

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of London.

Major Harold Douglas Barnes, O.B.E., T.D., F.S.A., 46, Belsize Avenue, Hampstead, N.W.3.

Colonel Alfred Danvers Bayliffe, C.M.G., T.D., 7, Kent Gardens, Ealing, W.13.

Captain Sir Harry Ernest Brittain, K.B.E., C.M.G., 2, Cowley Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Trevor Alfred Crugar John Bowen, Esquire, J.P., Chellow Dene, 76, Putney Hill, S.W.15.

Major the Hon. Sir Edward Cecil George Cadogan, K.B.E., C.B., J.P., 14, Edwardes Square, Kensington, W.8.

Colonel Thomas Whitehaire Vigers, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., 1, Laverton Place, Courtfield Gardens, South Kensington, S.W.5.

to be Deputy Lieutenants for the County of London.—Dated 4th June, 1940.
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*Air Ministry,
7th June, 1940.*

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty the KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officer and airmen indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

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

Croix de Guerre.

580254 Sergeant George Haddon PHILLIPS.

Medaille Militaire.

516606 Sergeant James VICKERS (since died of wounds).

*Air Ministry,
7th June, 1940.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander William Ernest STATON, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. (04225).

This officer has continued to display outstanding gallantry and leadership in recent air operations. One night in May, 1940, he led an attack on the oil depot at Bremen. The target was very heavily defended and difficult to identify owing to the exceptional number of searchlights but, after worrying and misleading the defences for an hour, he

dived and attacked from 1,000 feet to ensure hitting the target. His aircraft was hit by six shells, the last one of which did considerable damage but he succeeded in reaching his home base. Wing Commander Staton organises and leads his squadron on all new tasks with constant courage and his work on his station is magnificent.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Patrick John Handy HALAHAN (26033).

In November, Squadron Leader Halahan, with another officer, attacked and shot down a Dornier 17. In May, 1940, he led a formation of eight aircraft on a bomber protection patrol near Maastricht where sixteen enemy aircraft were attacked, six of which were destroyed. In the engagement this officer himself shot down two enemy aircraft. Squadron Leader Halahan has at all times set an excellent example to his pilots and is mainly responsible for the fine spirit of his squadron which, while under his command, has destroyed approximately seventy enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Russell WALKER (37435).

In March, 1940, this officer was leading a section of three aircraft which attacked nine Messerschmitt 110's near Bozanville. Two of the enemy aircraft were destroyed. In May, 1940, Flight Lieutenant Walker led a section of five aircraft in an attack on fifteen Messerschmitt 110's, which were escorting bombers. In this engagement eight enemy aircraft were shot down. Flight Lieutenant Walker has led his flight in many combats, and has personally shot down six enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Raymond Alfred CRUICKSHANK (33364).

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since the beginning of the war and has carried out many raids, security patrols and North Sea sweeps. One night in May, 1940, he was ordered to make a bombing attack on bridges over the Meuse in one of the most heavily defended points in the operational area. In spite of almost impenetrable fire, by which his aircraft was hit, he descended to a low altitude and withheld his bombs until certain of the position of the target which he successfully hit. His coolness, determination and dogged disregard of danger enabled him to inflict severe damage on the enemy communications under most difficult conditions.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Peter MIERS (39444).

This officer has been engaged in active operations for the past eight months and has a magnificent record of devotion, coolness and enterprise in the execution of his duty. One night in May, 1940, he was captain of an aircraft engaged in an attack on enemy transport convoys behind the battle zone. He sighted a convoy of some two hundred vehicles, and with the greatest coolness and deliberation in the face of enemy fire, he descended to a low height and made four separate runs over the column. He secured several direct hits.