

Vaagso. In spite of fierce fire from the vessels and from land based batteries, Warrant Officer Turner pressed home a most determined attack. He displayed the highest standard of bravery and devotion to duty throughout.

Warrant Officer Ivor Montague GORDON (Aus.415782), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Warrant Officer Gordon has taken part in a good number of sorties, including numerous attacks against enemy shipping. In April, 1945, he was the navigator in an aircraft detailed to attack shipping in the narrow Risnes fjord. During the operation the aircraft was hit. The cannon installations caught fire. Although Warrant Officer Gordon promptly used the extinguishers the flames spread. Undeterred, this crew member worked strenuously to get the fire under control. Finally, he succeeded. In so doing he did not hesitate to beat out the flames with only his gloved hands. He afterwards navigated the aircraft to base. His courage and determination were typical of that which he has shown at all times.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1027588 Flight Sergeant John Hoile O'KANE, R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant O'Kane is a most keen and devoted crew member. He has taken part in many

sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. In the latter operations, he has displayed exceptional navigational ability which, together with his accurate bombing has played a good part in many notable successes. His example of courage and coolness has been worthy of great praise.

1433005 Flight Sergeant Joseph William SHOWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

As wireless operator, Flight Sergeant Showell has taken part in a large number of sorties, including many attacks on enemy shipping. Highly efficient, cool and resolute at all times, Flight Sergeant Showell has co-operated splendidly with his captain and his efforts have contributed much to the successes obtained. Throughout his tour of duty his keenness has been exceptional and his conduct exemplary.

Amendment.

In notification of 22nd June, 1945 (p. 3272, col. 2) below citation for Captain A. Q. DE WET (48142V), S.A.A.F., *delete* heading "Distinguished Flying Medal." For "1324827 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Bruce Thomas Alfred ROUTLEDGE, R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn." *read* "Pilot Officer Bruce Thomas Alfred ROUTLEDGE (196534), R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn.

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