

naissance from which he brought back valuable information. On the return journey his aircraft was attacked by four enemy fighters which carried out concerted attacks for 10 minutes. The first burst of fire from the leading enemy aircraft put the aircraft's rear turret out of action besides causing other damage and wounding three of its crew. Flying Officer Dart, by skilful manœuvring, saved his aircraft from further damage and enabled his remaining guns to damage one of the fighters which then disappeared. Flying Officer Dart's aircraft was then joined by another aircraft and, between them, they shot down an enemy fighter into the sea. Flying Officer Dart has continuously displayed exemplary courage, coolness and skill in action.

Flying Officer Peter Ian HOWARD-WILLIAMS (33569), No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has participated in 24 operational sorties, including attacks on shipping and targets on the enemy occupied coastline of France. In the course of these operations he has been responsible for the sinking of one armed ship and damaging several others. In addition, he has attacked enemy wireless stations and a number of anti-aircraft posts, inflicting heavy damage. He has displayed exceptional keenness and, on many occasions, has obtained information which has proved of great value. He has destroyed two enemy aircraft and has set a splendid example of coolness, resource, and fearlessness.

Flying Officer Ernest William TATE (83733), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

In October, 1941, whilst off the Norwegian coast, Flying Officer Tate attacked an enemy escort vessel in the face of heavy fire from the ship. He scored two direct hits with bombs and, as the enemy continued to fire, Flying Officer Tate attacked with his machine guns until all the ship's guns were silenced. This officer has carried out over 300 operational flying hours on routine patrols and convoy escorts and has participated in many attacks on enemy shipping. He has shown great courage and determination throughout.

Pilot Officer David FULFORD (63787), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a number of operational sorties. During these operations he has been responsible for damaging enemy wireless stations and anti-aircraft posts; he has also damaged a number of ships. Pilot Officer Fulford has displayed courage and keenness and has destroyed two enemy aircraft and assisted in the destruction of a further two.

Pilot Officer Alan SMITH (102999), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 616 Squadron.

Throughout the 44 operational sorties in which he has participated, this officer has shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and has destroyed at least four of their aircraft. In combat, he has been of great support to his leader on numerous occasions.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

CAN/R.64125 Sergeant Douglas Christopher MARTIN, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 42 Squadron.

Sergeant Martin has participated in 23 operational missions. In October, 1941, he was the observer of an aircraft which carried out an attack at dusk on enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast. A successful attack was carried out but in the heavy gunfire encountered, Sergeant Martin was wounded in the leg. He did not inform the pilot of his injuries, however, and successfully navigated the aircraft back to base without the aid of the air speed indicator which had been put out of action. This airman's courage in navigating the aircraft under difficult conditions and in spite of the pain from his wounds has set a magnificent example.

Air Ministry.

4th November, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Major Douglas Haig LOFTUS (203226), South African Air Force, No. 2 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice Eldon ABBOTT (40167), No. 148 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James BLACKBURN (70067), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 70 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Bruce CORBOULD (39211), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 203 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant David Milledge ILLSLEY (41349), No. 14 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Ross MANAHAN (41443), No. 148 Squadron.

Captain Charles Murray Shand GARDNER (102705), South African Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Douglas Cox (81014), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Noel Owen Frederick Ethelbert WALKER (78449), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 203 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Gordon Dudley CHAPMAN (84728), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Milton MILLIST (42420) (deceased), awarded with effect from 15th March, 1941.

Pilot Officer Leslie Howard MOULTON (45805), No. 14 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

905331 Sergeant Rowland Ernest HANDLEY, No. 37 Squadron.

759301 Sergeant Frederick Cloudesley JENKINS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

581557 Sergeant Frank Bernard LITTLE, No. 70 Squadron.

N.Z. 391866 Sergeant Cyril Anthony Frank MARUSICH, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.