He has continually strengthened the hand of his superior officers and his keenness and devotion to duty are worthy of commendation.**

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**CROMPTON, F/L William Frank (C17086) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.12 Base, RAF Binbrook, 1 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Milner, British Columbia; enlisted Vancouver, 3 May 1941. No citation.

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**CRYDERMAN, F/L Norman Johnson (C8119) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

230 Squadron, RAF (Sunderland Aircraft) 222 Group, Air Command South East Asia, Koggala, Ceylon - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 418/46 dated 18 April 1946. Home in Winnipegosis, Manitoba; enlisted Winnipeg, 23 April 1941. No citation.

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**DANIEL, F/Sgt Leonard Melvin (R94310) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Linton-on-Ouse, No. 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command. -Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. DHist file 181.009 D.1725 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20607) has recommendation forwarded to No.6 Group Headquarters, 5 May 1945. NCO in charge of daily servicing, radar; Home in Verdun, Quebec; enlisted in Montreal, 17 April 1941; served eight months in Canada and 40 months overseas:

**Flight Sergeant Daniel by tenaciously devoting himself to his duties has shown exemplary leadership in all phases of his work during periods when the very maximum was exacted from each individual. His ability and leadership have proven to be an inspiration to all those working under him.**

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**DARRELL, Cpl Robert William (R153858) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.461 Squadron (Sunderland a/c), Royal Australian Air Force. (RAAF), 19 Group, Coastal Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 4 February 1942. Radar. No citation.

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**DAVIES, Sgt Hayden Llewellyn (R100784) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.64 Base, Middleton St. George, No. 6 RCAF Group, Bomber Command, Middleton St. George - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 9 April 1941. DHist file 181.009 D.4364 (RG.24 Vol.20648) has recommendation submitted to OC No.64 Base, 4 May 1945, confirms unit. Enlisted in Toronto, 9 April 1941; served ten months in Canada, 38 months overseas.

**LAC Davies, employed on this station as a Radar Mechanic, has proven himself as a willing and efficient tradesman. In addition to his service duties, this airman has given a major portion of his off-duty hours to apply his ability as an artist in the production of posters for the furtherance of station activities. His efforts along these lines were in no small part responsible for the excellent showing made by this unit in the Eighth Victory Loan Drive by his work on the Station Loan Indicator.**

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**DAVY, F/L Herbert Dudley, AFC (C17815) -**

**-Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Coastal Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. No citation.

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**DAVY, F/L Herbert Dudley (C17815) -**

**- Air Force Cross -**

Headquarters, Coastal Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born in London, England, 18 September 1909. Radar officer; home in Holland Landing, Ontario; enlisted in Toronto, 10 April 1941. Classified as Radar Mechanic on enlistment; posted to University of Toronto, 23 May 1941 and to No.31 Radio School, 14 September 1941. Promoted to LAC, 30 August 1941; Cpl, 1 March 1942; Sgt, 1 July 1942; F/Sgt, 1 March 1943; commissioned on 8 July 1943; F/O, 8 January 1944; F/L, 22 January 1945. Overseas 24 November 1942; repatriated 26 September 1945; released, 6 November 1945. Award sent by registered mail, 13 November 1949. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/8771 has citation drafted when he had flown 449 hours.

**This officer has been employed on radar experimental and instructional duties since February 1942. Not only has he played an important part in experimenting with and developing new equipment but he has devoted much time and energy to training crews in the use of the complicated equipment. He has also taken part in 19 operational sorties. Two of these sorties have resulted in the probable sinking and severe damaging of two U-Boats, the detection of which was due in both cases to the extreme skill of Flying Officer Davy. By his untiring efforts he materially contributed to the high standard of efficiency attained by many crews.**

**DAVY, F/L Herbert Dudley, AFC (C17815) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Coastal Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. No citation.

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**DELLER, F/L Morley Saxton (C3403) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Commanding Officer No.880 AMES, Chain Overseas Low (COL) radar, Cap Ferro, Sardinia, part of 63rd Fighter Wing [XII Air Support Command, United States Army Air Force (USAAF)] - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Unit found in DHist file 181.009 D.1711 (NAC RG.24 Box 20605). Enlisted in London, Ontario, 15 November 1940. No citation.

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**DEMPSEY, F/O Murray White (C17993) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

199 Squadron RAF, 100 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Winnipeg; enlisted there 8 March 1941. No citation.

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**DENNETT, S/L Lionel John (C7178) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters 8 Group (Pathfinder Force), Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. Home in Kent, England; enlisted in Winnipeg, 4 June 1941. No citation.

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**DIBBLEE, F/L Frederick Allan (C4152) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force, Italy. - Award effective 17 September 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date 28 and AFRO 2198/43 dated 29 October 1943. Home in Woodstock, N.B.; enlisted in Toronto, 10 February 1941. No citation

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**DORAN, Cpl Morice Seaman (R191997) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.7 (BR) Squadron, Western Air Command,, Bella Bella, B.C. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1127/45 dated 6 July 1945. Home in Southamptton, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 13 October 1942. Radar mechanic.

**Corporal Doran is an exceptionally hard working non-commissioned officer who does not hesitate to present and carry out new ideas. He spends much of what**

**might be considered "spare time" in his section and has set such an example of devotion to duty that the airmen under him willingly work longer than normal hours when necessary. He is most efficient and co-operative, definitely promoting harmony in his section.**

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**DRAIMIN, F/L Theodore King (C16015) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

103 Squadron, RAF, 53 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. No citation in AFRO. Enlisted in Toronto, 17 April 1941.

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**DUNN, F/O Lloyd Murray Carson (C27593)**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

15 Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, 3 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 388/46 dated 12 April 1946. Home in Southy, Saskatchewan; enlisted in Regina, 7 July 1942. No citation.

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**DUVALL, F/L Stanley Frank (C7935) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 516 AMES, RAF, Balkan Air Force, Taranto, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Home in Hamilton, Ontario; enlisted there 25 April 1941. No citation. Radar Officer.

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**EDWARDS, F/Sgt Robert Walter (R10146) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

AFHQ, RCAF. Ottawa, ON.- Award effective 13 June 1946 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 660/46 dated 5 July 1946. Enlisted in Toronto, 2 May 1939.

**Before and during the war Flight Sergeant Edwards has been engaged in the development and testing of airborne, shipborne and ground communication equipment. Since 1942, this non-commissioned officer has been actively engaged in the development of radar equipment in Canada. Whilst engaged in the Research Laboratories Detachment of the Royal Canadian Air Force at the National Research Council, Flight Sergeant Edwards did exceptional work on two main developments; namely, the Royal Canadian Air Force-National Research Council radar distance indicator and the shipborne splash indicator which was intended for use in the Pacific Theatre. The results of his work**

**and his devotion to duty have served as an inspiration  
to the airmen who were working with him.**

**EUSTACE, Cpl Peter (R153949) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

405 RCAF Squadron, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 11 February 1942. No citation. Radar Technician.

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**EUSTACE, Cpl Peter (R153949) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

405 RCAF Squadron, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command, - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 388/46 dated 12 April 1946. No citation.

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**FAIRBAIN, Cpl Donald Bradford (R170776) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

RCAF Overseas Headquarters - Award effective 14 June 1945 (RCAF Routine Order 1127/45 dated 6th July 1945). Born in Beamsville, Ontario, 25 May 1913. Educated there and Ontario Agricultural College. Farm commentator for CBC, 1939-1942. Enlisted in Toronto, 12 June 1942. Trained at Queen's University and McGill. Further trained at No.31 RDF

(radar) School, Clinton, Ontario, 18 February to 30 May 1943. Taken on strength of RCAF Overseas Headquarters, 5 February 1944. Corporal, 1 May 1944; Pilot Officer, 23 January 1945; released 4 August 1945.

**A member of the field radio recording unit since its inception, Corporal Fairbain accompanied Mitchell bombers into aerial action on D-Day to broadcast over leading international networks Royal Canadian Air Force operations on the attack. Subsequently covering operations right through into Holland and Germany, he has taken ever greater responsibilities as sickness, accidents and enemy action took a toll of other members of the unit. He has done an extraordinarily productive job far beyond the line of ordinary duty. He has handled the most difficult assignments, combining with his air force duties those of a broadcasting system war correspondent. His daily reports to Canada have been concise, accurate and so authoritative that they are regularly used on other major networks, bringing to millions of listeners the feats of the Royal Canadian Air Force.**

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**FLICK, F/L Joffrey Barton (C4300) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

221 Squadron, RAF, Italy and Greece, Balkan Air Force, - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 7 March 1941. No citation.

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**FORD, Cpl Thomas (R94325) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.239 Squadron, RAF, No 100 Group, Bomber Command. Mosquito a/c, Night Fighter Intruders who would attack the enemy Night Fighters and clear the way for the Bomber force. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home Mount Royal, Quebec. Enlisted Montreal 19 April 1941. No citation.

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**FORSYTH, F/O Alexander John (C8067) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No.859 AMES (GCI) RAF, 181 Wing, Third Tactical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, Air Command South-East Asia (ACSEA), was sited at Digboi, Assam, and with AMES 8502 at Titabar that gave radar cover to the United States Army Air Force in the Bhamaputra Valley. - Award effective 1 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 809/44 dated 14 April 1944. Home in Russell, Ontario; worked for Northern Electric. Enlisted in Ottawa, 6 May 1941; served over three years in India and Burma as a radar officer. Public Records Office Air 2/8959 has recommended citation.

