

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Wingfield MURRAY (40738), No. 11 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, most of which have been carried out during recent operations in Libya. He has at all times shown great skill and resource. In December, 1941, during an attack on enemy concentrations on the Mekili area, Squadron Leader Murray's aircraft received a direct hit from a small shell which cut the aileron controls and bent the throttle controls. In spite of this, Squadron Leader Murray maintained formation and, on return to base, landed his aircraft without causing it further damage. He has set an excellent example.

Lieutenant Henry Moseley ELLIS, Royal Navy, No. 826 Squadron.

During the past 6 months, this officer has performed excellent work as a flight commander. He has at all times displayed initiative and determination and has led the formation with outstanding success. One evening in January, 1942, Lieutenant Ellis carried out a difficult operation against an enemy convoy. In spite of strong enemy air and anti-aircraft opposition, he succeeded in torpedoing and sinking his objective. He afterwards flew his damaged aircraft safely to base.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus. 404009 Sergeant Robert James WHITTLE, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 250 Squadron.

This airman has proved himself to be a courageous and skilful fighter pilot. In one engagement when his formation was fighting against a superior number of enemy aircraft, Sergeant Whittle destroyed 2, probably destroyed another and damaged a further 2 of the enemy's aircraft. His determination is such that, on one occasion after being shot down, he walked 30 miles during the night rejoining his squadron for duty the next day. During an engagement 2 days later, Sergeant Whittle was wounded in the foot and arm and his aircraft was badly damaged but he flew back to base where he made a successful forced landing. Within 2 days, Sergeant Whittle resumed operational flying. He has destroyed at least 7 enemy aircraft.

Air Ministry,

13th February, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Robert BURTON-GYLES, D.F.C. (40077), No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur Chamberlain Pitt CLAYTON, D.F.C. (41664), No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Rawsthorn RAINFORD, D.F.C. (42436), No. 83 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Cranston CALDER (62699), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Duncan William CHISHOLM (79231), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Wattman GEE (60763), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 99 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Lewis HAYWARD (86033), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Stanley Mortimer PIM (60566), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Joseph Henri Jean SAUVAGE (43045), No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer John Beech AUSTIN (104448), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Norman Henry ATKINS (47263), No. 138 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Hanlan Donald Richard Leroy CAMPBELL (87059), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald James HARDY (63461), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Peter William HELMORE (89350), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William Adino NEWENHAM (N.Z. 59869), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan Lestocq ROBERTS (115023), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Tristan Edward SALAZAR (62277), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry Lionel TARBITTEN (114962), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

Pilot Officer Bruce Hugh WILLIAMS (68820), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron.

Pilot Officer William George Jack WOODMASON (46823), No. 218 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

547325 Flight Sergeant Donald FOSTER, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

745260 Flight Sergeant Arthur STEPHENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 82 Squadron.

Aus. 402263 Flight Sergeant Ronald Wilkins TAYLOR, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

744985 Sergeant Reginald James COOK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

929008 Sergeant Dennis Leith DANIEL, No. 106 Squadron.

949596 Sergeant Walter Hirst ELLIS, No. 83 Squadron.

751711 Sergeant Denis Victor FLAVELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

1257534 Sergeant Alexander JONES, No. 149 Squadron.

1001787 Sergeant Alexander LYNCH, No. 144 Squadron.

954264 Sergeant John MOSSOP, No. 49 Squadron.

759052 Sergeant Sidney Albert Ernest MUNNS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

Can/R.61684 Sergeant Kenneth Francis NEALE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 144 Squadron.