

Flying Officer William Vyner Duckett WHITE,
No. 2 Squadron.

This officer has completed a number of sea reconnaissances from Australia and other flights of a reconnaissance character in operating against the enemy in the Celebes Ambon area, including a continuous reconnaissance of the large invasion fleet which was strongly supported by fighter aircraft. Despite frequent attacks Flying Officer White courageously, persistently and with outstanding skill, continued his reconnaissance until the enemy were within 10 miles of their objective. Although his aircraft was so seriously damaged that it could no longer be flown his successful reconnaissance enabled the land forces to occupy the most favourable positions possible prior to attack. Flying Officer White's actions during this trying and difficult period constituted an epic story of courage, determination, skill and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry,
22nd May, 1942.

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