**As commanding officer and technical officer of this unit, this officer has shown outstanding ability, coolness and unfailing interest in his men. He commanded a forward Radio Direction Finding Station during the Arakan campaign, encountering many difficulties both technical and organizational. The fact that his station while in site was technically efficient and subsequently**

**was successfully withdrawn demonstrates the ability and resource possessed by Flight Lieutenant Forsyth and also the confidence inspired by him in his men.**

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**FOX, F/O Samuel John (C85210) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

149 Squadron, RAF, 3 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. Radar Officer. Home in Oshawa; enlisted in Hamilton, 12 August 1941. No citation.

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**GALLAGHER, F/Sgt John Francis (R100487) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.26 Operational Training Unit, Coastal Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Enlisted Winnipeg, 15 April 1941. No citation.

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**GAMBLE, F/O Donald Gordon (C18096) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

433 Squadron, No. 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command, Skipton-on-Swale Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date

and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. DHist file 181.009 D.2908 (RG.24 Vol.20633) has recommendation sent to Station Skipton, 20 July 1944. Enlisted 1 August 1941 in Saskatoon. Had served eleven months in Canada, two years overseas.

**This officer was one of the early arrivals at the squadron and was placed in charge of the squadron Radar Section. By his hard work, exceptional leadership, and ability to draw the best efforts from his Section, he has been responsible for the high radar serviceability of our aircraft at all times. The fine record of achievement displayed by this squadron is due in no small way to the untiring efforts and fine example shown by this officer.**

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**GIBB, F/O David Gordon (C7968) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

38 Squadron RAF, 205 Group, Middle East Command, . Award effective 1 January 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 232/43 dated 12 February 1943. Enlisted in Montreal, 7 April 1941. No citation.

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**GIBBENS, F/L William Moore (C3552) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 305 Mobile Signals Servicing Unit, MAAF, Italy - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Enlisted in Toronto 11 December 1940. No citation.

**GINSBERG, W/O 1 Albert Abraham (R250093) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, No. 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command, Alderton Hall - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 29 September 1941. No citation.

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**GLAZER, F/L Albert Ernest (C3422)**

**- Distinguished Flying Cross -**

RAF Station Luqa, Malta - Award effective 14 September 1942 as per **London Gazette** dated 18 September 1942 and AFRO 1653/42 dated 16 October 1942. Born in Toronto, 1918; home there. Enlisted in Toronto, 29 November, 1940. Commissioned 1940.

**In the course of a large number of sorties this officer has performed excellent work although a majority of them have been executed at night in all kinds of weather. His courage and devotion to duty are worthy of highest praise.**

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**GLAZER, F/O Albert Ernest, DFC (C3422)**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RAF Station Luqa, Malta - Award effective 1 January 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 232/43 dated 12 February 1943. No citation.

**GODDARD, Sgt Lawrence Edmund (R95944) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Skipton-on-Swale, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. DHist file 181.009 D.1762 (RG.24 Vol.20609) has recommendation forwarded to Adjutant, Skipton-on-Swale, 23 April 1945; enlisted in Ottawa, 21 April 1941; served nine months in Canada, 39 months in UK as Radar Mechanic. An early draft describes him as "one of the original radar mechanics posted to Bomber Command".

**Corporal Goddard has shown outstanding ability as a Radar Mechanic and has worked long hours on the Servicing of Navigational Equipment. His cheerfulness and devotion to duty coupled with his experience and capabilities has been largely responsible for the high standard of serviceability of this equipment.**

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**GOODERHAM, W/C Douglas (C3170) -**

**- Officer, Order of the British Empire -**

Third Tactical Air Force, (3rd TAF) Eastern Air Command, (EAC) ACSEA, India - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 721/45 dated 27 April 1945. Hometown, Mayfield, Saskatchewan. Enlisted in Regina, 6 November 1940. Remained in the postwar RCAF, retiring with the rank of Air Commodore from the position

of Director General, Communications-Electronics Systems, NDHQ. No citation.

**GOODERHAM, W/C Douglas, OBE (C3170) -**

**- Bronze Star Medal (United States) -**

Third Tactical Air Force, EAC, ACSEA. - Award effective 24 October 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** dated 6 April 1946 and AFRO 388/46 dated 12 April 1946. Public Records Office Air 2/9103 has recommended citation.

**For exceptionally meritorious service during the period 15 December 1943 to 20 February 1945. As Senior Radar Officer, Third Tactical Air Force and Eastern Air Command, Wing Commander Gooderham's supervision of Radar and Aircraft Warning activities demonstrated outstanding foresight, knowledge and efficiency in instigating the planning and operation of the combined British-American Radar and Aircraft Warning network in the Eastern Air Command operational area. He handled both administrative and technical problems with such efficiency that he gained and maintained the utmost respect of both USAAF and RAF officers under his supervision. His devotion to duty and his untiring efforts were an inspiring example to personnel of the closely integrated Aircraft Warning System. His unselfish contribution to the USAAF mission in Burma when American equipment and personnel were inadequate and its accomplishment reflect the highest credit on the Military Forces of the United Nations.**

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**GOODWIN, LAC Arthur Russell (R139918) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Leeming, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 418/46 dated 18 April 1946. Enlisted in Saskatoon, 3 December 1941. DHist file 181.009D.5527 (RG.24 Vol.20667) has recommendation from Repair and Inspection Squadron, Radar Section, dated 29 April 1945.

**R139918 LAC Goodwin, A.G. [sic] enlisted December 3, 1941, and was posted overseas September 28, 1942. At a time when good Radar mechanics were few, this airman's dependability, technical knowledge and good workmanship did much to maintain a high standard of serviceability. His devotion to duty has been a definite asset to his section as well as contributing in no small way to the efficiency of the section.**

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**GORDON, LAC John Cecil (R167496) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

9 Squadron, RAF, 53 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. No citation in AFRO.

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**GOW, F/O Gordon James (C3784) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No.204 Squadron, RAF, Gambia, West Africa. (Sunderland a/c) - Award effective 1 January 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 410/43 dated 12 March 1943. Originally published as "effective 23 December 1942" (AFRO 232/43, 12 February 1943). Effective date corrected in subsequent order. Home in Lethbridge, Alberta. Enlisted in Calgary. Radar officer; no citation found in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/8871 has recommendation.

**By his exceptional knowledge of RAF and Unit radio, Flying Officer Gow has always achieved a high standard of results in No.204 Squadron, both when his squadron was embarked in the Depot ship, Dumana, and ashore in Gambia, working under most difficult and arduous conditions. He has devised and constructed a radio beacon far in advance of any other in West Africa enabling aircrews to find convoys and return to base under the worst weather conditions. He has worked night and day, personally supervising the construction of the set and training operators, and during the past twelve months, by his personal example, has built up a radio section that would be hard to equal, let alone surpass in the RAF. As well as being an exceptional technician he is a very keen officer who treats his station duties with the same spirit of enthusiasm as he does his specialist work.**

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**GWINN, F/L David Hamlin (C3914) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

Headquarters No.9 Group, Fighter Command, Barton Hall, Preston, Lancs. Award effective 1 June 1943 as per **London Gazette** dated 2 June 1943 and AFRO 1247/43 dated 2 July 1943. Enlisted in Toronto, 17 February 1941. Remained in postwar RCAF, retiring as Group Captain. Died in Ottawa, 26 October 1985, aged 78. No citation to MBE.

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**HALL, Cpl Glenn Hastings (R83293) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.255 Squadron, RAF, Balkan Air Force, Italy, (Beaufighter and Mosquito a/c) - Award effective 1 June 1943 as per **London Gazette** dated 2 June 1943 and AFRO 1247/43 dated 2 July 1943. DHist file 181.009 D.1711 (NAC RG.24 Box 20605). Home in Kingsville, Ontario; enlisted in Windsor, Ontario, 3 February 1941. No citation.

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**HAMILTON, Sgt Frederic Thomas (R97910) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

70 Wing Headquarters, RAF Inverness, 60 Group - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Vancouver; enlisted there 9 April 1941. No citation found.

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**HAMMOND, F/L Maitland Henderson (C13301) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

264 Squadron, 85 Group, 2nd TAF, France - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Kirkton, Ontario, enlisted 4 November 1941.

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**HAMMOND, Sgt William Andrew (R250069)**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Overseas - Award effective 1 January, 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Calgary; enlisted there 23 August 1941.

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**HARPER, F/O John Winston (C27111) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.199 Squadron, RAF, 1 Group, Bomber Command. Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Montreal. No citation.

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**HARPUR, F/L Geoffrey Adams (C14356) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

15083 AMES,(GCI), RAF, No.24 Base Defence Sector (BDS), 85 Group, Second Tactical Air Force landed on Juno Beach, Normandy, D-Day, June 6, 1944 and were operational before midnight above the beachhead and beyond the village of Meuvaines - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Lindsay, Ontario; enlisted in Toronto, 24 November 1941. No citation.

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**HARPUR, F/L Geoffrey Adams (C14356) -**

**- Croix de Guerre (France) -**

No.15083 AMES, RAF, GCI, 24 BDS, 85 Group, 2nd TAF. - Award effective 23 June 1946 as per AFRO 1619/45 dated 19 October 1945. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9645 gives unit and citation.

