



Using the hand bearing compass to swing the main compass of a Coastal Command Fortress on one of the new air bases in the Azores.

SERVICE AVIATION

Flt. Sgt. F. J. STUART, R.A.F., No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.—One night in October, 1943, this airman piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. Before the target was reached the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter which attacked with great persistence. Much damage was sustained before Flt. Sgt. Stuart succeeded in flying clear. Shortly afterwards another fighter made a series of attacks but, with superb skill, Flt. Sgt. Stuart evaded them. His aircraft was badly crippled. The cockpits, turrets, hydraulic gear and other essential equipment were damaged. The petrol tanks had been pierced and one of the gunners wounded. Undaunted, this valiant pilot went on to bomb his target and afterwards flew the crippled bomber to base where he effected a masterly landing.

Distinguished Flying Medal

- W. E. ROGERS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 115 Sqn. (now P/O.) P. B. JACKSON, R.A.A.F., No. 102 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. R. LOCKHART, R.A.F., No. 37 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. R. THACKRAY, R.A.F.V.R., No. 10 Sqn.
- Sgt. J. D. ASPIN, R.A.F.V.R., No. 625 Sqn.
- Sgt. E. FURNESS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 158 Sqn.
- Sgt. G. E. C. LUCAS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 106 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. J. T. LYONS, R.A.F., No. 600 Sqn.
- Sgt. L. G. RAYMOND, R.A.F.V.R., No. 158 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. A. T. BOWLBY, R.C.A.F., No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. C. M. WALLACE, R.N.Z.A.F., No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
- Sgt. K. N. HICKLIN, R.A.F.V.R., No. 101 Sqn.
- Sgt. R. STITT, R.A.F.V.R., No. 101 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. W. H. BUCKLEY, R.A.F.V.R., No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. A. W. JAMESON, R.A.F.V.R., No. 142 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. R. O. HAWKINS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. C. HORNE, R.A.F.V.R., No. 283 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. W. C. JACKSON, R.C.A.F., No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. T. MAHER, R.A.F.V.R., No. 150 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. (now P/O.) D. H. PARKER, R.C.A.F., No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. A. J. SULLIVAN, R.A.F.V.R., No. 150 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. W. W. TURLEY, R.A.F.V.R., No. 52 Sqn.
- Sgt. A. J. JAKEMAN, R.A.F., No. 40 Sqn.
- Sgt. C. H. LOCK, R.A.F.V.R., No. 142 Sqn.
- Sgt. (now P/O.) L. G. SULLIVAN (R.A.A.F.), No. 150 Sqn.
- Sgt. D. F. SYKES, R.A.F.V.R., No. 70 Sqn.
- Sgt. H. WILKES, R.A.F.V.R., No. 150 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. T. W. DIMMA, R.C.A.F., No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. P. D. MITCHELL, No. 619 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. L. H. GOULD, R.A.F.V.R., No. 179 Sqn.
- Sgt. D. M. CORNISH, R.C.A.F., No. 179 Sqn.
- Sgt. H. O. J. SPARKS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 207 Sqn.
- Flt. Sgt. M. W. JACKSON, R.A.A.F., No. 45 Sqn.
- Sgt. H. H. SHERER, R.A.F.V.R., No. 51 Sqn.
- Sgt. J. H. JENNINGS, R.A.F.V.R., No. 10 Sqn.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Military Medal

Act. Flt. Sgt. C. L. SCHOFIELD, No. 74 Sqn., R.A.F.—On October 6 this airman was detailed to man an Italian Breda gun at Simi. He remained on the site for seven days, sharing the duties with another airman. The gun was in a

key position and was attacked incessantly by Stukas, but Flt. Sgt. Schofield remained at his post and fired his gun even when the flash eliminator was burnt off and the sights had fallen off owing to the heat of the gun. This airman probably destroyed one of the enemy aircraft, although he had been wounded in the arm. On the first day of the invasion of Simi some German were detected below the position of the gun. Flt. Sgt. Schofield participated in an attack against them and brought back one of the enemy's wounded.

Foreign Decorations

THE KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred upon the officers indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

Conferred by the President of the United States of America

Legion of Merit (Commander)

Wing Cdr. G. P. GIBSON, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F.O.

Silver Star

Air Cmdre. A. C. H. SHARP, R.A.F.

Roll of Honour

Casualty Communiqué No. 327.

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce the following casualties on various dates. The next of kin have been informed. Casualties "in action" are due to flying operations against the enemy; "On active service" includes ground casualties due to enemy action, non-operational flying casualties, fatal accidents and natural deaths.

Of the names in this list 98 are second entries giving later information of casualties published in earlier lists.

Royal Air Force

KILLED IN ACTION.—F/O G. W. Mosley; P/O A. C. Watson.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.—Sgt. R. Cordingley; F/O J. W. W. Holmes; Sgt. S. Langhlin; Sgt. G. E. Lewis; Sgt. R. B. Loverseed; Sgt. A. Steel; Sgt. L. Tulloch; P/O J. D. Wallace; F/O V. A. Wilson.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.—Act. Sqn. Ldr. R. B. Bagguley; Sgt. A. R. Camburn; Sgt. C. S. Carroll; Flt. Sgt. F. W. R. Cole; Sgt. A. Cresswell; Sqn. Ldr. C. Crichton-Miller; Flt. Lt. M. E. J. Croker; Sgt. E. F. Crowhurst; F/O P. W. Digby; Sgt. T. E. Edwards; Sgt. T. E. Ellingham; Sgt. J. H. P. Evans; F/O L. Foulds; Sgt. E. L. Gummer; P/O H. Harwood; Sgt. R. E. Hawkins; F/O M. C. Hayes; Sgt. J. N. Hendry; Flt. Sgt. T. W. Holland; Sgt. J. K. Howarth; Flt. Sgt. W. P. Hudson; Sgt. T. T. Jardine; Sgt. E. Lewis; Sgt. W. Mather; Act. Wing Cdr. H. C. Mayers, D.F.C.; F/O J. A. Mitchell; Sgt. I. E. Mobley; P/O R. Nash; Sgt. T. Patterson; Sgt. W. C. Pitt; Sgt. H. S. P. Radford; W/O K. R. Rees; Sgt. R. B.

