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### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Donald Frederick William DARLING (40368), No. 151 Squadron.

Since November, 1940, this officer has carried out a large number of operational sorties at night. Throughout, he has shown a strong sense of duty. He has often voluntarily undertaken flights many miles out to sea in appalling weather in an endeavour to intercept enemy raiders. By his untiring efforts and continued encouragement he has contributed materially to the high standard of operational efficiency of his flight.

Flight Lieutenant Alistair Murray TAYLOR (77612), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a capable and courageous flight commander. Late in January, 1942, the formation of which he was the leader attacked an Italian convoy which was protected by a battleship and a number of cruisers and destroyers. Flight Lieutenant Taylor led his formation through a fierce barrage and himself scored a hit on one of the merchant ships. Subsequently, in March, he led an attack on another convoy when a cruiser, a merchant vessel and a destroyer were torpedoed by the formation. A Junkers 88 was also destroyed on this occasion.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Lawrence Wemyss ELLACOMBE (43031), No. 151 Squadron.

This officer is a keen and courageous fighter pilot. Although he was severely

wounded in the Battle of Britain, Flight Lieutenant Ellacombe immediately resumed operational flying upon recovery. He has carried out numerous flights by night in all weather conditions and he has destroyed 2 and probably destroyed a further 2 enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Henry Erskine BODIEN (45720), No. 151 Squadron.

This officer has carried out many night patrols. As a night fighter pilot he has shown great devotion to duty and a complete disregard of danger. On one occasion, despite having trouble with his own aircraft, Pilot Officer Bodien kept up a series of attacks on an enemy aircraft for some 45 minutes and finally destroyed it. He has destroyed 3 hostile aircraft at night.

Pilot Officer Robert Inglis LAING (N.Z.391360), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 73 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has flown for a large number of hours during arduous operations in the Western Desert. Throughout, he has displayed outstanding courage and ability, particularly in low level machine-gunning raids on enemy aerodromes and motor transport columns. Such an occasion occurred in December, 1941, when, in a raid on the aerodrome at Jedabya, 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground. In this operation, Pilot Officer Laing pressed home his attack with determination.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

901005 Sergeant Harry Walpole CHARNOCK, No. 19 Squadron.

This airman has displayed great skill and courage in air combat and has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft. He has, on occasions, led his flight, and his high standard of morale has set an inspiring example.

751065 Sergeant Jack EVERETT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

One night in March, 1942, this airman was the first wireless operator of an aircraft which participated in an attack on Essen. After the target had been bombed, the aircraft was hit and the starboard ammunition box smashed. The charges from broken bullets of a spare belt of ammunition caught fire. Despite the danger from the remaining ammunition which the heat was causing to explode, Sergeant Everett attempted to beat out the flames with his hands and by stamping on them. Having gained control of the flames, he obtained a fire extinguisher and completed the task. By his promptitude and disregard to danger, Sergeant Everett retrieved what may have proved a disastrous situation.

N.Z.402191 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Ian Hamilton IRVINE, No. 152 Squadron.

This airman has participated in numerous fighter escorts to our bombers which have attacked enemy shipping and important land targets. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and opposition from enemy fighters he has performed his tasks in a skilful and courageous manner. As a section leader, he has set a fine example to all.

1281372 Sergeant Desmond Fred RUCHWALDY, No. 603 Squadron.

Since June, 1941, this airman has participated in a large number of operational sorties in which he has destroyed 2 and probably destroyed a further 2 enemy aircraft. He is a good pilot and he has at all times shown the greatest determination.

1375668 Sergeant Colin George Arthur WARD, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in March, 1942, this airman was the captain of an aircraft which attacked Essen. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. Sergeant Ward was injured in the eye by flying splinters and the aircraft sustained much damage. The front turret, wireless set, compass, hydraulics and other equipment were rendered unserviceable. In spite of these handicaps Sergeant Ward coolly and skilfully flew the aircraft back to base but, owing to an obstruction on the flare path, he was unable to effect a landing. He was directed to another aerodrome and was forced to execute a hazardous landing there in poor visibility. He finally, at the second attempt, made a landing with only one wheel of the aircraft in the down position. Throughout a trying experience, this airman displayed superb coolness and courage.

*Air Ministry,*

*7th April, 1942.*

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

##### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Squadron Leader Douglas Andrew KERR (33264), No. 70 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward James MORRIS (40132), No. 250 Squadron.

##### *Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander John Kenneth BUCHANAN, D.F.C. (39628), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 37 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alwyn Crampton HAMMAN, D.F.C. (42501), No. 148 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Ronald URWIN-MANN, D.F.C. (42281), No. 238 Squadron.

Flying Officer Brian Lawless DUGAN, D.F.C. (43377), No. 70 Squadron.

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur Keith PASSMORE (40939), No. 84 Squadron.

Major Edward Usher BRIERLY (29607), South African Air Force, No. 60 Squadron.

Major Eric Merlin LEWIS (103088), South African Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Tempist Haigh ARCHBELL (40874), No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Edward BARY (41818), No. 250 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William Edward COLES (41379), No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Vernon Ralph Garcia HARCOURT (41790), No. 108 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Henry JACKSON (Aus.493), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 3 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Francis MORLEY-MOWER (40557), No. 451 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Wilfred ALEXANDER (Can/J.2833), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice Leslie Perry BARTLETT (43004) (since deceased), No. 272 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Clifton Watt HARPER (42221), No. 113 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Leslie HOGG (42310), No. 11 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Binmore JOHNS (45543), No. 239 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George William MILSON (100922), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 84 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Max RECHNER (Aus/407081), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 11 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stephen STOREY (78693), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 104 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Derrick Fitzgerald WESTENRA (89782), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 112 Squadron.