**Flight Lieutenant Harpur landed with No.15083 GCI on D-Day. He led a reconnaissance party to the pre-planned site of the GCI in order to reconnoitre the proposed site of the Radar convoy and the detailed positioning of the units. This work was done in an extremely exposed position under close range fire from a variety of enemy weapons. The assembling of the Radar equipment was achieved with remarkable speed and was operational on the night of D-Day. This officer worked unceasingly for several days and nights and the good work of the unit has resulted in the destruction of many enemy aircraft since D-Day. Flight Lieutenant Harpur by his zeal and untiring work has set a very fine example to the airmen of the unit.**

**HARRETT, Cpl Donald Morton (R116959)**

**- Soldier's Medal (United States) -**

( The Soldier's Medal rewards " voluntary risk of life not involving actual conflict with the enemy" **The Journal of Orders and Medals Society of America**, Volume 43 Number 12, December 1992, pp.4-16}

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**AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. S, WD, 1926) and pursuant to authority delegated by the War Department, a Soldier's medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

**DONALD H. HARRETT, Corporal, (Serial Number R-116959), Royal Canadian Air Force (attached to 203 Squadron, British Royal Air Force). On 1 July 1943, a four-engined bomber of the United States Army Air Force on a routine flight crashed and burst into flames while making a forced landing at a field operated by the Royal Air Force. Corporal Harrett, who had been watching the aircraft land, rushed to the side of the burning plane**

wherein the crew lay suffering from shock, bruises and lacerations. With total disregard for his own safety, he, aided by two others, struggled to remove the men who were in danger of perishing in the flames and in spite of the imminent danger of exploding gasoline tanks left the raging inferno only after satisfying himself that no one was left in the aircraft. The action of Corporal Harrett, in risking his life to save the lives of the injured fliers who might otherwise have burned to death, sets an example of courage and bravery above and beyond the normal call of duty and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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By command of Brigadier General GILES

WILLIAM L. RITTER  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL: a/ H. H. Wild  
t/ H. H. WILD  
Colonel, A.D.G.  
Adjutant General

**HARVEY, Cpl Edward Carl (R100637) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

527 Squadron RAF, Navigation and Radar Calibration Squadron, Central Signal Establishment, Wotton, Gos. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 418/46 dated 18 April 1946. Home in Gardenton, Manitoba; enlisted in Toronto, 3 April 1941. No citation.

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**HAWKINS, F/Sgt Henry Robert (R96873) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 9 Squadron, RAF, No.53 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Ottawa; enlisted there 10 April 1941. No citation.

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**HERIOT, F/L Duncan Halley (C8090) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Air Headquarters, West Africa - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 18 April 1941. No citation.

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**HERMANSON, F/Sgt Robert Gerald (R98776) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Skipton-on-Swale, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Buchanan, Saskatchewan. Enlisted in Saskatoon, 23 April 1941. DHist file 181.009 D.2619 (RG.24 Vol.20628) has recommendation forwarded 1 February 1945 to No.63 Base HQ when he had served 15 months in Canada, 42 months overseas. NCO in charge of Base Servicing Section Radar.

**Flight Sergeant Hermanson, by virtue of his long service on operational squadrons overseas, conscientious devotion to duty, and regard for the welfare of those of whom he is in charge, deserves special mention. He has displayed a quality of leadership which has been an inspiration to those serving with him, encouraging them, through personal example, in many circumstances requiring special effort to get maximum radar operation serviceability. His practical ability has been demonstrated on every occasion in which a quick decision was necessary, thus inspiring his men with confidence of a high order. His ideas for increasing the efficiency of the radar section as a whole have been no less noteworthy.**

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**HICKSON, F/O Robert Charles (C17052) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.169 Squadron RAF, 100 Group, Bomber Command. 169 Squadron at Great Messingham was equipped with Mosquito a/c, Night Fighter

Intruders who would attack the enemy Night Fighters to clear the way for the Bomber Force - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Enlisted in Saskatoon, 18 April 1941. No citation.

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**HOGAN, Sgt James Warrin (R99711) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

85 Squadron RAF, 100 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Windsor, Ontario. Enlisted 8 May 1941. No citation.

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**HOLMQUIST, F/L Karl Albert Emmanuel (C3404) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

8026 AMES, 190 Assault Wing, 3rd TAF, EAC, ACSEA, Burma. Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in New Westminster, British Columbia. Enlisted in Edmonton, 15 November 1940. No citation.

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**HOPGOOD, Cpl Douglas Archibald (R128722) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.410 RCAF (Night Fighter) Squadron (Beaufighter/Mosquito a/c) 85 Group, Second Tactical Air Force - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 418/46 dated 18 April 1946.



Home in Vancouver; enlisted there 2 September 1941. DHist file has recommendation (no date) as follows:

**Corporal Hopgood, who enlisted on the 2nd September 1941, was posted overseas on the 8th April 1942 and has served continuously with this unit since the 11th May 1942. During this time Corporal Hopgood's large capacity for work, coupled with his technical knowledge, initiative and leadership, has made his contribution to the squadron efficiency much greater than might normally be expected of one of his rank. His ability and devotion to duty have been a fine example to those who work beside him.**

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**HORNER, Sgt James Lloyd (R86389) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

502 Squadron, RAF, 19 Group, Coastal Command, - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1600/45 dated 12 October 1945. Home in Miniota, Manitoba. Enlisted in Winnipeg, 8 January 1941. No citation.

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**HORROCKS, Sgt Norman Raymond (R100904) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.109 Squadron, RAF, 8 (Pathfinder) Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home in Toronto. Enlisted in Toronto, 15 April 1941. No citation.

**HUNTER, Sgt Joseph Taylor (R72886) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

151 Repair Unit, RAF, 85 Group, 2nd Tactical Air Force, France. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; enlisted there 6 April 1941. No citation.

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**IRWIN, F/L John Arnold (C7490) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 53 Base, RAF, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Meacham, Saskatchewan. Enlisted in Saskatoon, 29 April 1941. No citation.

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**JOHNSTON, F/L James Elswood (C15932) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No. 115 AMES, RAF, 72 Wing, 85 Group, 2nd Tactical Air Force, France and Germany, - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. Home in Winnipeg; enlisted there 12 April 1941.

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**KASSIE, Cpl Ernest Harold (R154429) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.59 Squadron (Fortress a/c), RAF, 19 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born in Winnipeg, 15 May 1918. Store clerk for eight years. Enlisted in Montreal, 9 January 1942. Overseas on 4 May 1943. Died in Ottawa, 20 April 1994. Public Records Office Air 2/9094 has recommendation.

**Corporal Kassie is one of the NCOs in the Radar Section of this squadron. During 1944 the Radar serviceability at Ballykelly rose from a position near the bottom of the list of stations in Coastal Command to the top where it has remained since August last. The rate of serviceability has been very nearly double the average for the Command. The outstanding efficiency, zeal and leadership of this airman have played a large part in this remarkable performance.**

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**KERR, Cpl William Bernard (R122935) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.8514 AMES, GCI, 182 Wing, 3rd TAC, ACSEA, Burma, was mounted on an 85 foot steel barge. The incident occurred when the barge was being towed towards its station along the Burma coast. The tow and escort ran into a gale of hurricane force and the barge was cut adrift. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Hamilton; enlisted there 29 August 1941. No

citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9139 has recommended citation. NOTE: the last part of the citation is missing.

**On the 1st January 1945, a barge belonging to the station was moved down river and placed in charge of HMIS Bihar which corvette took the unit in tow. Whilst out to sea the captain decided to take the barge alongside and manoeuvred it into that position. Before lashing had been completed, however, the swell from three cruisers hit the barge, causing it to heel over and crash into the corvette. Leading Aircraftman Gue, who was with the Commanding Officer on the forward gun site, realized that he could not maintain his position and jumped onto the deck of the corvette. Seeing the commanding officer in difficulties, he attempted to regain the barge, and in doing so lost his grip and fell into the water between the two vessels. Leading Aircraftman Kerr, who saw him fall, immediately dived between the corvette and the barge, knowing that LAC Gue could not swim. He supported the latter for the whole length of the barge until he reached open water. He was reaching for a life belt which had been thrown him when a further life belt thrown from the corvette struck him on the [back ?] ....**

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**KRESSLER, Cpl John William (R160379) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No 6 (RCAF) Group Headquarters, Allerton Hall, Bomber Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 14 April 1942. No citation.

**KRESSLER, Cpl John William (R160379) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.6 (RCAF), Group Headquarters, Allerton Hall, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 14 April 1942. MiD 8 June 1942. Identified in AFRO as "Overseas". McEwen papers (CWM) with list of recommendations dated 15 June 1945 identifies unit. No citation.

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**LANDRY, Cpl Peter Cory (R135316) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.426 Squadron RCAF, Linton-on-Ouse, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Radar Mechanic. No citation in AFRO; DHist file 181.009 D.1719 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20606) has recommendation forwarded 31 July 1944. Enlisted 15 October 1941; served ten months in Canada, 25 months overseas.

**This airman is an exceptionally hard working radar mechanic whose skill and devotion to duty have in no small measure contributed to the very high standard of MONICA serviceability maintained in this squadron. He has repeatedly worked long hours of duty to make the present standard of efficiency possible.**

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**LAROQUE, Cpl Joseph Anthony (R129701) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

57 Squadron, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Thamesville, Ontario; enlisted London, Ontario. No citation.

