

was covered in smoke. Many delayed action bombs were present. He thus left comparative safety to make a lone attack on a greatly superior force. This officer has displayed great personal dash and courage, and his personal influence has made his flight into a determined fighting unit.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James William Elias DAVIES (37796).

This officer has shown ability as leader of his squadron on many offensive patrols. On one occasion while attacking a Messerschmitt 109, he was himself attacked by six Heinkel 113's. He at once turned on the Heinkels destroying one and badly damaging a second before being compelled to break off the engagement owing to shortage of ammunition. The following day while leading a section of his squadron he sighted and attacked a large formation of Heinkel 111's and shot one down in flames.

Pilot Officer Ian James MUIRHEAD (43362).

This officer has shot down five enemy aircraft and has shown outstanding skill, coolness and daring in carrying out eight patrols in five days over N.W. France and Belgium. During the last patrol he was forced to escape by parachute and after surmounting many difficulties succeeded in reaching his unit.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

580256 Sergeant Alfred WHITBY.

This airman has exhibited great courage and determination as a fighter pilot. During only a few days in France he destroyed five enemy aircraft and since his return to England has destroyed another. He has given valuable assistance as a navigator.

532666 Leading Aircraftman Robert William MCCARTHY.

This airman, as wireless operator air gunner, displayed exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty when badly wounded in the legs and stomach during a bombing raid on enemy columns between Echternach and Luxemburg. He continued to operate his wireless apparatus until he landed, when he showed the greatest fortitude while being extricated from the rear of the aircraft.

India Office,

28th June, 1940.

The KING has approved the following appointments, retirements, etc.:—

INDIAN ARMY.

The undermentioned officers retire:—

Lt.-Col. C. C. Labey, 27th June 1940.

Maj. V. E. W. Simpson, M.V.O., M.C., Spec. Unempld. List, 28th May 1940.

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—
To be 2nd Lts.

15th June 1940.

Robert John Cooper.

Mervyn John Hammond.

Norman Vaughan Naismith.

Roger Peter Plowden Wardlaw.

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

Lt. (Asst. Commy.) P. G. Backshall retires 4th Apr. 1940.

INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lt. (Sen. Asst. Surg.) F. F. Owers retires 24th June 1940.

MEMORANDA.

Lt. F. W. Alderton, late I.A.R.O., relinquishes the rank of Lt. on enlistment into the Army, 12th April 1938.

D. W. Belcher, V.C., late Capt., Ind. Army, is granted the rank of Capt. on discharge from the Army, 2nd May 1940.

The Minister of Transport on the 15th June, 1940, made The Calder and Hebble Navigation (Increase of Charges) Order, 1940.

The Minister of Transport on the 15th June, 1940, made The Aire and Calder Navigation (Increase of Charges) Order, 1940.

The Minister of Transport on the 25th June made The Port of London (Decontamination) Order, 1940, and The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Decontamination) Order, 1940.

The Minister of Transport on the 26th June, 1940, made The Railways (Additional Charges) No. 2 Order, 1940.

*Ministry of Agriculture
and Fisheries.*

**DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 TO 1937.**

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Section 49 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made the following Order:—

Order No. 5954.

(Dated 24th June, 1940.)

Withdraws the prohibition imposed by Order of the Minister No. 5849 on the landing of animals and of hay and straw brought from Alderney.

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Health Division, Fernlea, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1930, confirming a Scheme submitted to him by the Merionethshire Rivers Catchment Board, under Section 4 (1) (a) of the Act, consequent upon the variation of the statutory map of the Catchment Area, so far as relates to the extent of the main river, by the Minister on the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, for the transfer to the Catchment Board of all such rights, powers, duties, obligations and liabilities (including liabilities incurred in connection with works) over or in connection with those watercourses which by the said variation became part of the main river as were immediately before the commencement of the said Act vested in or to be discharged by any