

Group Captain Stanley (Peter) Slater



Stan became a Lancaster Pilot and played a major part in the activities of Bomber Command during the War. He participated in many sorties, against both German and Italian targets, operating with 100 Squadron and 576 Squadron. As a result of these activities, he was awarded both the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and the Distinguished Service Order (DSO). The citations for these, from the London Gazette, are shown below:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Pilot Officer Stanley SLATER (145503), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties against various targets in the Ruhr and has invariably displayed skill and determination in pressing home his attacks. On 1 occasion after a successful attack on Spezia in Italy, his aircraft was engaged by enemy fighters on the return flight, but he skilfully out-maneuvred them and reached base. On 2 subsequent occasions, on the outward flight to his target, engine trouble has been experienced but Pilot Officer Slater displayed fine airmanship and completed his missions successfully. He has rendered excellent service.

Distinguished Service Order

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley SLATER, D.F.C. (145503), R.A.F.V.R., 576 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in very many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Kiel. He has continued to display the highest standard of skill and bravery and has set a fine example to all. He has commanded his flight with much success and his untiring efforts, strong sense of discipline and fine fighting qualities have contributed in good measure to the operational efficiency of the formation.

See also: <http://www.ridgewayhistory.org.uk/stan-slater.htm>