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**LEE, Cpl Thomas Edward (R155454) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.436 RCAF Transport Squadron, of 229 Group, RAF, ACSEA, Burma. -Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home given as Detroit, Michigan; enlisted in London, 26 May 1942. Certificate of Mention in Despatches sent to Aylmer, Ontario, 9 October 1948. No citation. DHist file 181.009 D2585 (RG.24 Vol.20626) gives unit.

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**LENNOX, S/L Morton John (C5735) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

HQ, MAAF, Caserta, Italy - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Home in Banff, Alberta; enlisted in Vancouver, 20 June 1941. No citation.

**LEWIS, Sgt Jack Alexander (R99617) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

161 RAF Squadron, 3 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Sarnia, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 19 April 1941. Certificate despatched 27 September 1948. No citation.

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**LOVE, Sgt Edgar James (R152964) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.1666 Heavy Conversion Unit (HCU), RCAF Station, Wombleton, No. 6 RCAF Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Enlisted 2 February 1942. Recommended 16 May 1945 for an MiD, this had been upgraded to a BEM recommendation by 21 June 1945. The former recommendation (found 16 September 1991) identifies him as NCO in charge of Radar Maintenance. States he had been on operational and training units; "While acting as NCO in charge of Radar maintenance at a Heavy Conversion Unit he has been largely responsible for the high standard of serviceability of the Radar equipment. Through his ingenuity he has been responsible for the maintenance of Radar training equipment at a time when spares were not available." DHist file 181.009 D.2813 (RG.24 Vol.20632) has recommendation for BEM dated 21 June 1945 which gives service as seven months in Canada, 33 months overseas:

**Sergeant Love has been overseas for nearly three years serving on both operational and training units. As NCO in charge of Radar Maintenance at this Unit he has at all times shown the highest qualities of leadership and devotion to duty, and can be depended upon at all times to complete the most difficult tasks. During the past six months under his supervision, Radar serviceability has increased from 75% to over 90% due largely to his untiring efforts. This improvement is particularly commendable as the section was, during that period, handling a heavy training programme with only two thirds of the established personnel. When special test equipment required for Radar servicing was not available, he designed his own, one of the most successful being a tester for crystals CV101. He has been responsible for the high standard of serviceability of Trainers Type 54 at a time when spare parts were not available. By his resourcefulness and ingenuity in devising and executing repairs he has greatly reduced the unserviceability periods of these trainers enabling training programmes to be carried through smoothly and without interruption. He has at all times been a cheerful and willing worker.**

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**LOWER, F/L William Matthew (C8042) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

871 AMES, (GCI) RAF, No.202 Group, Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force (MATAF) France - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 337/45 dated 23 February 1945. Born in Toronto, 2 May 1919. Educated there; home there; enlisted there 4 April 1941. Radar Officer. No citation.

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**LOWER, F/L William Matthew (C8042) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No.871 AMES (GCI) RAF, 202 Group, MATAF, Italy and the South Coast of France, operated from a Landing Tank Craft to give radar cover to the assault phase on the beachheads and then to operate from the beachhead as soon as it was secure. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Although as of 27 November 1994 no citation has been found, the following found in DHist file 181.009 D.3054 (RG.24 Vol.20634) seems to have had some bearing. On 8 February 1945 Wing Commander N.J. Smith (Commanding Officer, RCAF District Headquarters, Italy) wrote to the RCAF AOC-in-C, London, first quoting an RAF MAAF Order dated 3 February 1945, and then adding his own comments:

**While it is not the usual practice to commend individual units, the Commander-in-Chief wishes to make an exception in the case of No.871 A.M.E.S. This Unit landed in enemy-occupied soil on D-Day, or shortly afterwards, during the landings in Sicily, at Salerno, at Anzio and in southern France.**

**No.871 A.M.E.S. is commended by the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force Mediterranean and Middle East, on the Station's outstanding record of uninterrupted operations under M.A.T.A.F. since July 1943. This Unit's success during four operations between July 1943 and September 1944 is due in a large measure to the whole-hearted co-operation, skill and enterprise of each individual member. The conduct of the entire Unit has been exemplary and in the best tradition of the Royal Air Force.**

To the above, W/C Walsh adds:

It is interesting in that a Canadian, Flight Lieutenant W.M. Lower (C8042) was posted to this unit as an Acting Flight Lieutenant on May 1st, 1943, and was posted to the United Kingdom on December 27th, 1944. It would appear, therefore, that to a great extent the cause of the commendation is the work done by this officer.

Public Records Office Air 2/9056 has recommendation for MBE which is probably the definitive final statement:

**This officer was posted to form No.871 AMES in May 1943. Since that time he has worked unceasingly to build up a reputation and efficiency second to none for his unit. He has displayed an extremely high standard of technical skill and excellent qualifications of leadership and initiative. The skill and high standard of the station as a whole can be attributed to his unfailing enthusiasm and example. Under his command the unit has accounted for 30 enemy aircraft.**

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**MackELVIE, F/O Bayne Sourby (C18099) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

97 Squadron RAF, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 721/45 dated 27 April 1945. Home in Sudbury; enlisted in Toronto, 18 February 1941. No citation.

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**MADILL, F/L David George (C15881) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters 34 Group, RAF, France - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Born at Spring Creek, Saskatchewan; home in Doonside, Saskatchewan; enlisted in Regina, 5 November 1940. Post-war Chaplain. No citation.

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**MANN, Cpl Harry Charles (R99582) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.105 Squadron, RAF, No 8 (Pathfinder) Group, Bomber Command had Mosquito a/c equipped with OBOE precision navigation radar. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home in St.Mary's, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 15 April 1941. No citation

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**MANSON, Cpl Donald Miller Ferguson (R131451) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

78 RAF Squadron, 4 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Born 16 March 1912 in Glasgow, Scotland. Educated there. Entered Canadian Bank of Commerce service, November 1929. Enlisted in Hamilton, 17 October 1941. Overseas in June 1942. Served with No.78 Squadron and, from April to September 1945, with Radar Development Unit, Bomber Command Headquarters. Released 24 October 1945, returning to bank duties. See **War Service Records, 1939-1945** (Canadian Bank of Commerce, 1947). No citation in AFRO.

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**MARK, Cpl George Archer (R100740) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.7 Squadron, RAF, 8 (Pathfinder) Group, Bomber Command, - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. See **War Service Records, 1939-1945** (Canadian Bank of Commerce, 1947) which gives name as George Archer. Born in Toronto, 8 February 1919. Entered bank service, 1937. Enlisted in Toronto, 8 April 1941. Trained as a Radar Mechanic before going overseas, October 1941. Further radar training at Prestwick, Scotland, then served in Pathfinder forces. Released 10 October 1945 and returned to bank duties. No citation.

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**MARTIN, F/O (now S/L) Branston Wilmott (C3173) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

AMES. RAF, Mersing, East Coast of Malaya - Award as per **London Gazette** dated 1 October 1946 and AFRO 1059/46 dated 8 November 1946. Home in Kingston; enlisted in Ottawa, 6 November 1940. Medal presented 19 November 1948. No citation with AFRO other than "...in recognition of gallant and distinguished services rendered during the period of operations against the Japanese in Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies, terminating in March, 1942." However, a letter from RCAF Overseas Headquarters to AFHQ, Ottawa, gives the following:

**In December 1941, Flying Officer Martin was technical officer commanding a radar station on the east coast of Malaya, 100 miles north of Singapore. Despite great difficulties caused by tropical conditions, the unit reached a high pitch of operational efficiency, largely because of Flying Officer Martin's efforts. It was the first radar unit to plot the first enemy raid on Singapore, thereby giving almost an hour's warning of its approach. By 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1942, the enemy had advanced to within half a mile of the station, which sustained repeated low level machine gun and bombing attacks. Despite this, it continued to function until orders to withdraw were received. All the secret equipment was then removed intact, although the station was not a mobile one, and although most of the personnel, including Flying Officer Martin, were suffering from malaria or dengue. On 9th February 1942 the station, now mobilized and re-erected at Tuas on Singapore Island, had again to be withdrawn before the Japanese advance. Flying Officer Martin completed this task and then, on his own initiative, returned with**

a volunteer party, to an area partly occupied by advanced enemy elements to destroy another radar installation. The party spent two hours at this work and withdrew safely. At the withdrawal from Tuas, the unit had been ordered to ensure speed by abandoning their masts but, by 12th February 1942, Flying Officer Martin was again able to report that the station was functioning at Tanah Merah Kechil on the south east side of Singapore Island. He had shown great ingenuity in devising aerials and feeders which were mounted on palm trees instead of masts. Shortly afterwards, the enemy landing at Changi necessitated a further withdrawal and Flying Officer Martin prepared to install the unit at Fort Canning. While he was preparing the site and aerials, the army car park in which the technical vehicles had been left under guard was closely menaced by the enemy. Flying Officer Martin once more volunteered to take a party back into the danger area. This party reached the vehicles and spent a considerable time rendering the equipment useless to the enemy. Throughout the campaign and the later withdrawal from Singapore, this officer showed the utmost leadership, tenacity and devotion to duty.

