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Air Ministry, 20th June, 1944.

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.

Flying Officer Roy Howard MITCHELL (133678), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 621 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1080597 Sergeant Walter Raymond STEVENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 621 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and wireless operator (air) respectively of an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat on a recent occasion. Sergeant Stevenson first sighted the vessel fully surfaced some miles distant and promptly warned his pilot who approached to the attack with great skill. In the run in Sergeant Stevenson used his guns to good effect and, as the U-boat attempted to submerge, Flying Officer Mitchell straddled it with his depth charges, forcing it to the surface. This officer and airman displayed praiseworthy skill and determination throughout.

Air Ministry, 20th June, 1944.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader James Derek THIRLWELL (42987), Royal Air Force, No. 194 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Arthur CHURCH (86683), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 228 Squadron, with effect from 14th May, 1943.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Robert ALEXANDER (120076), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron, with effect from 20th June, 1943.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Dougal Hamish REID (118486), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron, with effect from 24th June, 1943.

Pilot Officer Robin Keith FRANCIS (141729), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron, with effect from 26th June, 1943.

Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) George William DARLING (936544), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron, with effect from 20th June, 1944.

Warrant Officer James William Royston DODWELL (1382596), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 357 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1377926 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Lawrence Walter George HEAD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron, with effect from 28th April, 1943.

1194201 Flight Sergeant (now Flying Officer) Jack Edward Stuart MATTHEWS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron, with effect from 27th June, 1943.

1375981 Flight Sergeant John Henry PRIOR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron, with effect from 5th March, 1943.

755176 Flight Sergeant David Cruickshanks SMITH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 29th May, 1943.

938881 Flight Sergeant Dennis Arthur WATKINS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 19th April, 1943.

1376071 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Herbert George CHUCK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 221 Squadron, with effect from 3rd April, 1943.

1059586 Sergeant Jack Norris COCKROFT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

1379791 Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) John Colin EVANS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron, with effect from 24th June, 1943.

1269700 Sergeant Alec John KAPPLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 177 Squadron.

1230374 Sergeant Frank MELLOR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron, with effect from 2nd July, 1943.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Edward Scott MURPHY (Aus.401171), No. 14 Squadron, with effect from 26th June, 1943.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Basil Vernon Lancelot VEIRA (Can./J.10677), No. 12 Squadron, with effect from 27th April, 1943.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.75615 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Stuart PENNINGTON, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 25th May, 1943.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Hector Alfred JAMIESON (N.Z.404712), No. 35 Squadron, with effect from 11th June, 1943.