



Old Boys who won the Distinguished Flying Cross

If any readers can help in the compilation of the complete list it would be greatly appreciated

The information to this point is from the book 'By Such Deeds' by Colin Hanson

Baker Reginald William (Honour Roll)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'This officer is an excellent flight commander whose fine fighting qualities have fostered a high standard of morale amongst his fellow pilots. He has completed numerous sorties over enemy occupied territory, invariably displaying a high degree of skill and determination.'

North Harold L (Honour Roll)

Served with RAF...as yet the wording of his citation has yet to be obtained but his obituary in the school magazine reads.

' He was shot down and wounded near London in the battle of Britain...He then flew night fighters in the north of England. He shot down a Junkers 88 over Liverpool....He gained his sixth victory in April 1942 by shooting down a Focke Wulf 190. A fortnight later his flight , during a sweep over France, became involved in combat with a superior force of German fighters. He ordered his flight home and attempted to delay the enemy.

He failed to return to base. He was awarded the DFC for his great courage and initiative'

Sharp D J T

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many against dangerous and difficult targets. He has displayed a high degree of skill and courage, setting an example which has been reflected in the operational efficiency of the squadron. He has destroyed three enemy aircraft,'

Barclay W J M L

Citation to Distinguished Flying Medal 'In the course of his operational career this airman has participated in numerous attacks on targets in Germany and Italy. At all times he displayed high courage and skill in the execution of his duties and it is largely due to his navigational ability that these operations have been successfully completed.'

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross ' Since being awarded the DFM this officer has completed a number of sorties. He has continued to display exceptional skill in navigating his aircraft and always the greatest keenness to take part in operations. Pilot officer Barclay's courage and devotion to duty have played no small part in the success attained by his crew'

Joel M L

Citation Distinguished Flying Cross ' One day in October Squadron leader Joel flew the leading aircraft of a force of bombers which attacked enemy positions in daylight. Although his aircraft was severely damaged by anti aircraft fire he flew it back to base. The next day in an attack on a landing ground, his aircraft was hit by enemy fire and his observer was severely wounded. In the face of many difficulties Squadron leader Joel lead his formation to base and landed his damaged aircraft safely. This officer, who has completed a large number of sorties, has at all times displayed gallantry and devotion to duty'.