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**McFAULL, F/L William (C8116) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

RAF Station, Lagens, RAF, The Azores, - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born in Philadelphia, 17 July 1914. Trained in banking (including

Queen's University), he was ten years with the Royal Bank of Canada. Home in Winnipeg, Manitoba; enlisted in Regina, Saskatchewan, 10 May 1941. Presented 2 November 1946. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9056 has recommended citation.

**This officer has been in charge of the Radar Section at Lagens since October 1943 and has shown a high degree of leadership. He has taken part in 15 operational flights during which two attacks were made on the enemy. Flight Lieutenant McFaull has done valuable work in training air crews on Mark X Radar, and in doing so has flown a considerable number of training flights outside his normal work.**

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**McKENZIE, F/O Hugh Lawrence (C35934) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.9 Radio Unit (CHL), Western Air Command, Spider Island, B.C. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1127/45 dated 6 July 1945. Home in Rocanville, Saskatchewan; enlisted in Winnipeg, 18 August 1942.

**As Commanding Officer of an isolated radio unit, this officer has set an example of cheerfulness and progressiveness that have been an example to all personnel under him. The interest he has taken in his men has resulted in an excellently operated unit with very high morale. Despite the extreme isolation of this unit, this officer has maintained a high standard in every respect and is worthy of the highest praise.**

**MILLER, S/L David Garrett (C6628) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Group Radar officer, 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command.

Overseas - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Home in Iroquois, Ontario; enlisted in Ottawa 9 August 1941. No citation.

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**MILLER, F/L John Beattie (C7504) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

59 Squadron, 19 Group, Coastal Command- Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Calgary; enlisted in Edmonton, 12 May 1941. No citation.

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**MILLROY, Sgt Reginald Herbert (R134918) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

1660 Conversion Unit, 52 Base, 5 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Born 3 December 1914. Home in Carman, Manitoba; enlisted in Winnipeg, 4 November 1941. Posted overseas in September 1942; repatriated 8 October 1945. No citation.



**MILLS, F/L Charles Albert (C8043) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

As the Japanese swept into the South Pacific, the Government of New Zealand sought from the British Government men and equipment for a radar screen for defence of their Islands. In response, the British Government shipped the radar equipment and the Air Ministry sent the required personnel amongst whom were F/O A.W. Pouchinsky, CAN C 7502, F/O C.A. Mills CAN C 8043 and Sgt (later F/O) W. Stott CAN R 81055. In January, 1943, the Commander-in-Chief South Pacific, Admiral William F. Halsey, asked the New Zealand Government to supply a British radar, manned by New Zealanders, for use in the forward area. In response No.52 Radar Unit, Royal New Zealand Air Force was formed in January under the command of F/L C.A. Mills. The advance party arrived in Guadalcanal in February and the Ground Control Interception radar was operational 21 March, 1943 for No 6 Night Fighter Squadron, United States Marine Corps.

Award effective 22 March, 1946, as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 602/46 dated, 14 June, 1946. Born 13 June, 1920. Home in Strathroy, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 8 April 1941. Commissioned 30 August 1941. Posted overseas in September 1941; repatriated June 1946. Radio Officer. No citation.

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**MOORE, Cpl Dennis Gilbert (R161323) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

311 Squadron RAF, 19 Group, Coastal Command. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Born 4 August 1916. Home in Freeman, Ontario;

enlisted in Hamilton, 4 May 1942. Posted overseas April 1943; repatriated 7 December 1945; released 21 January 1946. Certificate sent 9 October 1948. No citation.

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**MOREHOUSE, LAC Austin Glenmore (R137844) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.405 RCAF Squadron. No. 8 (Pathfinder) Group Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Born 1 June 1912. Home in Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia; enlisted 30 December 1941. Posted overseas September 1942; repatriated 27 September 1945; released 3 October 1945. No citation.

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**MORRISON, Cpl (now Sgt) Thomas Ross (R90615) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

582 Squadron RAF, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Born 14 July 1912. Home in Toronto; enlisted in North Bay, 9 April 1941. Posted overseas January 1942; repatriated 23 October 1945; released 3 December 1945. No citation.

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**MUIR, F/L Gilbert Alexander (C5645) -**

**- Distinguished Flying Cross -**

46 Squadron RAF, 252 Wing, 202 Group, Middle East Command - Award effective 12 May 1944 as per **London Gazette** dated 19 May 1944 and AFRO 1380/44 dated 30 June 1944. Born in Winnipeg, 1912; home there; enlisted there 13 June 1941. Commissioned 1941. Medal presented 9 April 1949.

**This officer has taken part in night intruder operations over Rhodes, Cos and Crete. On one occasion he was observer in an aircraft when at least two enemy aircraft were destroyed and others damaged. Flight Lieutenant Muir's technical knowledge and experience have been invaluable to his squadron, while his keenness and devotion to duty have been an inspiring example to all.**

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**MUSSELMAN, F/L Alba Leslie (C8108) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Home in West Montrose, Ontario; enlisted Ontario, 25 April 1941. No citation.

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**MUSSELMAN, S/L Alba Leslie (C8108) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -** Headquarters, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. No citation.

**MYLREA, Cpl Raymond Gilbert (R139717) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

103 RAF Squadron, 1 Group Bomber Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** dated 16 June 1944 (amendment to Birthday Honours List). Born 16 February 1916; enlisted in Saskatoon, 14 November 1941. Radio mechanic; posted overseas October 1942; repatriated 23 October 1945; released 22 November 1945. No citation.

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**NIXON, F/O John Alexander (C15303) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No. 2 Radar Servicing Section, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force (MACAF) Italy. - Award effective 17 September 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date 28 and AFRO 2198/43 dated 29 October 1943. Home in Washago, Ontario; enlisted Toronto 18 March 1941. No citation.

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**NORTHOVER, F/L Harold William (C4221) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.5048 AMES, RAF, 182 Wing. 221 Group, 3rd TAC ACSEA. 5048 AMES was a Chain Overseas Low (COL) radar station mounted on an 85 foot steel barge. In February, 1944, it was moored off St. Martin's Island west of Maungdaw, Burma. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Enlisted in Hamilton, 24 February 1941. No citation.

**O'NEIL, Sgt Harold Ignatius (R133970) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.12 Operational Training Unit (OTU), RAF Station, Chipping Norton, 92 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Born 31 March 1921. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 7 October 1941. Posted overseas, 2 June 1942; repatriated 17 October 1945. Radar mechanic. No citation.

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**OSBORNE, F/L William John (C7962) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.51 Operational Training Unit RAF, Fighter Command - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Home in Ottawa; enlisted in Montreal, 8 April 1941. No citation.

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**OSBORNE, F/L William John (C7962) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

25 Squadron RAF, 11 Group, Fighter Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. No citation.

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**OSBORNE, S/L William John (C7962) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Headquarters, 85 Group, 2nd Tactical Air Force - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. No citation.

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**OSBORNE, S/L William John (C7962) -**

**- Officer, Order of the British Empire -**

Headquarters, 85 Group, 2nd Tactical Air Force. Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Medal presented 9 April 1948. No citation.

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**OUDERKIRK, W/C William Ralph (C3553) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

222 Group, Ceylon, ACSEA - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. Home in Finch, Ontario; enlisted in Montreal, 11 December 1940. No citation.

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**PARFITT, LAC Howard (R162616) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

8086 Servicing Echelon, Coastal Command, RAF Station, Ballykelly, N.Ireland - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born in Victoria, British Columbia, 27 March 1916; home there. Enlisted in Vancouver, 14 April 1942; overseas 16 May 1943. Medal presented 21 February 1948. Public Records Office Air 2/9094 has recommendation.

**This airman has been employed on major inspection of radar equipment. He has been responsible for detecting faults and submitting modifications which when put into effect have often resulted in the higher serviceability of equipment. It is largely due to his untiring efforts that the anti-submarine radar equipment at this station during the last six months has shown the highest serviceability of any in the Command. On several occasions Leading Aircraftman Parfitt has been entrusted with initiating work of the highest importance, beyond the normal scope of a radar mechanic. Each time he has completed the work most successfully and speedily. His zeal, energy and selfless devotion to duty have set an excellent example to all members of the radar section.**

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**PARFITT, Cpl Howard (R162616) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

8086 Servicing Echelon, Coastal Command, RAF Station Ballykelly, Northern Ireland. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946.

No citation.

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**PARKER, Sgt Everett John (R102563) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

AMES 7611, RAF, North West African Air Force - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Proton, Ontario; enlisted in Toronto, 21 April 1941. Certificate sent 27 September 1948. No citation.

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**PATRICK, W/C Kenneth Roland (C1412) -**

**- Officer, Order of the British Empire -**

No.1 Wireless School, RCAF, Montreal Que. - Award effective 1 January 1944 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 113/44 dated 21 January 1944. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, 15 June 1915. Enlisted there 15 September 1939. Flight Lieutenant, 1 March 1940; Squadron Leader, 1 June 1941; Wing Commander 1 December 1941; in postwar RCAF he reverted to Flight Lieutenant, 28 October, 1946;



Squadron Leader, 1 June 1948; Wing Commander, 1 January 1949; Group Captain, 1 September 1950. CO and Chief Instructor of No.1 Wireless School (1940-1943), Montreal, Que. He later commanded No.5 Radar and Communications School, Clinton, a joint US-UK-Canada development and training unit, 10 October 1943 to November 1945. Recommended for OBE, 10 October 1943 by G/C W.G. Webber. Medal presented 9 April 1945. Remained active in RCAF Auxiliary after the war, assisting in formation of two Montreal squadrons plus Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons at Quebec City, Montreal, Sherbrooke and Ottawa. In 1951 he was appointed CO of the Radar and Communications Unit, Montreal, and seconded to the Regular Force for five weeks to study Communist radar systems for the Canadian and American governments. Awarded Queen's Coronation Medal, 23 October 1953 while a Group Captain with No.12 Group (Auxiliary). His postwar business enterprises included Canadian Aviation Electronics and Canadian Vertol Aircraft Limited.