Smith; Sgt. T. H. Smith; Sgt. R. Stansfield; Flt. Sgt. W. Stephen; Sgt. I. M. Thomas; F/O A. Trotter; F/O D. H. Upsher; Sgt. F. G. Williams; Sgt. G. R. Y. Wood; F/O G. D. Wright.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION.—Sgt. L. J. Bentley; Sgt. R. W. Rose; Sgt. F. A. Throver.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION.—F/O R. E. Dunn.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.—Sgt. J. Dawson; Sgt. A. R. Fuller; Sgt. L. Jenkins; Sgt. L. W. Longman; Sgt. A. McLaughlin; Sgt. A. W. F. Notman; Sgt. W. E. Price; Sgt. D. C. Sullivan; P/O A. Thorp; Sgt. J. T. Zuidmilder.

MISSING.—Sgt. R. F. Alicorn; Sgt. J. F. A. Bailey; P/O A. V. C. Barden; Sgt. T. J. Barrett; Sgt. F. W. Bate; Flt. Lt. R. Beckton; Sgt. J. P. Bellfield; Sgt. T. Bell; Sgt. W. Bell; Sgt. P. Bennett; P/O H. Besson; Sgt. J. B. E. Birrell; W/O I. H. Blackburn; Sgt. L. T. Brawn; P/O A. B. Broadbent; Sgt. A. B. Brunton; Sgt. W. A. Bryson; Sgt. E. G. Burnett; P/O R. J. Clark; Sgt. R. Cornwall; Sgt. H. E. Cracknell; Sgt. T. H. Davies; Flt. Sgt. W. A. Dearman; Sgt. Y. Demeillac; Sgt. G. D. Dodson; Sgt. D. H. Douglas; Sgt. P. E. Duckers; Flt. Sgt. A. Fieldhouse; F/O C. W. Foster; F/O F. C. Gale; Flt. Sgt. W. F. Garrod; Act. W/O C. C. Goff; Sgt. E. Graham; P/O F. Grundy; Flt. Lt. E. M. C. Guest, D.F.C.; Sgt. J. Hamer; Act. Sqn. Ldr. M. J. Harris; Flt. Sgt. W. E. Haslam; F/O A. Hassell; Sgt. V. B. Hawkins; Sqn. Ldr. J. E. R. Hayter, D.F.C.; Sgt. J. M. Healey; F/O J. S. Heasman; F/O F. R. Heeley; Sgt. K. Herring; Flt. Sgt. E. Hewston; Sgt. F. Hindley; Sgt. P. F. Hornbrook; Flt. Sgt. G. J. T. Horton; Act. Sqn. Ldr. D. J. Kilgallon; Sgt. C. H. Leech; Sgt. E. K. Leves; Sgt. F. N. MacAuley; F/O D. McMillan; Sgt. R. J. K. Machan; Sgt. A. Miller; P/O C. M. Murfitt; Sgt. A. J. Murtagh; Sgt. K. J. Offer; Sgt. T. Owens; P/O A. T. Parker; P/O L. J. Powell; Flt. Sgt. J. K. Prudhoe; Flt. Lt. J. Rintoul; Act. W/O J. T. C. Rhodes; Flt. Sgt. H. P. Robinson; Sgt. T. P. Rowlands; Sgt. A. P. Royle; Sgt. J. G. Smith; Sgt. F. Southern; Sgt. R. W. Spencer; Sgt. T. F. Stott; Sgt. J. W. E. Sutherland; Sgt. C. E. Tarbin; Sgt. K. G. Taylor; Act. Flt. Lt. J. E. Walton; F/O D. V. Warner; Flt. Lt. F. C. Webb, D.F.M.; Sgt. J. P. Williamson; Sgt. R. Wilson; P/O A. E. Winn; Flt. Lt. W. G. Wood.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—P/O J. A. J. Baard; Sgt. A. R. Banks; Sgt. J. S. Beech; Flt. Sgt. R. F. Best; Act. Sgt. J. P. D. Burley; F/O N. J. Furlong; L.A./C. C. Gardiner; L.A./C. N. W. Gay; Sgt. J. Halbert; F/O R. T. Holloway; F/O W. D. Jarratt; Sgt. W. O. Jones; Flt. Sgt. G. Lamb; Sgt. A. Longworth; Sgt. J. K. MacLuskie; Sgt. G. W. Midwinter; L.A./C. W. D. Nethercott; Sgt. E. Pennington; Sgt. T. E. Rae; P/O D. J. R. Ritchie; Sgt. K. G. Roberts; F/O C. Seymour; Sgt. G. Slatyer; Flt. Sgt. H. Smith, D.F.M.; Sgt. J. B. Speake; Cpl. H. A. Stevens; Sgt. A. McC. F. Taylor; Flt. Lt. R. H. P. Thomas; Sgt. R. L. Whitlock; F/O R. J. Williams; F/O R. A. L. Young.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—A/C.2 W. F. Laurence.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, NOW REPORTED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—P/O C. G. Salisbury. **WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**—