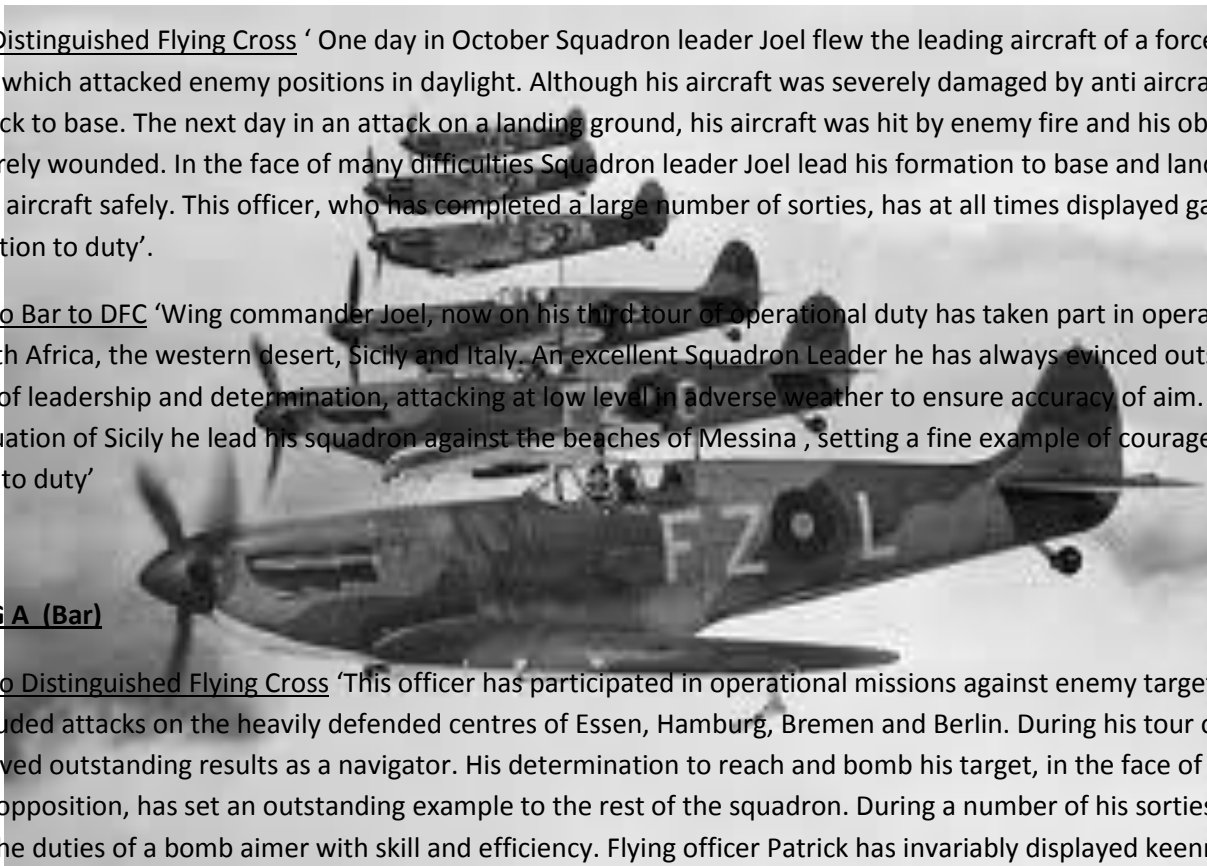
Citation to Bar to DFC 'Wing commander Joel, now on his third tour of operational duty has taken part in operations over North Africa, the western desert, Sicily and Italy. An excellent Squadron Leader he has always evinced outstanding qualities of leadership and determination, attacking at low level in adverse weather to ensure accuracy of aim. During the evacuation of Sicily he lead his squadron against the beaches of Messina , setting a fine example of courage and devotion to duty'

Patrick G A (Bar)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'This officer has participated in operational missions against enemy targets, which have included attacks on the heavily defended centres of Essen, Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin. During his tour of duty he has achieved outstanding results as a navigator. His determination to reach and bomb his target, in the face of the heaviest opposition, has set an outstanding example to the rest of the squadron. During a number of his sorties he has fulfilled the duties of a bomb aimer with skill and efficiency. Flying officer Patrick has invariably displayed keenness courage and devotion to duty.'

Citation Bar to DFC 'Since being awarded the DFC this officer has participated in many more operational sorties. They have included bombing attacks against heavily defended and important enemy targets in Germany and occupied territory. He has, throughout, displayed a fine fighting spirit, outstanding navigational ability and great devotion to duty.'

Citation Companion of the Distinguished Service Order 'Squadron leader Patrick has an impressive operational record having participated in 118 sorties. On one occasion in November 1944 he was a member of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. Soon after the take-off the wireless navigational aids became unserviceable. Squadron Leader Patrick navigated the aircraft to the target which was then successfully attacked. His faultless work on a sortie, the success of which depends on accurate timing, was worthy of the highest praise. His strong sense of discipline, great resolution and devotion to duty have set an example of a high order.'



Umbers A E (Bar)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'Flight Lieutenant Umbers has taken part in a very large number of varied operations. In attacks on shipping he has always pressed home his attacks with great vigour and has obtained several hits. In air combat Flight Lieutenant Umbers has displayed great keenness and determination, setting a finer example. He has shared in the destruction of an enemy bomber.'

Citation to Bar to DFC 'Flight Lieutenant Umbers has led his flight on very many sorties during which military transport, railway communications, ammunition dumps and other targets on the ground have been attacked with excellent results. On one occasion 8 locomotives were destroyed. By his great skill and unbeatable determination Flight Lieutenant Umbers has played a worthy part in the successes achieved. He is a most inspiring leader.'

