

**THE EXTREMELY FINE SECOND WAR ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE D.F.C. LOGBOOKS, INSIGNIA AND RARE MISSION MAPS GROUP AWARDED TO A LANCASTER PILOT WITH 514 SQUADRON WHO COMPLETED 31 OPERATIONAL SORTIES TO SOME OF THE MOST HEAVILY DEFENDED ENEMY TARGETS; NOTABLY DURING AN OPERATIONAL SORTIE TO KIEL ON 26 AUGUST 1944 HIS LANCASTER WAS SUBJECTED TO FIGHTER ATTACKS OVER THE TARGET, WITH A ME.109 CONFIRMED DESTROYED BY HIS REAR GUNNER. HIS LAST MISSION BEING ON 5 DECEMBER 1944, HE CONVERTED TO FIGHTERS, FLYING BOTH HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES IN 1945**



**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, G.V.I.R., REVERSE OFFICIALLY DATED 1945, IN ROYAL MINT CASE OF ISSUE; 1939-45 STAR; FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR; DEFENCE AND WAR MEDALS 1939-45; NEW ZEALAND WAR SERVICE MEDAL, THE FIVE CAMPAIGN AWARDS ALL MOUNTED COURT-STYLE FOR DISPLAY**

**D.F.C. London Gazette 27 March 1945.**

The official Citation states: *'Throughout his tour of operations, Flying Officer Uffindell has shown outstanding skill and determination in pressing home his attacks undaunted by the fiercest enemy opposition. His aircraft has been in air combat on several occasions. During a sortie against Kiel in August 1944, an attack was made by two enemy fighters during the run up to the target. By masterly airmanship and excellent crew co-operation, one of the fighters was destroyed and the other damaged. He then proceeded to complete his bombing mission. Flying Officer Uffindell has always displayed high courage and great devotion to duty.'*

Alfred Desmond Joseph Uffindell was born in Auckland on 8 June 1920 and enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force on 30 May 1942. Promoted Sergeant on 5 June 1943, he embarked for the

U.K. on 20 June 1943, and arrived in the U.K. on 31 July 1943. Promoted Flight Sergeant on 5 December 1943, he was commissioned Pilot Officer on 1 May 1944, and having undertaken training in Wellingtons, Stirlings, and Lancasters, received his first operational posting at the start of August 1944 as a Lancaster Pilot to 514 Squadron at R.A.F. Waterbeach at the start of August 1944. He undertook his first night-time operational sortie on 18 August 1944, a raid on Bremen, and over the next four months completed a further ten night sorties, as well as 20 daytime raids: targets included Kiel (26 August 1944), Saabrücken, Dortmund, Duisberg (twice), Wilhemshaven, Bonn, Stuttgart, Essen (twice), Cologne (twice) Dortmund (twice), Homberg (twice), and Oberhausen. Promoted Flying Officer on 1 November 1944, his final operational sortie of his tour was a daytime raid on Hamm on 5 December 1944.

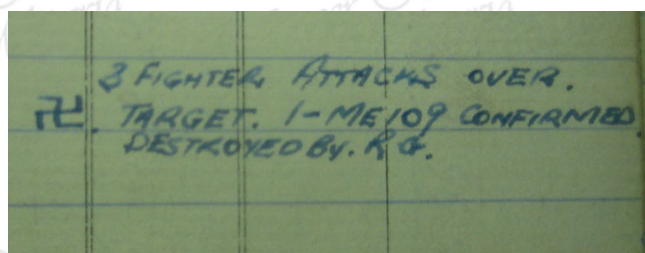


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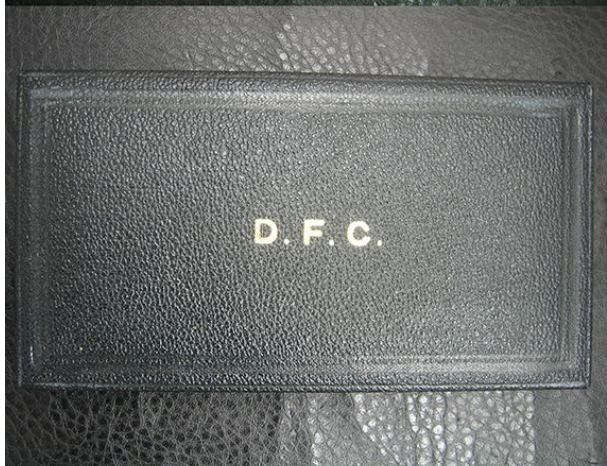
See this fine 514 Squadron website which includes a photo of Uffindell and his crew and details of missions etc:

[http://www.514squadron.co.uk/Crew\\_photos.html](http://www.514squadron.co.uk/Crew_photos.html)

For his services during his tour Uffindell was awarded a richly-deserved Distinguished Flying Cross; regarding the sortie to Kiel on 26 August 1944, which was specifically cited in his D.F.C. citation, he recorded in his Log Book '3 Fighter Attacks over Target. 1 ME109 confirmed destroyed by Rear Gunner'. Posted to 1668 Conversion Unit at Bottesford in February 1945, he converted to fighters, flying both Hurricanes and Spitfires (as well as the occasional trip in a Lancaster). Transferring to the Reserve of Officers on 20 February 1946, he finally relinquished his commission on 20 August 1954. He died in 1969, aged 48.









