

and took part in a number of sorties against Bizerta, Tunis and targets in Sardinia. Sergeant Bishop has participated in many operational sorties and throughout he has exhibited great gallantry, resolution and devotion to duty.

1379654 Sergeant John Vaughn PRICE, No. 233 Squadron.

In September, 1942, this pilot participated in an attack on enemy troops and motor transport. His aircraft was subjected to heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and sustained severe damage. Sergeant Price was wounded in the head by a shell splinter. Though dazed and suffering from concussion, he proceeded with his mission and flew the aircraft safely back to base. After a short period in hospital, Sergeant Price returned to his operational duties which he completed with the same courage and resolution. This airman has participated in numerous bombing raids, many of them unescorted attacks in formation, on enemy airfields, installations and harbours. He has invariably displayed high qualities of gallantry, resourcefulness and eagerness to engage the enemy.

1062256 Sergeant John William STRAIN, No. 70 Squadron.

During the final battle at El Alamein, this airman participated with success in daring low level operations against enemy motor transport. In August, 1942, while endeavouring to secure a photograph, after bombing, his aircraft sustained severe damage from intense anti-aircraft fire, which blew off the front hatch. Sergeant Strain, bleeding dangerously from a wound in the arm, was pulled to safety by the second pilot. The bleeding was stopped by the application of a tourniquet and, in spite of this hazardous experience, Sergeant Strain was again on operational duty after a very short interval. As navigator/bomb-aimer he achieved outstanding results during numerous sorties over Tobruk, where many large fires were started despite heavy opposition. Throughout Sergeant Strain has displayed a high order of courage and resolution remaining undaunted in the face of many hazards.

Air Ministry, 5th February, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Alan Ford ANDERSON, D.F.C. (25033), No. 268 Squadron.

Wing Commander Richard Edwin RIDGWAY (39900), No. 40 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter George Batty WARNER (84972), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 462 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Jefferson Heywood WEDGWOOD, D.F.C. (37645), No. 92 Squadron (since deceased).

Acting Squadron Leader Andrew William BARR, D.F.C. (Aus.774), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 3 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Alan Douglas FERGUSON (Aus.811), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Squadron Leader William Harvey HANKIN (40385), No. 148 Squadron.

Major Cecil Jack Ormond SWALES (P.102124), South African Air Force, No. 185 Squadron.

Major John Richard Ralph WELLS (202937), South African Air Force, No. 274 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Frank Anthony PLINSTON (33394), No. 55 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader James WALLACE (40868), No. 223 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Hardie BROWN (43955), No. 208 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Harvey CURRY (Can/C.2645), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 601 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant John Milne MORGAN (40936), No. 92 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Langley CHARNEY (112709), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 185 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Lawrence CHISHOLM (Can/J.15044), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 92 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Allan HETHERTON (N.Z.405268), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles James SAMOUELLE (113341), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 92 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice WILLIAMSON (106108), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

Acting Captain Ralphs Hubert Francis HOWARTH (P.103094), South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Captain Andrew JORDAN (103479), South African Air Force, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Edward Ernest COATE (Aus.400695), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 272 Squadron.

Flying Officer Peter Charles COBLEY (102296), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 272 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cyril Frederick CUTTING, D.F.M. (122054), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 272 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Thomson FLEMING (N.Z.404460), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alex Edgar MARTIN (Aus.407047), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Wyndham PAIN (108150), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Flying Officer William Mathew PERKS (113757), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 223 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arnold William PIGGOTT (102611), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Stanley Wright PROCTOR (Can/J.6150), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Stanley STILLWELL (109035), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ralph Edgar WAGSTAFF (108045), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Lieutenant Albert Almero BOSCH (P.102088), South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant William Henry CARROLL (94320), South African Air Force, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant Edward Gilbert CATTON (P.97407), South African Air Force, No. 221 Squadron.

Lieutenant William Tweeddale DALLING (P.105907), South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant Cecil MacKEOWN (103983), South African Air Force, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Lieutenant Harold William MARCHANT (102341), South African Air Force, No. 208 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Walter William GRIFFIN (120397), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Charles Lourie STEIN (131139), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Fred WATSON (110889), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

Second Lieutenant Gerard Antonie Paul GREINDL, South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Warrant Officer Gilbert David Young POLLOCK (524381), No. 38 Squadron.

Warrant Officer William Donald ROSS (Can/R.60211), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 148 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Jack TOZER (581419), No. 55 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

P.48098 Flight Sergeant George Douglas Wilson BAXTER, South African Air Force, No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

1283603 Flight Sergeant Roy Arthur BILLEN, No. 70 Squadron.

635821 Flight Sergeant William George DAYNES, No. 223 Squadron.

905118 Flight Sergeant Richard Charles FROST, No. 55 Squadron.

751564 Flight Sergeant Alfred HARRISON, No. 223 Squadron.

Aus. 33231 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Eric Livingstone MAHAR, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 185 Squadron.

641298 Flight Sergeant John NICKELL, No. 24 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

785034 Flight Sergeant Brian Hugh WILLSON, No. 223 Squadron.