**This officer has distinguished himself by his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Wireless and Radio in the RCAF. He has been employed at this school since its inception and, since September 1941, has been Chief Instructor. He has spared no effort to further service interests and through his unusual diligence and keen leadership has built up an enviable record of achievement and high standard of technical training.**

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**PATRICK, W/C Kenneth Roland, OBE (C1412) -**

**- Officer, Legion of Merit (United States) -**

No 5 Radio School, RCAF, Clinton, ON. - Award effective 21 December 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** dated 4 May 1946 and AFRO 473/46 dated

10 May 1946. An RCAF press release, February 1960, says this award was for "services in research and development of guided missiles". Presented Friday, 8 February 1946 by U.S. Consul General in Montreal; the following supplied by the Americans.

**Wing Commander Kenneth R. Patrick, Royal Canadian Air Force, rendered outstanding service from October 1943 to September 1945, as Commanding Officer of Royal Canadian Air Force, No.5 Radio School. He displayed outstanding interest, industry and conscientiousness in the training of United States Army Air Force personnel in electronics. His efforts to build a great understanding between the service personnel of the United States and Canada in training at his station were eminently successful in cementing the close relationship between the two peoples and in turning out highly skilled and competent students. [Wing] Commander Patrick's work made a material contribution to the success of the Allied forces and reflect great credit upon himself and the Royal Canadian Air Force.**

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**PAUL, S/L Glen Watson (C7511) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

309 Mobile Signals Servicing Unit, 2nd Tactical Air Force, France -Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. Home in Guelph; enlisted Edmonton, 2 May 1941. No citation.

**PEARSON, Cpl John (R93727) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.405 Squadron, (Lancaster a/c) RCAF, 8 (Pathfinder) Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Born 24 May 1908. Home in Edmonton; enlisted there 10 April 1941. Posted overseas January 1942; repatriated 7 June 1945; released 8 September 1945. No citation.

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**PEARSON, Cpl John Lewis (R97138) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.53 Squadron (Hudson a/c) RAF, 16 Group, Coastal Command. - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Born 9 March 1916. Home in Port McNicoll, Ontario; enlisted Toronto 3 March 1942. Posted overseas July 1942; repatriated 9 August 1945. Commissioned 9 January 1945. Radar Mechanic. No citation.

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**PEARSON, Sgt John Lewis (R97138) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Overseas - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. No citation in AFRO.

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**PHILP, F/L Ronald Charles (C12800) -**

**- Member, Order of the British Empire -**

569 Ames, No.181 Signals Wing, 221 Group, Third Tactical Air Force, ACSEA, Burma - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 132/45 dated 26 January 1945. Home in Chippawa, Ontario; enlisted Niagara Falls, Ontario, 20 May 1940. Medal sent by registered mail 26 September 1946. Public Records Office Air 2/8872 has recommendation.

**This officer is Commanding Officer, No.569 AMES, and he has, under difficult conditions and in the face of the enemy, displayed a high degree of initiative and skill in his command. By his devotion to duty, determination and personal example, he kept the morale of his unit up to a high standard. His unit has provided invaluable radar cover during a period of important operations. Flight Lieutenant Philp's unit was at first situated in an exposed position, liable to interference by enemy patrols at one end of the Nakala Strip near Tamu.(Burma) Whilst in this position the station provided the first warning on nearly all hostile aircraft which approached their sector, including two enemy reconnaissance aircraft destroyed which might otherwise have returned to the enemy with important photographs. When it was decided to move the station the convoy was on the road within three hours of going off the air. The withdrawal was carried out quickly and efficiently. Flight Lieutenant Philp remained at Nakala with a technical crew, to operate a mobile light warning set, and when this unit again had to move its position, a new site was occupied and communication re-established within 3 1/2 hours from closing down on the old site. At this new site there was little real defence and on three occasions**

personnel and equipment were subjected to heavy shellfire. When the Radar vehicle was destroyed it was decided to withdraw the unit. Flight Lieutenant Philp then returned to Imphal and resumed command of No.569 AMES which had been re-deployed in the Imphal Valley.

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**PRIESTMAN, F/O Robert Edmund (C19539) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.62 Base Servicing Echelon, RCAF Station, Linton-on-Ouse No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. DHist file 181.009 D.1725 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20607) has list of MiDs this date with unit. DHist file 181.009 D.1719 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20606) has recommendation dated 3 February 1945, noting he had enlisted 4 September 1941, serving ten months in Canada and 32 months overseas:

**Pilot Officer Priestman was posted to Base Major Servicing Section in August 1944 and since his arrival he has proven himself to be a capable and diligent officer. His patient, sympathetic handling of his NCOs and men have to no small degree contributed to the general efficiency of the Base Major Servicing Section. This officer, though a Radar Officer, has in a few months organized and made extremely efficient a combined Signals Radar Servicing Section. By diligent and faithful application to his duties, Pilot Officer Priestman has in a short time mastered the complicities [sic - complexities ?] of two technical trades and raised his section to its present excellent standard.**

**RADLEY, F/Sgt Sidney Alan (R141955) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.433 RCAF Squadron, Skipton-on-Swale, No. 6 (RCAF) Group Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 721/45 dated 27 April 1945. DHist file 181.009 D.2908 (RG.24 Vol.20633) has recommendation sent to Station Skipton, 20 July 1944. Enlisted 13 November 1941; had served eight months in Canada, two years overseas. Radar mechanic.

**This Non-Commissioned Officer has been with this squadron since its inception and has been in charge of the Radar Section during that time. He has proven to be an exceptional leader of the personnel working beneath him, a great organizer, and one who receives full co-operation from his section with the result that a very high standard of serviceability on our aircraft has been maintained.**

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**RICARD, F/Sgt Joseph Raoul Aurele (R90644) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station Tholthorpe, No 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. DHist file 181.009 D.1725 (PAC RG.24 Vol.20607) has recommendation forwarded to No.6 Group Headquarters, 5 May 1945. Radar Mechanic; enlisted 10 April 1941; served eleven months in Canada, three years overseas:

**This Senior NCO has always shown outstanding ability and devotion to duty. When this Station was chosen by Command to convert A.I. Mk.IV night fighter Radar equipment into an efficient early warning device for bomber aircraft, this senior NCO personally conducted the experimental work and later supervised the installation of this equipment in all aircraft of this Station. The value of this early warning device was demonstrated by the number of early warnings given to crews, thus enabling them to avoid attacks.**

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**RICHARDS, F/O Joseph Alexander Tortwood (C17365) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Telecommunications Research Enterprise was the centre of experimentation and design for British radar. Malvern, Worcs. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Montreal; enlisted there 28 April 1941. DHist file 181.009 D.3386 (RG.24 Vol.20638) dealing with Honours and Awards Section overseas has the following entry dated August 10th, 1944:

**The outstanding work performed by P/O J.A. Richards (C17365) in connection with experimental Radar duties was brought to our notice by DAS. This officer is on the strength of T.R.E., Malvern - a RAF Station. The report on his past performance was given to S10A, Air Ministry in our letter RC17365 (Pld) d/14 Aug. 44. Mr. C.G. White 'phoned and promised to do his best to have the RAF CO recommend P/O Richards for a suitable award.**

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**RICHARDSON, F/L Gordon Alexander (C8071) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

422 RCAF Squadron, RAF Station, Ballykelly, N.Ireland, Coastal Command.- Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Home in South Peterborough, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 8 April 1941. DHist file 181.009 D.5578 (RG.24 Vol.20669) has letter from G/C H.R.A. Edwards (CO, Station Ballykelly) to CO, Station Archdale, stating that Richardson was Radar Officer for No.422 Squadron during 1943. Although not aircrew by virtue of his medical status, he had flown on several patrols and it was suggested that he was at least entitled to an operational badge.

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**RITCHIE, F/O James (C7940) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.600 Squadron - RAF, The City of London Auxillary Squadron, Night fighters flying Beaufighter aircraft equipped with Mk IV Airborne Interceptor (AI) radar covering the landings and armies in the Italian campaign. F/O Ritchie was the Squadron's technical radar officer. Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Born in Glasgow, Scotland; home in Outremont, Quebec. Enlisted 25 April 1941. Commissioned 1941. No citation.



**RITCHIE, F/O James (C7940) -**

**- Distinguished Flying Cross -**

F/O James Ritchie was the Radio Navigator in the Night Fighter destruction of enemy aircraft.

7 December, 1943 - one HE 111 destroyed 10 Miles S.W.  
Syracuse, Sicily.

29 January, 1944 - two DO 217's N.W. of Anzio.

6 February, 1944 - one DO 217 30 miles North of Rome.

17 March, 1944 - One JU 88 North of Anzio.

No.600 Squadron, (MACAF) Malta and Italy - Award effective 15 May 1944 as per **London Gazette** dated 23 May 1944 and AFRO 1380/44 dated 30 June 1944. Award sent by registered mail.

