

British citations for Adolph Malan

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)

Awarded 28 June 1940 at Hornchurch by King George VI

Published in the London Gazette

Flight Lieutenant Adolph Gysbert Malan (37604) Royal Air Force

During May 1940, this officer has led his flight, and on certain occasions his squadron, on ten offensive patrols in Northern France. He has personally shot down two enemy aircraft, and probably, three others. Flight Lieutenant Malan has displayed great skill, courage and relentless determination in his attacks upon the enemy.

Bar to his DFC

Awarded August 1940

Published in London Gazette

Flight Lieutenant Adolph Gysbert Malan (37604) Royal Air Force

Since the end of May, 1940, this officer has continued to lead his flight, and on many occasions the squadron, in numerous successful engagements against the enemy. During the Dunkirk operations he shot down three enemy aircraft and assisted in destroying a further three. In June, 1940, during a night attack by enemy aircraft, he shot down two Heinkel III's. His magnificent leadership, skill and courage have been largely responsible for the many successes obtained by his squadron.

Distinguished Service Order (DSO)

Awarded December 1940

Published in the London Gazette

Flight Lieutenant Adolph Gysbert Malan (37604) Royal Air Force No 74 Squadron

This officer has commanded his squadron with outstanding success over an intensive period of air operations and, by his brilliant leadership, skill and determination has contributed largely to the success obtained. Since early August 1940, the squadron has destroyed at least 84 enemy aircraft and damaged many more. Squadron Leader Malan has himself destroyed at least eighteen hostile aircraft and possibly another six.

Bar to his DSO

Awarded July 1941

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Acting Wing Commander Adolph Gysbert DSO DFC (37604) Royal Air Force

This officer has displayed the greatest courage and disdain of the enemy whilst leading his Wing on numerous recent operations over Northern France. His cool judgement, exceptional determination and ability, have enabled him to increase his confirmed victories over enemy aircraft from 19 to 28, in addition a further 20 damaged and probably destroyed. His record and behaviour have earned for him the greatest admiration and devotion of his comrades in the Wing. During the past fortnight the Wing has scored heavily against the enemy with 42 hostile aircraft destroyed, a further 15 probably destroyed and 11 damaged.