

Lieutenant Robert Harold Carlyle KERSHAW, No. 3 Squadron, South African Air Force.

One day in March, 1941, this officer was pilot of one of a flight of Hurricanes engaged in an attack on the aerodrome at Diredawa. During the engagement his flight commander was compelled to make a forced landing on an enemy satellite aerodrome. Lieutenant Kershaw immediately went to his assistance, landed his aircraft on the aerodrome, under heavy artillery fire, and picked up his flight commander who flew the aircraft back to base whilst sitting on Lieutenant Kershaw's knees. By his promptitude and determination, this officer saved his commander and displayed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

*Second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Roland Robert Stanford TUCK, D.S.O., D.F.C. (37306), No. 257 Squadron.

This officer has displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative in searching for and attacking enemy raiders, often in adverse weather conditions. Since December, 1940, he has destroyed three enemy bombers and one fighter, thus bringing his total victories to twenty-two.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Kenyon Oswald BURT (74652), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 82 Squadron.

In March, 1941, this officer was detailed to carry out an operational sweep over the Ems estuary. Sighting an enemy patrol vessel, Squadron Leader Burt immediately attacked and, in the face of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, dropped his bombs and machine-gunned the ship from a height of only 500 feet. Although the controls of his aircraft were severely damaged, and the hydraulic gear rendered useless, Squadron Leader Burt flew safely back to base and made a successful landing without sustaining damage or injury to the crew. He has completed numerous operational missions and has at all times set a splendid example of courage and determination.

Flying Officer Roderick Aeneas CHISHOLM (90233), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 604 Squadron.

This officer has completed many hours operational flying at night. He has at all times shown the greatest keenness and determination to seek and destroy the enemy and, during one night in March, 1941, he succeeded in destroying two Heinkel III's.

Pilot Officer Dennis CROWLEY-MILLING (78274), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 242 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous engagements against the enemy over a long period and has shown a fine spirit throughout. On one occasion he pursued a Junkers 88 out to sea and, although his aircraft was severely damaged by a cannon shell early in the pursuit, he continued his attack until the enemy aircraft was on fire and disappeared into cloud 40 miles out at sea. He has displayed great courage and initiative, and has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer The Hon. Bruce David GRIMSTON (80850), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in March, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack targets at Bremen. Before reaching his objective he was attacked by a Messerschmitt 110 while held in the beams of a large number of searchlights. Pilot Officer Grimston with great skill resisted the attacker which was eventually driven off. He then flew on to his target and carried out a successful attack in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. He has at all times shown exceptional gallantry and a keen determination to complete his mission regardless of the opposition.

Pilot Officer Arthur John HODGKINSON (45353), No. 219 Squadron.

This officer has carried out numerous operational flights. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft, of which two were destroyed at night. His eagerness to seek and destroy the enemy at night has set a splendid example to his fellow pilots.

ERRATUM.

In notification of the 8th April, 1941 (p. 2042, col. 1) delete 615619 Sergeant Albert Eric Walker. Award notified on 22nd October, 1940 (p. 6137, col. 1) stands.

*Air Ministry,  
11th April, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation:—

Temporary Warrant Officer.

30th Jan. 1941.

(Seniority 29th Jan. 1941.)

315079 Alfred James HARTLEY (45458).

Flight Sergeants.

16th June, 1940.

(Seniority 25th Apr. 1940.)

365382 Arthur Philip CULVERWELL (81003). (Substituted for notification of 16th July 1940, p. 4366, col. 2.)

19th Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 27th Nov. 1940.)

564238 Robert Reid MCPHERSON (45459).

(Seniority 12th Mar. 1941.)

365622 Henry John CRAIG (45460).

21st Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 5th Mar. 1941.)

564553 Fred Percy BURNARD (45461).

25th Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 27th Jan. 1941.)

561880 Leonard Gwynfryn Morgan REES (45462).

Sergeants.

23rd Dec. 1940.

(Seniority 18th Dec. 1940.)

581046 Albert Frederick WALLACE (45463).

6th Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 19th Feb. 1941.)

563377 Eric RICHARDSON (54564).

11th Mar. 1941.

(Seniority 26th Feb. 1941.)

580000 Denis Alfred BRIGGS (45465).