Sise G D Also D S O

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'In November 1942, shortly after he made a most determined attack on a heavily escorted German supply ship, this officers aircraft was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire. With great difficulty he regained control, but was immediately attacked by three Focke Wulf 190s. By skillful evasive action Squadron Leader Sise managed to avoid the majority of 25 attacks, although his aircraft was again heavily hit. The enemy fighters eventually broke of the attack and Squadron leader Sise managed to fly safely back to the coast, making a crash landing on the beach. He has always displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and has set a fine example to his flight.'

Citation Bar to DFC Medal 'Within recent weeks Wing commander Sise has take part in a number of sorties, during which several enemy ships were sunk, and others damaged. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officers great skill, inspiring leadership, and great determination.'

Citation Companion of the Distinguished Service Order 'This officer has served continuously as a pilot in this squadron since August 1940. His efficiency and devotion to duty throughout many extremely hazardous missions have always been of the highest order. He took command of the squadron at a difficult period and it has been due to his untiring energy and keenness that its efficiency and high morale have been maintained. On various occasions, Squadron leader Sise has lead the squadron in successful attacks against enemy shipping during which no less than seven large merchant ships have been destroyed. On all these occasions he pressed home his attack undaunted by any danger or opposition'

Citation Bar to Companion of the DSO ' This officer has displayed great gallantry in operations against the enemy. He is a brilliant leader whose personal example and untiring efforts have done much towards raising his squadron to the highest standard of fighting efficiency. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, he has led formations of aircraft in several attacks on enemy shipping. In November 1944 Wing Commander Sise participated in an attack on shipping in Floro Harbour. Much anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Wing Commander Sise's aircraft was hit. One engine caught fire but he pressed home his attack and afterwards flew his damaged aircraft to base. Some days later this officer led a very large formation of aircraft in an operation off Aaslund. His great skill and Forceful leadership played a large part in the success of the operation.

Footnote :Official War History records that ' Wing commander Sise, who led the Banff Mosquito Wing on many of its most successful missions was regarded as Coastal Commands most successful 'ship buster'. He completed over 150 sorties.

Bannerman Ronald Burns... Air Comodore(1904)

Citation Distinguished Flying Cross 'During recent operations this officer has done gallant service. Whilst on an offensive patrol with two other machines he was attacked by several Fokker Bi-planes, in the engagement he shot one down. In addition he has destroyed four other machines.'

Citation Bar to DFC 'Captain Bannerman was a bold and resolute leader whose ability inspired those who served with him. During the operation in Sept 1918 he accounted for six enemy machines, displaying marked courage and judgment.'

WW1 Fighter Ace....Credited with 15 German aircraft and one balloon shot down, plus at least 22 enemy aircraft forced down out of control.

Air Commodore Bannerman was awarded the **Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE)**

Bathgate James Robertson Grant... (1935)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'He has taken part in a very large number of sorties, many of which have been in the middle east. His exceptional skill and determination have earned him many successes. He is a very efficient Captain and his example has always proved inspiring.'

Brunton Paul Windermere Wilson (1934)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'Pilot Officer Brunton, now on instructional duties, has flown a large number of operational sorties. Although, on several occasions, his aircraft has been riddled by anti-aircraft fire and he has several encounters with enemy aircraft, Pilot Officer Brunton's enthusiasm for operational flying remains unabated. Possessing high courage, skill and initiative, he invariably displays a fine fighting spirit.'

Butler Lloyd Harry (1929)

Citation to Distinguished Flying Cross 'Flight Lieutenant Butler has now completed his first tour of operational duty, during which he displayed exceptional ability as a cool and determined pilot and captain of aircraft. His efficiency has been reflected in the admirable co-operation that exists amongst members of his crew and in the photographs obtained. Although handicapped by engine trouble on several flights, he has always displayed good judgment and skill.'

