

and, in the ensuing combat, Flight Lieutenant Perrin shot down a Junkers and a Messerschmitt before a cannon shell burst in his petrol tank, covering him with petrol, setting his aircraft on fire, and slightly wounding his right eye. Despite this, he continued to attack another Messerschmitt at a low level until his ammunition was expended. He then crash-landed his aircraft. Throughout the engagement this officer displayed outstanding leadership and courage in the face of greatly superior numbers of enemy forces.

Lieutenant Andrew DUNCAN (103203), South African Air Force, No. 1 Squadron.

One day in February, 1941, this officer was detailed to carry out an offensive reconnaissance accompanied by another aircraft. On alighting at an advanced landing ground to refuel, his aircraft was damaged and rendered unserviceable. He immediately took off in the other aircraft and flew on, alone, for more than 100 miles to his objective, where he machine gunned the aerodrome, set fire to a large mail plane and blew up its hangar. A few days earlier, during an attack on an enemy aerodrome, his commanding officer's aircraft was attacked from behind by an enemy fighter. Lieutenant Duncan went to his aid and shot down the attacker. He has displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy at all times.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Miles Andrews JOHNSON (80044), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 237 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

776358 Sergeant John Graham Ponsonby GURL, No. 237 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Flying Officer Johnson and Sergeant Gurl were pilot and air gunner respectively in an aircraft which, during a reconnaissance patrol one day in February, 1941, attacked three C.A.133s. As a result, one of these aircraft was forced down and crashed on landing. Flying Officer Johnson's aircraft was then attacked by three Italian fighters and, in the first attack, Sergeant Gurl was wounded in the hand. Despite this, he returned fire causing one of the attackers to break away. Flying Officer Johnson's aircraft was so severely damaged that, in attempting to land, his aircraft crashed and he was rendered unconscious. He was extricated from the wreckage by Sergeant Gurl and, when he had recovered, both set off on foot to avoid possible capture. After travelling a few miles over difficult country they were met by some natives who assisted them to a friendly camp.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

640059 Sergeant George PATTISON, No. 211 Squadron.

This airman has been continuously employed as air gunner since the outbreak of war with Italy. Throughout the many engagements in which he has participated he has shown great efficiency and enthusiasm. On one occasion he was operating single handed against three Italian G.50s. and succeeded in shooting one of them down and driving off the other two until his aircraft was able to take cloud cover.

Air Ministry,

1st April, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Air Force Cross.

Wing Commander Reginald Bryson WARDMAN (29028).

Acting Wing Commander Francis Stanhope HOMERSHAM, D.C.M., M.M. (19114).

Acting Wing Commander Peter Rodriguez MAY (28048).

Acting Wing Commander Godfrey Cathbar O'DONNELL, D.F.C. (04150).

Squadron Leader Cyril Carlile HODDER (34124).

Squadron Leader Richard John Courtney NEDWILL (34169).

Squadron Leader Mervyn Hugh RHYS (33012).

Squadron Leader Henry de Clifford Anthony WOODHOUSE (34189).

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas George ALLISON (70010), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Henry Vincent CRAIG (27156).

Acting Squadron Leader Royd Martin FENWICK-WILSON (34218).

Acting Squadron Leader William Ernest HOOPER (29094).

Flight Lieutenant John Aidan FIELD (37226).

Flight Lieutenant Morgan GRIFFITHS (24024).

Flight Lieutenant Peter Warren JOHNSON (29141).

Flight Lieutenant Robert Henry McINTOSH (70426), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant Wilfred MILLER (70465), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant Vivian Reginald MOON (27231).

Flight Lieutenant Derek Sydney PAIN (39110).

Flight Lieutenant Keith Norman SAYERS (28163).

Flight Lieutenant Donald Lavaff TOWNSEND (70680), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flight Lieutenant Irvine Ewart Chalmers WATSON (70717), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Richard George BURKE (70912), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Flying Officer Philip Henry KNOWLES (40306).

Flying Officer John Cyril Mason WILSON (70884), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Flying Officer Hugh Philip HOPKINS (44826).

Acting Flying Officer Eric Bertram George MASEFIELD (36221).

Acting Flying Officer William John RYE (44924).

Acting Flying Officer James Sibley SIMONS (43523).

Warrant Officer William Henry FORSTER (358706).

Air Force Medal.

364051 Flight Sergeant Thomas Alfryn HOWELLS.

365923 Flight Sergeant Leslie Harry POLTOCK.

364969 Flight Sergeant Cecil Joseph ROSE.

904057 Sergeant Sidney Harry PARKER.