

*Air Ministry,  
20th August, 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 Second Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Basil Edward EMBRY, D.S.O., A.F.C. (09252).

During the operations over the Low Countries and France, Wing Commander Embry continued to display an extremely high standard of leadership and resolution in carrying out all the tasks allotted to his squadron, raising its morale to a high level and setting an example to the other squadrons in his group. He has shown a high sense of duty and determination.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Adrian Hope BOYD D.F.C. (39101).

This flight commander has been actively engaged in flying operations against the enemy since the commencement of hostilities. By fine leadership and dauntless spirit he has enabled his flight to destroy a large number of enemy aircraft of which he has himself, shot down, or severely damaged, at least twelve.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Gilbert DUTTON D.F.C. (39072).

This officer has led patrols with conspicuous success and has personally destroyed at least twelve enemy aircraft. He has displayed splendid qualities of leadership and courage, with a complete disregard for his own safety.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Gerald Barnard KELLY, A.F.C. (27256).

On 28th July, 1940, Squadron Leader Kelly was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to carry out a special reconnaissance over Libya. The reconnaissance had to be carried out at a low altitude owing to clouds. He was attacked by five enemy aircraft but, displaying great skill, he destroyed one of them. During the engagement the air observer was hit by a bullet. Notwithstanding the handicap of having the air observer's body leaning against him, Squadron Leader Kelly continued with the reconnaissance, returning with information of great value. He has invariably displayed exceptional leadership, courage, and devotion to duty.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

563426 Flight Sergeant Frederick George BERRY.

On 17th June, 1940, whilst leading a section on patrol over Saint Nazaire, to cover the embarkation of the British Expeditionary Force, Sergeant Berry attacked and shot down an enemy bomber about to make an attack on one of the troopships. Sergeant Berry has on many occasions led his section, and often his flight, in combat against the enemy with success. He has displayed exceptional qualities as a leader.

563046 Sergeant Arthur Victor CLOWES.

Sergeant Clowes has displayed courage and determination in many combats against the enemy. He has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft. On 14th June, 1940, he led his section in combat against five Messerschmitt 109's and destroyed one. He then observed, above him, three further enemy aircraft and, before they could attack his flight, he engaged them. He succeeded in damaging one and in causing the other two to disperse in the clouds. He has displayed great skill and power of leadership.

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**GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.**

James Okeden ALEXANDER (44267) is granted a permanent commission as Pilot Officer. 20th Apr. 1940 (seniority 20th Jan. 1939).

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation:—

Flight Sergeant.

20th June 1940.

(Seniority 9th May 1940.)

356513 Eustace Errol SWEET (44268).

Sergeants.

11th July 1940.

(Seniority 9th May 1940.)

580513 James Bertram Patrick HANLON (44269).

12th July 1940.

(Seniority 2nd May 1940.)

562329 Frank SQUIRE (44270).

26th July 1940.

(Seniority 9th May 1940.)

562061 David Henry DAVIS (44271).

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments:—

1st May 1940.

Jacobus Johannes LE ROUX (42240).

26th June 1940.

Nelson GREEN (42564).

10th July 1940.

Ronald Edward KIRKBY (42613).

Arthur Ernest RIMMER (42649).

James Harold YOUNG (42175).

24th July 1940.

Konstantine BALLAS-ANDERSEN (42688).

George Royal HOLYOKE (42710).

26th July 1940.

Richard Anthony Gordon PARAMORE (42522).

28th July 1940.

Frederick Joseph ALDRIDGE (42381).

1st Aug. 1940.

Douglas William PECK (42430).

14th Aug. 1940.

Sydney Crozier Robinson BELL (42785).

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

19th June 1940.

Ian Terence Byathan ROWLAND (33284).

Roderick Hugh McCONNELL (33268).

Stafford Puleine COULSON (33232).