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The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:-

MILITARY MEDAL

539610, Acting Flight Sergeant Charles Louis Schofield, No. 74 Squadron, Royal Air Force: On the 6th October, this airman was detailed to man an Italian Breda Gun at Simi. He remained on the site for 7 days, sharing the duties with another airman. The gun was in a key position and was attacked incessantly by Stukas, but Flight Sergeant Schofield remained at his post and fired his gun even when the flash eliminator was burnt off and the sights had fallen off owing to the heat of the gun. This airman probably destroyed one of the enemy aircraft, although he had been wounded in the arm. On the first day of the invasion of Simi some Germans were detected below the position of the gun. Flight Sergeant Schofield participated in an attack against them and brought back one of the enemy's wounded.

NOTE ON CAREER.

A/F/Sgt. Schofield was born in 1918 at Doncaster. His home is at Hull, Yorks. He was a clerk in civil life. He enlisted in 1937 as armourer.

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