

KNAPP, P/O Kingdon Roger (J17037) - Distinguished Flying Cross - No.428 Squadron  
- Award effective 1 July 1943 as per London Gazette dated 13 July 1943 and AFRO  
1724/43 dated 27 August 1943. American in the RCAF. Home in Pittsburg,  
Pennsylvania; enlisted in Hamilton, 17 June 1941. Trained at No.5 ITS (graduated 6  
October 1941), No.12 EFTS (graduated 19 December 1941) and No.5 SFTS (graduated  
10 April 1942). Invested with award by King George 21 November 1944. Later transferred  
to USAAF.

On one occasion while engaged in mine-laying the aircraft in which Pilot  
Officer Knapp was flying was engaged by anti-aircraft fire and  
searchlights. The pilot was temporarily blinded and the aircraft struck the  
water, damaging the port propeller and engine. Displaying great skill and  
fine airmanship, Pilot Officer Knapp regained control and flew the aircraft  
back to this country where a successful landing was made. Throughout his  
operational tour this officer has displayed courage and coolness of a very  
high order, always pressing home his attacks with the greatest determination  
in the face of intense opposition. He possesses great ability and presence  
of mind.