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## DOMINION AIRMEN

### Distinguished Flying Crosses

Information concerning the latest awards of Distinguished Flying Crosses to six more New Zealanders was received by Air Headquarters, Wellington, yesterday. The recipients are:

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cecil Dunn Milne, R.A.F., Auckland.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick John Lucas, R.N.Z.A.F., Tuapeka Mouth, Otago.

Flying Officer William Maxwell Nixon, R.A.F., Pukerau, Otago.

Flying Officer Wilfred Maurice Chalk Williams, R.N.Z.A.F., Napier.

Pilot Officer Donald Joseph Harkness, R.A.F., Midhurst, Taranaki.

Pilot Officer Peter Wynn Mason West, R.A.F., Palmerston North.

#### Careers Of Recipients.

Flight Lieutenant Milne was educated at the Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland, and is 24 years old. He was nominated by the New Zealand Defence Department in 1931 for entry into the R.A.F. as an aircraft apprentice, and in January, 1932, he entered the No. 1 School of Technical Training, Halton, England, for a three years' course. Flight Lieutenant Milne was awarded a cadetship and entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, for training as a pilot officer. He also took first prizes for the grand aggregate and educational subjects, and was awarded the Lord Wakefield scholarship. Flight Lieutenant Milne is married, and his mother, Mrs. F. Milne, lives in Papakura, Auckland.

Flight Lieutenant Lucas was born in Dunedin, and is 25 years old. He was educated at the Tuapeka Mouth School and the Otago Boys' High School, and spent some years farming. He joined the Otago Aero Club during this period and gained his A licence in 1935. In the next year he left for England to join the R.A.F. and last year he was selected for appointment to the R.N.Z.A.F., and posting to the New Zealand Squadron. According to an official citation, Flight Lieutenant Lucas, has, since the beginning of this year, completed 18 reconnaissance and pamphlet raids over Germany and 35 major bombing attacks on enemy and enemy-occupied territory. His consistently good work has been marked by a very definite devotion to duty and his capabilities as captain of aircraft have produced excellent results. He has shown marked ability to find and bomb his primary target. Flight Lieutenant Lucas is married and has a young daughter.

Flying Officer Nixon was born in Auckland and is 27 years old. He was educated at the Gore High School and the Pukekohe Technical School. He joined the R.N.Z.A.F. in 1934 in the ground staff section, and later, in 1936, gained his flying A licence with the Canterbury Aero Club. In 1937 he resigned from the R.N.Z.A.F. to go to England, where

he was granted a short service commission with the R.A.F. He is married, and his wife lives in Yorkshire, England.

Flying Officer Williams is the son of the Rev. Canon W. G. Williams, Napier, and was serving with the R.A.F. before the outbreak of war. About the middle of 1939 he was transferred to the R.N.Z.A.F. for posting to the New Zealand Squadron. Since the beginning of his year, states an official citation, Flying Officer Williams has completed reconnaissance and pamphlet raids over Germany and 30 major bombing attacks on enemy and enemy-occupied territory. As captain of aircraft he has carried out his duties with courage and a high devotion to duty. Flying Officer Williams is married, his wife and son being in New Zealand.

Pilot Officer Harkness was born at Midhurst and is 24 years old. He was educated at the Stratford Technical High School, matriculating in 1932. For a period he was engaged in clerical work and in 1937 he joined the R.N.Z.A.F. clerical staff. He became a member of the Canterbury Aero Club, and in 1938 was selected for a short service commission in the R.A.F. His father is Mr. G. P. Harkness, Midhurst, Taranaki.

Pilot Officer West was born in Palmerston North and is 23 years old. He was educated at the Palmerston North Boys' High School and the Palmerston North Technical School, matriculating in 1934. After leaving school he was employed as a clerk by the Palmerston North City Council. He gained his pilot's A licence with the Middle Districts Aero Club in 1937, when he was also selected for a short service commission in the R.A.F. His father is Mr. E. V. West, Palmerston North.

A builder's labourer was recently charged with stealing an army lorry. On being taken into custody, he stated that he had not the slightest objection to being searched.

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British Navy calling all German shoppers. It is dangerous to wrap your week-end joint in your bus ticket. It might slip through the punch hole.

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