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MARTIN, WALLACE
402450

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One Dead.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The following biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

SURNAME.....MARTIN.....NUMBER.....402400
 CHRISTIAN NAMES.....WALLACE
 AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING.....P/O. A/F/LT. SQ. 107.
 DECRIES ETC.....
 DATE OF BIRTH.....1919......PLACE.....NEW SOUTH WALES
 EDUCATED.....
 DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.....1940
 PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE.....
 PLACES OF TRAINING.....
 CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES.....
 SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC.....
 FATHER.....
 WIFE.....
 HOME ADDRESS.....
 SIGNATURE.....
 DATE.....
 DATE OF EMBARKATION.....

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AWARDS.....D.F.C.
 CATEGORY.....INTERVIEWS.....
 RADIO.....OTHER REFERENCES.....One! 387

12 NOV 1942

**Fine Fighting
Spirit at 21
Wins the D.F.C.**

The D.F.C. has been awarded to Pilot Officer Wallace Martin, R.A.A.F., No. 107 Squadron, who navigated the leading aircraft of a section which severely damaged a whale oil ship off Cherbourg.

His skilful navigation resulted in locating two dinghies at sea, saving seven lives.

Another Australian airman, Flying Officer John C. M. Rose, aged 21, of Adelaide, has been awarded the D.F.C. His fine fighting spirit and personal example have been a constant source of inspiration to his squadron.

To-day's list of awards states that Pilot Officer Thomas L. Rushton, R.A.F.V.R., No. 107 Squadron (a former captain the Duke of Lancs Own Yeomanry), has also won the D.F.C.

He has made attacks on shipping, airfields and industrial targets.

A former manager of a grocer's shop, Sergt. Stewart J. Volante, of Camborne, Cornwall, has won the D.F.M.

