

accuracy before he dropped his bombs. A few nights previous, Squadron Leader Kydd took a leading part in the attack on the Leuna oil works when he displayed equal courage and determination. Since the outbreak of war he has done outstandingly good work, proving himself to be a fine leader and a skilled and resolute captain of aircraft.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Alexander WEBSTER, D.F.C. (40770).

This officer was captain and pilot of an aircraft detailed to carry out an attack, from a very low altitude, on the ship lift on the Canal at Magdeburg during a night in August, 1940. In spite of illumination by two searchlights and gunfire from twelve anti-aircraft guns, he carried out this attack successfully from a height of only fifty feet. Recently Pilot Officer Webster carried out a low attack on the oil refinery at Leuna and pressed home his attack with the same courage and determination in the face of enemy opposition. His skill, keenness and devotion to duty provide a fine example to his fellow pilots.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Robert Findlay BOYD (90165), Auxiliary Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Boyd has led his flight into action on all possible occasions and by his initiative and accurate shooting has personally destroyed nine enemy aircraft. He has displayed cool judgment and a keen desire to engage the enemy irrespective of the odds against him.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Jack Sylvester ADAMS (37728).

In August, 1940, whilst engaged on a night patrol, Flight Lieutenant Adams sighted an enemy aircraft about a mile ahead. He chased it for fifty minutes and, although out of radio telephony communication with his base for most of the time, he eventually contacted the enemy off the South Coast. He attacked the enemy aircraft over the sea and, it is believed, destroyed it. He returned to his base and landed with both petrol gauges reading nil. Flight Lieutenant Adams has been continuously employed on night flying duties since the commencement of hostilities and has displayed conspicuous devotion to duty throughout.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Allen Roy MULLIGAN (40058).

One night in August, 1940, this officer carried out a successful low-flying attack from 150 feet on the Dortmund-Ems Canal. He displayed the utmost skill, determination, courage and devotion to duty in pressing home his attack, in spite of intense opposition from the ground and a knowledge of the reception that would be awaiting him over this area. Flight Lieutenant Mulligan has carried out a total of twenty-three operational flights and has at all times set an excellent example to other pilots by his enthusiasm, keenness and courage. His work as an operational pilot has been outstanding.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stanley Charles NORRIS (40561).

In August, 1940, this officer was leading his flight on an offensive patrol when twenty

Junkers 88's were sighted. Flight Lieutenant Norris ordered his flight to attack them, but were themselves attacked in turn by twenty Messerschmitt 109's. It became necessary to abandon the attack on the enemy bombers, and to engage the enemy fighters. During the combat Flight Lieutenant Norris destroyed one Messerschmitt 109. This officer has personally destroyed six enemy aircraft and damaged a further two. He has displayed outstanding determination and skill as a leader.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Gordon Chaloner OLIVE (39469).

Flight Lieutenant Olive has led his flight and, on occasions, his squadron both on operations in France and later throughout the intensive fighting in the defence of his country. He has personally destroyed at least five enemy aircraft. His fearlessness and cool courage in action have been a splendid example to other pilots he has led and have contributed largely to their successes against greatly superior numbers of the enemy.

Flying Officer Harold Arthur Cooper BIRD-WILSON (40335).

Flying Officer Bird-Wilson has shot down six enemy aircraft and shared in the destruction of several others. He has shown fine fighting qualities and determination in his attacks.

Flying Officer Brian John George CARBURY (40288).

During operations on the North East coast Flying Officer Carbury led his section in an attack on two enemy aircraft. Both were destroyed. From 28th August, 1940, to 2nd September, 1940, he has, with his squadron, been almost continuously engaged against large enemy raids over Kent, and has destroyed eight enemy aircraft. Five of these were shot down during three successive engagements in one day.

Flying Officer Edwin Charles Sandars FEWTRELL (37673).

This officer has completed more than twenty night flying operations over enemy territory at extreme ranges, and in the face of severe enemy opposition and difficult weather conditions. He is a captain of aircraft of invariable resolution and great skill, who has set a splendid example to the others on his station.

Pilot Officer Dudley Hamilton DAVIS (43146).

This officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to carry out a low-level attack on warships in Wilhelmshaven Harbour one night in July, 1940. He delivered his attack in the face of terrific anti-aircraft fire from all the defences of the town. He has completed fourteen successful raids over enemy territory during which he has shown conspicuous gallantry and has pressed home his attacks with the same indomitable courage.

Pilot Officer Peter Morrice DE MESTRE (41678).

This officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the oil tanks at Bordeaux one night in August, 1940. On his first run over the target at 2,000 feet his aircraft and one engine were severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, and the glare from searchlights prevented his bombs being dropped with accuracy. In