

operated with his unit from an exposed aerodrome at Tobruk for several weeks. In a series of planned machine gun attacks on ground targets, Pilot Officer Wareham displayed exemplary coolness and initiative. He has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft off the Libyan coast.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

755573 Sergeant Albert George BEALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 151 Squadron.

This airman has been employed as an air gunner on operations since January, 1941, and has destroyed 3 and damaged several other enemy aircraft. His last success was one night in November, 1941, when he destroyed a Junkers 88. Sergeant Beale has at all times shown exceptional keenness and marked skill.

969947 Sergeant Arthur Thomas PRINCE, No. 38 Squadron.

This airman has completed many operational sorties, involving several hundred hours flying. He has displayed great efficiency and technical knowledge which has often contributed materially to the successes achieved. His steadiness and reliability have been most praiseworthy.

938162 Sergeant James Bennett SMITH, No. 70 Squadron.

This airman has been employed as an air observer since January, 1941, and has participated in sorties involving hundreds of hours flying. Throughout, he has proved himself to be a highly skilled navigator and a consistently accurate bomb aimer. One day in September, 1941, his bombs totally destroyed an oil storage ship in Benghazi harbour. Later, he participated in 2 attacks on a newly constructed jetty in the same harbour and succeeded in obtaining 5 direct hits on the target. In another attack in the same area, Sergeant Smith scored direct hits on a wreck which had been improvised to function as a jetty. He has also destroyed

enemy oil storage tanks by extremely accurate bombing. This airman has executed much valuable work throughout.

102444 Air Sergeant Kenneth George DU PRE, South African Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

In November, 1941, this airman was an air gunner of an aircraft which was attacked by an enemy fighter near Tobruk. During the engagement, another air gunner was wounded in both legs and was falling out of the aircraft through the open lower hatch. Air Sergeant Du Pre promptly pulled him back, tended his wounds and applied first aid. As the enemy aircraft was still attacking, Air Sergeant Du Pre then returned to his guns and when they jammed, he gave clear instructions to his pilot as to the direction of the attack. He displayed great devotion to duty and initiative in the face of sustained enemy fire.

97812 Air Sergeant Thomas Gibson EARNSHAW, South African Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

This airman has participated in numerous operational sorties both in East Africa and the Western Desert. In addition to his skill as an air gunner, his work as a wireless operator has been outstanding. On one occasion, whilst flying at 25,000 feet over Bardia, he succeeded in transmitting a message of the utmost importance despite the fact that he was suffering intense pain, from his frozen hands and that he was almost overcome owing to a breakdown of the oxygen supply apparatus. Two days later, he participated in a reconnaissance and, although his aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire whilst over the target area, he succeeded in transmitting most valuable information. By his tireless self-sacrifice and initiative he has set a most praiseworthy example.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 25th July, 1941 (p. 4275, col. 1) concerning Flying Officer David Leatham PRICHARD (36203), delete Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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