**This officer is of non-aircrew category but has shown himself competent to fly as observer and has always availed himself of every opportunity of flying. As a member of an operational aircrew he has participated in the destruction of four enemy aircraft, two of which were destroyed on the same night. Flying Officer Ritchie has always shown outstanding courage and coolness.**

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**ROSS, F/O John Alfred (C3556) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

210 Squadron RAF, 19 Group, Coastal Command. Award effective 1 January 1942 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 142/42 dated

30 January 1942. Home in Moncton; enlisted there, 16 November 1940. No citation.

**ROTHWELL, F/L Warren Randall (C22927) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

AMES 23001 RAF MAAF, Cap Bizerta, North Africa - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. No citation.

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**ROWLATT, F/L James Hugh (C3424) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

231 Wing, Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command, ACSEA, Burma - Award effective 1 January 1943 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 232/43 dated 12 February 1943. Enlisted in Montreal, 7 January 1941. No citation.

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**RUSSELL, Sgt Alfred Ernest (R179A) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

Iceland - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 425/45 dated 9 March 1945. Born 18 May 1917. Enlisted in Toronto, 15 April 1941. Posted to No.113 Squadron, 9 June 1942 and No.162 Squadron, 30 November 1943. RAF, both of Headquarters Middle East Command; to Iceland, 31 December 1943; repatriated 16 March 1945; released 7 September 1945. No citation.

**SCHWALM, F/L Richard Paul (C18951) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

515 Squadron, RAF, 100 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted in Hamilton, 15 August 1941. No citation.

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**SCOTT, F/Sgt Clarence Wilfred (R95065) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.428 Squadron (Lancaster a/c), RCAF, at Middleton St. George, 6 (RCAF) Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 132/45 dated 26 January 1945. Home in Ogema, Saskatchewan; enlisted in Winnipeg, 14 February 1941. Award presented 2 May 1948. No citation in biographical file. DHist file 181.009 D.4364 (RG.24 Vol.20648) has recommendation dated 21 June 1944.

**Flight Sergeant Scott as NCO in charge Radar has displayed great determination and devotion to duty in the equipping, modifying and maintenance of radar in squadron aircraft. He has spent many long and arduous hours, beyond the ordinary call of duty, in maintaining radar serviceability and his efforts have contributed to a major degree in the radar efficiency achieved by his unit.**

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**SCOTT, S/L Clayton Rennie (C3866) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.15 Group Headquarters, RAF, Coastal Command (Liverpool) - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1395/45 dated 31 August 1945. Enlisted in Toronto, 3 February 1941. No citation.

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**SCOTT, F/L Stanley Gordon (C11926) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

172 Squadron RAF, Station Tain, 19 Group Coastal Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 418/46 dated 18 April 1946. Enlisted in Toronto 5 September, 1941. No citation.

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**SHARPE, F/Sgt Clarence Robert (R91869) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.7 Squadron RAF, 8 (Pathfinder) Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Born 30 April 1921. Enlisted 5 February 1941. Began as radio electrician; re-mustered to Radar Mechanic, October 1941; posted overseas, April 1941; repatriated 17 August 1945. Released 5 October 1945. No citation.

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**SHEPHERD, Sgt Boyd Carson (R149025) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

6 (RCAF) Group Headquarters, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. AFRO gives unit only as "Overseas"; unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. Born 16 May 1920; enlisted 22 December 1941. Radar mechanic; posted overseas September 1942, he seems to have been repatriated in June 1943 but sent overseas again soon after; finally returned to Canada 23 July 1945 and released 26 September 1945. No citation.

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**SHEPHERD, F/O Thomas George (C8121) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.334 Special Duties Wing, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Italy. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. No citation.

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**SHIRKIE, LAC James Traquair (R163818) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

86 Squadron, 16 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Born 29 March 1916; home in Toronto; enlisted in Regina, 16 May 1942. Radar Mechanic; posted overseas April 1943; repatriated 23 November 1945; released 1 December 1945. No citation.

**SINCLAIR, F/L Harold Daniel (C8117) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

423 Squadron, RCAF (Sunderland Aircraft) 18 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Cranbrook, British Columbia; enlisted in Calgary, 9 May 1941. No citation.

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**SKINNER, Cpl Elgin Arnold (R129825) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

75 Squadron, 3 Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Born 5 July 1920; home in Exeter, Ontario; enlisted in London, Ontario, 6 December 1941. Radio mechanic at first; re-mustered as Radar Mechanic, 1 July 1943. Posted overseas in September 1942; repatriated 23 October 1945; released 4 December 1945. No citation.

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**SMITHBOWER, F/O Richard Joseph (C17182) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.239 Squadron, RAF, Night Fighter Intruders, 100 Group, Bomber Command who would attack the enemy night fighters and clear the way for

the Bomber force - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Hamilton, Ontario; enlisted there 12 April 1941. No citation.

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**SODEN, F/L James Arthur (C28460) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

405 RCAF Squadron, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1478/45 dated 21 September 1945. Enlisted in Montreal, 5 June 1942. No citation.

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**SPICER, Cpl William Alfred (R170428) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

416 Repair and Servicing Unit, RAF, England - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Born in Saskatoon, 11 June 1910; home there; enlisted there 16 July 1942. Radar mechanic; posted overseas in March 1944; repatriated December 1945; released 11 January 1946. No citation.

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**STEINER, F/O David Millard (C8094) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.86 Squadron (Liberator a/c), RAF, 16 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Home in Toronto; enlisted there 21 April 1941. No citation.

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**STEWART, F/Sgt Laurie Stead (R95916)**

**- Mention in Despatches-**

RAF Station Upwood, U.K., No 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command. Fitting OBOE and H2S into Lancasters and Mosquito aircraft. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379 dated 2 March 1944. Home at Hopetown, Ontario; enlisted in Ottawa, 1 April 1941. Served in postwar RCAF. No citation

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**TAYLOR, F/O Alexander Keith (C8111) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.500 Squadron, RAF, (Hudson a/c) North African Coastal Air Force Award effective 1 June 1943 as per **London Gazette** dated 2 June 1943



and AFRO 1247/43 dated 2 July 1943. Home in Winnipeg; enlisted there 14 April 1941. Unit found in DHist file 181.009 D.1711 "Honours and Awards - Awards to RCAF Personnel in Middle East" (NAC RG.24 Box 20605). No citation.

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**TAYLOR, Cpl George William (R100327) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.97 Squadron, RAF, 5 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Born 11 September 1913; enlisted in Winnipeg, 7 April 1941; began as radio mechanic; re-mustered to Radar Mechanic, 22 May 1942. Posted overseas February 1942; repatriated 21 August 1945; released 5 October 1945. No citation.

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**THOMPSON, F/L Hugh Aimers Stevens (C8064) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.295 AMES, Mobile Radar Unit, at Ghissonnacia, Corsica, 63rd Fighter Wing (XII Air Support Command USAAF), - Award effective 14 January 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 874/44 dated 21 April 1944. Unit found in DHist file 181.009 D.1711 "Honours and Awards - Awards to RCAF Personnel in Middle East" (NAC RG.24 Box 20605). Enlisted in Toronto, 7 April 1941. No citation.

**THOMPSON, F/O Stewart Edgar (C21522) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.15 Base, RAF, Scampton, Lincs, No 1 Group, Bomber Command. - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 379/45 dated 2 March 1945. Enlisted in Toronto, 29 December 1941. No citation.

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**TISDALE, LAC Herbert David (R101031) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

179 Squadron, RAF, Gibraltar, 19 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 1 June 1943 as per **London Gazette** dated 2 June 1943 and AFRO 1247/43 dated 2 July 1943. Enlisted in Vancouver, 18 April 1941. No citation.

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**TOWNSEND, F/O Raymond Leonard Beecher (C15974) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

58 Squadron RAF, 19 Group, Coastal Command - Award effective 8 June 1944 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1729/44 dated 11 August 1944. Enlisted in Regina, 21 April 1941. No citation.

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**TRENKER, Cpl Paul (R181799) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

692 Squadron RAF, 8 Pathfinder Group, Bomber Command - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Enlisted in Regina 25 August 1942. No citation in AFRO.

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**TURNBULL, Sergeant Neil James (R102734) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No 2 RDS Portable Section, No.181 Signals Wing, RAF, 221 Group, 3rd TAF, Eastern Air Command, ACSEA, Burma - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 132/45 dated 26 January 1945. Home in Leamington, Ontario; enlisted in Toronto 1 May 1941. Award presented 14 June 1949. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/8872 has recommendation. Broadway, Burma was one of the areas behind the Japanese lines that was seized by Brigadier General Orde Wingate's Chindits in order to disrupt the Japanese supply lines.

