aircraft during May, 1940, but was then shot down himself and forced to jump. He was a great inspiration to his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Gilbert SANDERS (37510).

This officer has led his flight well and has personally shot down three enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Richard Lindsay GLYDE (39983).

This officer showed great dash and offensive spirit and has accounted for four enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Donald William Alfred STONES (42276).

This officer shot down five enemy aircraft during recent operations. He was indefatigable in his search for enemy aircraft, and during one day he was in the air for eight hours.

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Voase JEFF, D.F.C. (39285).

This officer was a first class leader who inspired his flight with the offensive spirit and himself shot down five enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer William Dennis DAVID, D.F.C. (40805).

This officer continued to display a fine offensive spirit and during the past few days he has shot down three more enemy aircraft, making a total of eleven in all.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

741466 Sergeant Henry CARTWRIGHT.

This airman shot down four enemy aircraft and throughout the recent operations was a most effective fighter who displayed an excellent offensive spirit.

566584 Sergeant Kenneth Norman Varwell TOWNSEND.

During two consecutive days in May, 1940, this pilot shot down three, and possibly another two, enemy aircraft. As he had just joined his squadron from an operational training unit this was a particularly meritorious performance.

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

740099 Sergeant Gareth Leofric NOWELL, D.F.M.

Sergeant Nowell has continued to shoot down enemy aircraft with excellent initiative and leadership. He brought down twelve enemy aircraft in one week. This is the highest individual total of which there is record in his group.

Air Ministry,
4th June, 1940.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Air Marshal Sir William Gore Sutherland MITCHELL, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., is appointed an Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force. 24th May 1940.

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation. 1st Apr. 1940:—

Flight Sergeants.

560023 Herbert Frank BISHOP (43464).
362437 William Charles Allen JENNER (43465).
366383 Albert Percy PESKETT (43466).
563223 William Godfrey REDDING (43467).
364683 Arthur Winter HALL (43468).
561559 Ernest Donald McLean HIGHAM (43469).
335839 Lester Francis HUMPHREY (43470).
561981 Bernard Maurice BANNISTER (43471).
590478 John Arthur JARVIS (43472).

Sergeants.

562414 William Ronald ACOTT (43473).
515543 Peter Stackhouse GUNNING (43474).
580327 Jack Frederick SACH (43475).
580310 Ralph Joseph RAPHAEL (43476).
363942 John Norman CRAIGIE (43477).
580027 Leonard Henry DAY (43478).
563985 David Ivor PIKE (43479).
563927 Francis Herbert STUBBS (43480).
563452 William Cyril HUTCHINGS (43481).

Thomas Roberts GILDERTHORP (43482) is granted a short service commission as Acting Pilot Officer on probation for four years on the active list. 12th May 1940.

Air Marshal Sir Wilfrid Rhodes FREEMAN, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is promoted to the temporary rank of Air Chief Marshal. 27th May 1940.

The undermentioned Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—

14th Feb. 1940.

Kevin Michael McCRUDDEN (37196).

21st Apr. 1940.

Hugh James GARLICK (37395).
Alan Richmond Lloyd GRIFFITHS (37398).
Donald Ian McLEOD (37413).

26th Apr. 1940.

Bertram Eric DOBB (37388).

28th Apr. 1940.

Dudley Henderson BURNSIDE (37464).

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on the dates stated:—

25th Apr. 1940.

Patrick James DUNDEE (40375).
Ronald Bows (40363).

27th Apr. 1940.

James Patrick REDMOND (40318).

23rd May 1940.

John Watson OLIVER (40252).

24th May 1940.

Eric Beck LIDDELL (40234).
Edgar John WILCOX (70830).

25th May 1940.

Hubert Paul Frederick PATTEN (40423).
Peter Frank Travers WAKEFORD (40446).
Frederick Robert McAULIFFE (40403).

27th May 1940.

Arthur Edward SLOCOMBE (40323).

Air Marshal Sir William Gore Sutherland MITCHELL, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., relinquishes the acting rank of Air Chief Marshal. 13th May 1940.