MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Name:

LYSTER, William Leslie

REGIMENTAL NUMBER:

M.11342 Sgt.

UNIT:

Calg. Highrs.

ENLISTED:

20 Sept. 1939

AT:

Medicine Hat.

MARRIED OR SINGLE:

Single.

NEXT OF KIN:

Mrs. Susan May Lyster (Mother) Empress, Alberta, Canada.

CIVIL OCCUPATION:

Truck Driver.

PREVIOUS SERVICE:

1st South Alberta Regiment. February 1938

Although without training in the handling of the A.A. Guns on board his L.C.T., Sgt. Lyster with only the briefest available instructions, provided excellent A.A. fire for many hours. Early in the landing attempt, when the A.A. Gun crews had been rendered casualties. Sgt. Lyster volunteered for this duty. Although subjected to constant heavy shelling and machine gun fire, this N.C.O. stood to his post and successfully engaged enemy aircraft. At 0715 hours following an engagement with an M.E. 109, the plane was seen to crash in flames from the fire of the gun manned by Sgt. Lyster. Throughout the whole day he was on duty with the exception of several short periods, and his handling of a strange weapon was in a large part responsible for the safe return of the craft.