

FOUGHT IN PACIFIC IS AWARDED DSO

Wing Commander Gordon Won DFC in Europe — 14 Others Decorated

One of the few RCAF officers to command squadrons in both the European and Southeast Asia war theatres, Wing Cmdr. Ralph A. Gordon, DFC, of Bobcaygeon, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, it has been announced by Air Force Headquarters.

Wing Cmdr. Gordon was posted to the Southeast Asia Command in September, 1944, after flying Albatrosses and Wellingtons on coastal patrol out of the



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United Kingdom for a number of months. Earlier in the war, he flew on anti-sub patrol from Canada's west coast.

Within 24 hours of his arrival at a forward base in Burma, after a cross-country flight from a training station in Northwest India, he was on operations carrying urgent supplies to the famed British 14th Army which at that time was making an assault on Mandalay.

Air Force Headquarters also announced the award of the DFC to 14 other members of the RCAF for service overseas.