**On the 19th March, 1944, this airman, who is a radar mechanic, landed at Broadway, Burma with a crew of four operators. He was instructed to place himself and his small crew and equipment at the disposal of an American Signals Corps Lieutenant and crew whose light warning set had been destroyed by fire as the result of an air raid. Sergeant Turnbull erected the new equipment two or three miles from the strip at the edge of a small jungle clearing, but at first the results**

were not up to standard. On the 24th March the equipment was dismantled and moved to a new site. At midnight, the enemy made a heavy and surprise attack on the site and the Gurkha guard was overwhelmed. Sergeant Turnbull and his crew were confined to a fortress for four days until the enemy were forced to retire on 31st March. As soon as he was able to reconnoitre the area and inspect the equipment which had been damaged, he decided that the chosen site was good from the technical point of view, afforded good camouflage cover from the air, and was immediately adjacent to the fortress, thereby ensuring greater protection from the enemy ground forces. The American radar personnel, including the officer, had all left and Sergeant Turnbull was required to work on his own initiative with his small crew. By the 3rd April all the faults had been cleared and the damage repaired. The equipment was kept working throughout the daylight hours, being manned by Sergeant Turnbull and three operators until April 8th when more RAF radar operators arrived. Sergeant Turnbull was faced with very considerable responsibilities throughout and the results that he achieved were worthy of high praise.

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**VOLLICK, F/Sgt (now W/O 2) Carlisle Nelson (R75767) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.5 Radio School. RCAF, Clinton, Ontario - Award effective as of 1 January 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 89/45 dated 19 January 1945. Enlisted in Hamilton, 5 November 1940. Award presented 17 June 1945.

**This airman has been the non-commissioned officer in charge of the radar training section at this station for the past year, during which time he has shown outstanding initiative in organizing additional instruction, which has done much towards raising the standard of training. His keen interest and outstanding work in organizing extra-mural activities is most praiseworthy. With his outstanding skill and untiring efforts he has rendered highly meritorious service.**

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**WALTERS, F/Sgt Cyril Whitham (R100809) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

RCAF Station, Middleton St. George, No. 6 (RCAF) Group Bomber Command, - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Unit found in McEwen Papers list of recommendations for MiD. D. Hist file 181.009 D.4364 (RG.24 Vol.20648) has recommendation submitted to OC No.64 Base, 4 May 1945, confirms unit; home in Toronto; enlisted there 14 April 1941; served one year in Canada, 36 months overseas. Certificate sent 8 October 1948.

**In the past year, Flight Sergeant Walters has been NCO in charge of the Radar Repair and Inspection Section at RCAF Middleton St. George and during that time has proved to be a most reliable NCO as well as capably thinking for himself when called upon to solve the many intricate problems arising from Radar servicing. His attitude towards his men has constantly commanded their respect, which has to a great extent provided the impetus in achieving the high state of serviceability during this time.**

**WATSON, F/Sgt Alan Douglas (R94261) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No 5 Radar and Communications School, RCAF, Clinton, Ontario - Award effective 13 June 1946 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 660/46 dated 5 July 1946. Enlisted in Montreal, 15 April 1941. Presented in Montreal, 21 March 1947.

**This non-commissioned officer has been employed as an instructor in Radar micro-wave theory. He has been at this unit since its opening and during that time has been directly charged with the preparation of many of the precis, assignments and manuals required for instruction on this particular subject. This required considerable research both in reading and practical work. His efforts have at all times been an example and inspiration to those working with him.**

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**WATT, F/L Alexander William (C7479) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.8 Squadron, RCAF. - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1127/45 dated 6 July 1945. Enlisted in Vancouver, 17 April 1941.

**This officer has served as a radar officer since September 1941 and did excellent work with No.502 Squadron, 19 Group, Coastal Command in England and No.31 Operational Training Unit at Debort. Now**

**at No.8 (BR) Squadron, his efforts to raise the radar standard at that unit have resulted in great success. His loyalty and devotion to duty have always been above the ordinary call of duty and his skill and efforts are worthy of high praise.**

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**WEST, F/SGT William Archibald (R85000) -**

**- British Empire Medal -**

No.6088 Light Warning (radar) Station, No 25 Base Defence Sector, RAF, 85 Group, 2nd TAF - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1219/45 dated 27 July 1945. Born at Hopewell Hill, New Brunswick, 6 April 1921; home there; farmer; enlisted in Moncton, 7 April 1941. Overseas 23 January 1942. Repatriated 21 June 1945. Initially a radio mechanic; re-classified as Radar Mechanic, 20 April 1942. No citation in Canadian sources. Public Records Office Air 2/9094 has recommendation.

**During the withdrawal of 6088 L.W.S.(Light Warning Stations) and W.O.U.(Wireless Observer Unit) posts in December 1944 rendered necessary by the German offensive in the Ardennes, Flight Sergeant West maintained a high standard of conduct. As technical NCO he had little rest for four days and by his untiring efforts and devotion to duty throughout this arduous period he contributed materially to the success of the withdrawal. He accompanied a Radar Officer of 25 Sector as a driver on a mission to recover a Technical Vehicle abandoned near Bastogne and although the return route was under shell fire and the prime mover and towed vehicle could only be moved at a very slow**

**speed, he successfully brought his charge to safety. On another occasion he volunteered to go with a Royal Air Force Regiment escort to bring back or destroy Royal Air Force vehicles reported abandoned in the St.Vith area. Three excursions were made and some vehicles were destroyed. Flight Sergeant West has set a fine example to all personnel of his unit.**

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**WIACEK, Cpl. Walter William (R214813) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

No.436 RCAF Transport Squadron, 229 Group, RAF, ACSEA, **Burma** - Award effective 1 January 1946 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 155/46 dated 15 February 1946. Home in Brantford, Ontario; enlisted in Hamilton, 26 January 1943. No citation. Unit identified in DHist file 181.009 D2585 (RG.24 Vol.20626) .

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**WILSON, LAC Donald Daniel (R143992) -**

**- Mention in Despatches -**

220 Squadron, 15 Group, Coastal Command, The Azores - Award effective 14 June 1945 as per **London Gazette** of that date and AFRO 1647/45 dated 26 October 1945. Born 21 May 1914. Home in Kingston, Ontario; enlisted in Ottawa, 6 January 1942. Radio Mechanic. Posted overseas, 2 May 1942; repatriated, 23 July 1945; released 8 September 1945. No citation.



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**WILTON, F/O Robert (C24944) -**

**Member, Order of the British Empire -**

No.5 Radio School, RCAF Station, Clinton, ON - Award effective 1 January 1945 as per **Canada Gazette** of that date and AFRO 89/45 dated 19 January 1945. Enlisted in Calgary, 24 October 1941. MBE presented 17 June 1945.

**This officer has displayed great initiative and ability in organizing the electronics section at this school. His excellent work has made a very large contribution to the organization and training at this school. By his energetic, keen and successful efforts he has been an example and inspiration to all. His devotion to duty displayed in many extra hours of hard work has been most praiseworthy.**

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## Abbreviations, Acronyms and Code-names

Abbreviations have not been used, to a certain extent, in order to avoid the alphabet soup so common in many military documents. However, abbreviations for rank, command, types of unit, that are commonly known are listed. Additionally, code-names such as OBOE and acronyms like ACSEA also appear in the following list. (see page 64 for list of RCAF World War II ranks as compared to present day ranks).

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| ACSEA-      | Air Command South East Asia, (sometimes referred to as SEAC)  |
| AMES-       | Air Ministry Experimental Station- an acronym used in the early days of radar to hide the operational role of the unit. The name stuck throughout the war even though its original intent was no longer effective.  |
| BDS-        | Base Defence Sector   |
| BR-         | Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron  |
| CHL-see COL |   |
| COL-        | Chain Overseas Low- The radar screen that surrounded Great Britain was made up mainly of search radars designated as CH for Chain Home ("floodlight station") an aircraft designated as CHL for Chain Home Low ("beam stations"). Similarly, the overseas radar screens were designated CO for Chain Overseas and COL for Chain Overseas Low. |
| EAC-        | Eastern Air Command   |
| GCI-        | Ground Control Interception   |
| HCU-        | Heavy Conversion Unit   |
| HMIS-       | His Majesty's Indian Ship   |
| LWS-        | Light Warning Station   |
| OTU-        | Operational Training Unit   |
| MAAF-       | Mediterranean Allied Air Force  |

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| MACAF-   | Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force  |
| MASAF-   | Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Force  |
| MATAF-   | Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force   |
| MiD-     | Mention in Despatches   |
| MONICA-  | An aircraft tail-warning receiver that senses enemy night fighter radar                 |
| OBOE-    | A precision navigation radar used by the RAF No 8 (Pathfinder) Group for target marking |
| OTU-     | Operational Training Unit   |
| RAF-     | Royal Air Force   |
| RAAF-    | Royal Australian Air Force  |
| RCAF-    | Royal Canadian Air Force  |
| RNZAF-   | Royal New Zealand Air Force   |
| SEAC -   | see ACSEA   |
| USAAF-   | United States Army Air Force  |
| WOU-     | Wireless Observer Unit  |
| 2nd TAF- | Second Tactical Air Force   |
| 3rd TAF- | Third Tactical Air Force  |

## RANKS

| WW II               |       | 2001               |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Leading Aircraftman | LAC   | Corporal           |
| Corporal            | Cpl   | Master Corporal    |
| Sergeant            | Sgt   | Sergeant           |
| Flight Sergeant     | F/Sgt |                    |
| Warrant Officer II  | WO II | Warrant Officer II |
| Warrant Officer I   | WO I  | Warrant Officer I  |
| Pilot Officer       | P/O   | Second Lieutenant  |
| Flying Officer      | F/O   | First Lieutenant   |
| Flight Lieutenant   | F/L   | Captain            |
| Squadron Leader     | S/L   | Major              |
| Wing Commander      | W/C   | Lieutenant-Colonel |
| Group Captain       | G/C   | Colonel            |

