

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.80521 Flight Sergeant Donald Robert MORRISON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Morrison has displayed outstanding ability and skill as a pilot during combats with the enemy. He has destroyed 2 and damaged several other enemy aircraft, besides sharing in the destruction of 2 others. Flight Sergeant Morrison has participated in 57 operational sorties and in May, 1942, after his port elevator had been shot off by enemy cannon fire near Le Havre, he successfully brought his aircraft back to this country and performed a difficult landing with little additional damage.

1350274 Sergeant Bertram Charles GROVES, No. 10 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, Sergeant Groves was the tail gunner of a Halifax aircraft engaged on operations. When over the target he was wounded by enemy fire. Nevertheless, he continued to fire his guns at searchlights and enemy gun positions while the aircraft lost height from 14,000 feet to only 200 feet. He was wounded again in the arm and in the eye and his turret was rendered unserviceable. He was thus forced to cease fire. His difficulties were still further increased as the turret doors became jammed and he was unable to get out. During the whole of the engagement, which lasted 25 minutes, Sergeant Groves gave no indication that he had been so badly wounded. He displayed fortitude, courage and tenacity of a high standard.

1251533 Sergeant Stanley Alfred JONES, No. 118 Squadron.

Sergeant Jones has been engaged on operational flying for more than a year and has completed over 100 sorties. These have included flights as escort to our bombers, fighter sweeps, and successful low level

cannon attacks against land targets and shipping. Sergeant Jones has displayed splendid leadership, keenness and determination and has set a fine example.

1376216 Sergeant William Robert YOUENS, No. 38 Squadron.

928287 Sergeant Graham Arthur Cecil CARINGTON, No. 38 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, Sergeant Youens and Sergeant Carington were the pilot and observer respectively of an aircraft which made a daring attack on a convoy in the Mediterranean. A hit with a torpedo was scored on an 8,000 ton motor vessel. Intense heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered from which the aircraft sustained damage but, by displaying skilful flying and navigation, these airmen brought the aircraft to an advance base safely after an operation lasting 8 hours.

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Air Ministry,

30th June, 1942.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Nixon DALKIN.

This officer has displayed gallantry and devotion to duty in operations against the enemy in the Darwin area. On several occasions he led his flight against intense anti-aircraft fire and fighter attack and dived and released his bombs at very low altitudes. Afterwards, in the face of similar opposition, he attacked with machine gun fire enemy flying boats and bases at Koepang. His personal courage and quality of leadership proved an inspiring example to his squadron.

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