

detailed to attack Hamburg. On the return journey, an attack was made by a Messerschmitt 110. Despite an intense concentration of cannon and machine-gun fire from the attacker, Sergeant Mitchell withheld his fire until the enemy came within close range. He then fired a burst of 600 rounds at the aircraft which broke away with its port engine aglow. It was subsequently confirmed that this aircraft was destroyed. Sergeant Mitchell displayed great courage and determination and set an excellent example.

968133 Sergeant Alistair William STEVEN, No. 35 Squadron.

In June, 1941, this airman was the observer of an aircraft which participated in a daylight attack on Kiel, when he displayed exceptional ability and great devotion to duty.

A.3275 Leading Aircraftman Milton GRIFFIN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron, R.A.A.F.

In June, 1941, this airman was the first fitter of a Sunderland aircraft which, in the course of an operation, was attacked by an enemy Focke-Wolfe aircraft. After the engagement, it was found that the Sunderland was losing large quantities of oil. Leading Aircraftman Griffin crawled into the wing and discovered two large holes in the bottom of the oil tank. Returning to the hull he obtained tools, plugs, and a two-gallon drum of oil which he took into the wing and, after plugging the holes and piercing the top of the oil tank, he poured in the oil by means of a small tin and in this way succeeded in maintaining a continuous supply of oil. Leading Aircraftman Griffin made four journeys into the wing and in all spent two hours nursing the engine in intense heat and in a very cramped position. He displayed great devotion to duty and materially contributed to the safe return of his aircraft.

Air Ministry,
25th July, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Edward Gordon JONES, D.F.C. (37357), No. 50 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Ernest Alfred WHITELEY (37588), No. 69 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader David Alastair ROBERTSON (39032), No. 217 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Robert WOODWARD (37645), No. 230 Squadron.

Major James Thom DURRANT (102598), South African Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Gordon Emslie BENZIE (90372), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 612 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Frederick Charles POWLES (39600).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Brian DEAVES (40682), No. 148 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Stuart LINDSAY (40626), No. 201 Squadron.

Flying Officer Richard Alvin ACWORTH (40496), No. 112 Squadron.

Flying Officer Henry Arthur DALRYMPLE-WHITE (74651), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer William Deryk CASTELLO (84005), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Henry Ronald BAILEY (88415), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 95 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Christopher COX (84989), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 211 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Paul GARRARD (44191), No. 59 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Cecil Herbert HALL (80550), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William Charles HARTOP (80551), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, with effect from 24th Mar. 1941.

Pilot Officer Reginald Ivor PERRY (45445), No. 113 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Duncan Alexander TAYLOR (42909), No. 84 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Albert Edward WHEELER (590017), No. 210 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

580876 Sergeant Archibald Wilson HUNTER, No. 148 Squadron.

742742 Sergeant Robert Frederick NODEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

817028 Sergeant Richard Thomas PIRIE, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 612 Squadron.

526517 Sergeant John RHYDER, No. 228 Squadron.

550946 Sergeant Jack RICHMOND, No. 211 Squadron.

741941 Sergeant William John James STEVENS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

625991 Sergeant William WHITE (deceased), with effect from 28th Oct. 1940.

570641 Corporal Arundel Campbell MARTIN, No. 209 Squadron.

517943 Corporal John Joseph Alfred SMITH, No. 211 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry,
25th July, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

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

Temporary Warrant Officers.

8th May 1941.

561038 Stanley Theodore Leslie BAKER (46015).

26th June 1941.

564959 Harry STEERE, D.F.M. (46016).

Flight Sergeant.

28th June 1941.

564301 Thomas William NEWBERRY (46017).