Captain Andrew Christian BOSMAN (102696), South African Air Force, No. 4 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Captain Lawrence Hamilton Gordon SHUTTLEWORTH (102752), South African Air Force, No. 41 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Captain Arthur Louis THRACKWRAY (102721), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Alec Herbert BURTON (84007), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flying Officer Neville Lawrence Roy COWAN (44229), No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alec Panton CRANSWICK (42696), No. 148 Squadron.

Flying Officer Gordon Douglas GREEN (83723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

- Flying Officer Derek Harold HAMMOND (N.Z. 401493), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 272 Squadron.
- Flying Officer John Arthur JARVIS (43472), No. 30 Squadron.
- Flying Officer John Griffith OWEN (80066), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Geoffrey Richard WHITTARD (79742), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Darrell Stewart Frank WINSLAND (86404), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 33 Squadron.
- Sub-Lieutenant Phillip Noel CHARLTON, Royal Navy, Royal Naval Fighter Squadron.
- Lieutenant Douglas William GOLDING (103112), South African Air Force, No. 4 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Lieutenant Michael Charles Edward MACDONALD (47319), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Ronald Mitchell ACHILLES (Aus/404082), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 451 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Frank Malcolm BENITZ (Can/J.15035), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Ivor Gordon BROOM (112392), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Geoffrey Shuttleworth BURGAN (Aus/407284), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 11 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer George Alexander COOKE (46316), No. 14 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer George William RUTLIDGE, No. 30 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Cyril Douglas WADDINGHAM (115918), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Lance WADE (68717), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 33 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Philip Henry Garne WINTLE (63803), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 203 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Leonard COTTINGHAM (565570), No. 33 Squadron.
- Distinguished Flying Medal.*
- 48066 Flight Sergeant Sydney Meyer BERNSTEIN, South African Air Force, No. 41 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- 755262 Flight Sergeant Bernard EVANS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.
- 565154 Flight Sergeant William Alfred FISHER, No. 216 Squadron.
- 758106 Flight Sergeant George Edward HARRIS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.
- 565598 Flight Sergeant Reginald JONES, No. 8 Squadron.
- 580465 Flight Sergeant Robert Frank SOMERVILLE, No. 84 Squadron.
- 550293 Flight Sergeant Geoffrey William Henry WARE, No. 11 Squadron.
- 523236 Flight Sergeant James William WINSHIP, No. 11 Squadron.
- 755821 Sergeant Francis James Frederick ADAMS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.
- 102241 Air Sergeant Thomas Dick BREMNER, South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- 740627 Sergeant Frank BRIERLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.
- 581272 Sergeant Andrew Edwin CHAPLIN, No. 14 Squadron.
- 755702 Sergeant Charles CONNER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.
- 755434 Sergeant Kenneth Victor COX, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 11 Squadron.
- N.Z. 402105 Sergeant Charles Edward CURNO, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 108 Squadron.
- 758074 Sergeant John Francis DALY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.
- 906832 Sergeant Herbert Leslie George DODSON, No. 37 Squadron.
- 102187 Air Sergeant William Louvern DE VILLIER, South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- 510882 Sergeant George Edward FORD, No. 216 Squadron.
- 971469 Sergeant George Brown FORREST, No. 272 Squadron.
- 650307 Sergeant Evan David FOWLER, No. 37 Squadron.
- 754713 Sergeant George Eric Clifford GENDERS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 33 Squadron.
- 742199 Sergeant Maurice Sydney HARDS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 250 Squadron.
- 927085 Sergeant Leslie Oliver HARRISON, No. 107 Squadron.
- 518508 Sergeant Basil Dorian Brett LEWIS, No. 216 Squadron.
- 10083 Air Sergeant Raymond Claud LOCKHART, South African Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.
- Aus/40783 Sergeant Ronald David MILLAR, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 84 Squadron.
- 649793 Sergeant James MOORE, No. 113 Squadron.
- 758202 Sergeant Jack Harold MOSSLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.
- 944424 Sergeant Allan Percival MOUNTAIN, No. 37 Squadron.
- 742541 Sergeant Cyril Francis MULLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
- 590927 Sergeant Louis Anthony OVENS, No. 30 Squadron.
- 632922 Sergeant Trevor OWEN, No. 8 Squadron.
- 754245 Sergeant Arthur Harold PEACH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.
- 102338 Air Sergeant Magnus Hawkins PETERSON, South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- 48116 Air Sergeant Johannes Hendrick RAUTENBACH, South African Air Force No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- 639979 Sergeant John ROBINSON, No. 148 Squadron.
- 749355 Sergeant George Rowland ROGERS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 113 Squadron.
- Aus.400021 Sergeant William Gordon ROSS, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 38 Squadron.
- 908830 Sergeant Colin Bruce SHEVLIN, No. 11 Squadron.
- Aus. 402259 Sergeant Ronald Henry SIMES, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 3 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

913307 Sergeant Alfred SUDDEN, No. 148 Squadron.

N.Z. 401791 Sergeant Onslow Wardo THOMPSON, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 107 Squadron.

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

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*Air Ministry,*  
*7th April, 1942.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of brave conduct:—

*Military Medal.*

654123 Aircraftman 1st Class George Alfred COTTRILL.

In February, 1942, this airman was a member of a machine gun crew on board a transport which was subjected to a series of dive-bombing attacks covering a period of 4 hours. He used his gun with great skill, and his courageous and determined example inspired his fellow gunners so that, after the first attack, the enemy aircraft kept at a respectful distance a fact which undoubtedly assisted in the eventual safety of the ship. During the attack, Aircraftman Cottrill shot down an enemy aircraft.

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