

against the enemy. He has shown great skill and determination as a fighter pilot and has destroyed seven enemy aircraft.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

740078 Sergeant Wilfred Malcolm SKINNER—Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 74 Squadron.

This airman has shown great courage and determination over a long and intensive period of air operations. He has destroyed seven enemy aircraft.

741363 Sergeant John WHITE—Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

Within a period of eight days in September, 1940, this airman destroyed two enemy aircraft and assisted in the destruction of three more. His courage and efficiency over a long period, have set a splendid example to his fellow pilots. He has personally destroyed four enemy aircraft and possibly four more.

800632 Acting Sergeant James Douglas CULMER—Auxiliary Air Force, No. 25 Squadron.

Sergeant Culmer was the rear gunner of an aircraft patrolling an area over Essex one night in November, 1940, when searchlights suddenly illuminated a Heinkel 111, about 50 yards astern. He opened fire with the utmost speed, and the accuracy of his fire caused the Heinkel to break up. He displayed great skill and vigilance.

*Air Ministry,  
24th December, 1940.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments and awards:—

*Appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Ronald Hartley CARTER, O.B.E., D.F.C. (16071), No. 240 Squadron.

Squadron Leader George Egebret VALENTINE (05208), No. 61 Squadron.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Swinton ALLEN, D.F.C. (37522), No. 49 Squadron.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Denis Hensley Fulton BARNETT (05167), No. 40 Squadron.

Wing Commander Joseph Cox (27049), No. 15 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Robert Ewart Xavier MACK (37068), No. 22 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Martin GRIFFITH-JONES (37734), No. 149 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader George Lawrence Bazett HULL (37355), No. 107 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Edward James CARTER (70770), No. 214 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Walter KAUFMANN (39464), No. 214 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Desmond Wallace Ferguson BARKER (70043), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 83 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur Chamberlain Pitt CLAYTON (41664), No. 83 Squadron.

Flying Officer Anthony Ellerton Ryan FRY (70232), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 59 Squadron.

Flying Officer Deryck Edgar PINCHEBECK (70902), No. 49 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Michael Thomas Henry ADAMS (42326), No. 144 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Herbert Ashton CLARK (43414), No. 37 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert Kenneth COOK (43525), No. 83 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jack Cecil COWPER (76598), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Anthony Philip DOTTRIDGE (41909), No. 53 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Robert Hugh GORDON (74675), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 99 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alwyn Crampton HAMMAN (42501), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald Edward KIRKBY (42613), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan George McAFEE (42854), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Terence MAUDSLEY, D.F.M. (43946), No. 233 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Kenneth NOBLE (42424), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alexander John Roberts PATE (79171), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (since killed in action), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Archibald Philip WALSH (43421), No. 9 Squadron.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

563032 Sergeant Thomas Herbert BAKER, No. 107 Squadron.

547047 Sergeant John Wilson Robinson BAXTER, No. 83 Squadron.

561696 Sergeant Thomas BEATTIE, No. 83 Squadron.

580754 Sergeant George Frederick BETTS, No. 9 Squadron.

514578 Sergeant William BROWN, No. 144 Squadron.

580634 Sergeant John Alec BULORAIG, No. 50 Squadron.

742182 Sergeant William Templeton CHRISTIE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

566061 Sergeant Alan James COAD, No. 50 Squadron.

565574 Sergeant George Edward COWAN, No. 61 Squadron.

622194 Sergeant Christopher DAWSON, No. 9 Squadron.

580647 Sergeant Douglas Keith DEYELL, No. 38 Squadron.

627916 Sergeant Douglas Raymond DOUGHTY, No. 82 Squadron.

580350 Sergeant Norman HEARN-PHILLIPS, No. 22 Squadron.

742876 Sergeant Arthur James HERRIOTT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 99 Squadron.

545913 Sergeant Harold Robert HIBBS, No. 107 Squadron.

564248 Sergeant Phillip HUDSON, No. 144 Squadron.

755231 Sergeant Frederick David KING, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 53 Squadron.

580663 Sergeant James John William LEWIS, No. 44 Squadron.

580964 Sergeant Reginald LODGE, No. 44 Squadron.

550915 Sergeant Walter Muir MCGREGOR, No. 144 Squadron.

569133 Sergeant Bernard Arthur MARTYN, No. 201 Squadron.

749489 Sergeant Eric NEALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 59 Squadron.

632245 Sergeant Arthur Joseph NEIL, No. 144 Squadron.

551041 Sergeant Evan POWELL, No. 49 Squadron.

546681 Sergeant Alexander Philip PRICE, No. 83 Squadron.

564392 Sergeant Thomas PURDY, No. 9 Squadron.

619920 Sergeant Robert Joseph REYNOLDS, No. 49 Squadron.

580530 Sergeant Arthur Gordon SOPWITH, No. 110 Squadron.

751685 Sergeant Robert Claude VERRAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.