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"THE AIR SECRETARY,  
AIR DEPARTMENT,  
WELLINGTON, C.I."



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Mrs A. D. Uffindell,  
44 Te Arawa Street,  
Orakei,  
AUCKLAND.

AIR DEPARTMENT,  
WELLINGTON C.I.

26th April, 1945.

Dear Mrs Uffindell,

Further to the telegram sent to you by the Hon. the Minister of Defence with reference to the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to your husband, Flying Officer Alfred Desmond Joseph Uffindell, I have to advise that the following citation has now been received from Air Ministry:-

"Throughout his tour of operations, Flying Officer Uffindell has shown outstanding skill and determination in pressing home his attacks undaunted by the fiercest enemy opposition. His aircraft has been in air combat on several occasions. During a sortie against Kiel in August 1944, an attack was made by two enemy fighters during the run up to the target. By masterly airmanship and excellent crew co-operation, one of the fighters was destroyed and the other damaged. He then proceeded to complete his bombing mission. Flying Officer Uffindell has always displayed high courage and great devotion to duty."

On behalf of the Air Board, I desire to convey to you my sincere congratulations on your husband's fine achievement.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Barrow  
AIR SECRETARY.

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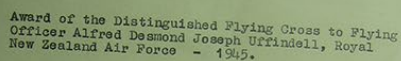


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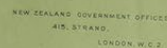
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Copy of Official Citation.

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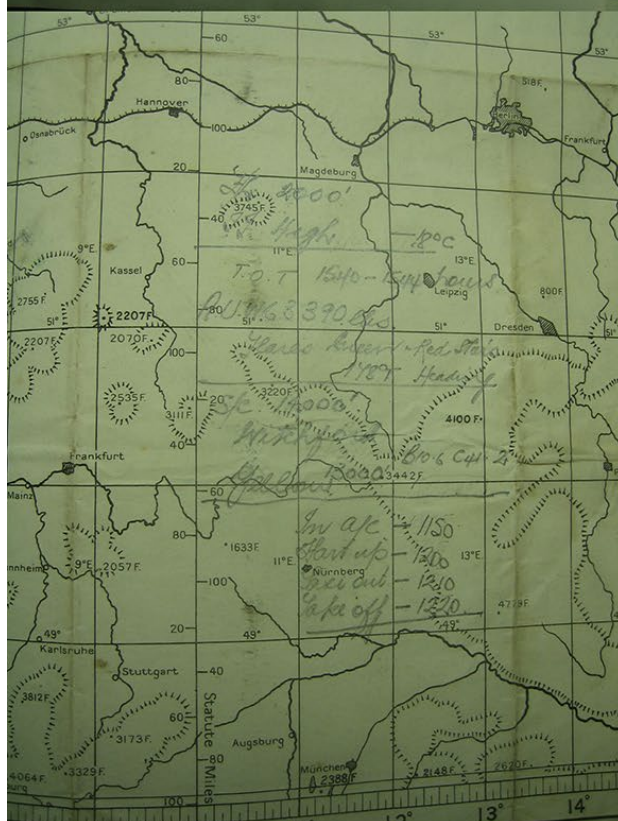
7th April, 1945.

Dear Flying Officer Uffindell,

It has given me much pleasure to learn that you have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and I send you my hearty congratulations. Well done!

Yours sincerely,

Flying Officer A. D. J. Uffindell, D.F.C.,  
R.A.F.,  
Bottesford,  
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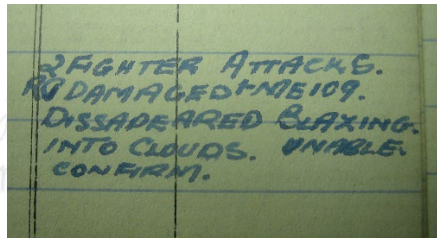












Condition NEF. Sold with the following original items:

- 1) The recipient's two Pilot's Flying Log Books, covering the periods 30 November 1942 to 30 March 1943, and 12 April 1943 to 21 September 1945
- 2) The recipient's original R.N.Z.A.F. padded cloth wings
- 3) Riband bar and his original ribands, these swing mounted
- 4) United States of America \$1 note, signed by his crew members
- 5) Letter of congratulations to the recipient on the award of his D.F.C. from the High Commissioner for New Zealand, dated 7 April 1945
- 6) Two official letters giving details of the citation for the D.F.C.
- 7) 10 superb and very rare 'Captains of Aircraft Map'. These paper maps were used by the pilot during each mission, in pencil, they plot the course to and from the target, the pilot noting target area, times of take off, landing, heights etc etc. Due to the lightweight nature of these maps, they rarely survive
- 8) Also full copied service records as provided by the New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Archives; a