

Nez and Flushing taken from a height of 400 feet. He has completed sixty photographic missions and in this class of operation he is outstanding.

Pilot Officer William Lidstone McKNIGHT, D.F.C. (41937).

This officer has destroyed six enemy aircraft during the last thirteen weeks. He has proved himself to be a most efficient section leader, and has consistently given proof that he is a courageous and tenacious fighter.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader John FULTON (37095).

This officer has taken part in twenty major operations over enemy territory since early in June, 1940. On the night of 15th September an attack on the marshalling yards at Brussels was frustrated by the failure of the starboard engine and he turned for home. Later, however, the engine functioned normally and Squadron Leader Fulton decided to resume his mission. He made two successful attacks from 11,000 feet straddling the railway junction with both sticks of bombs. By his persistent determination, outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the face of heavy opposition and many set-backs, Squadron Leader Fulton was able to complete his task.

Flight Lieutenant William Johnson LEATHER (90355), Auxiliary Air Force.

This officer has conducted many convoy patrols under very adverse weather conditions. Many times when the weather has been unfit for a section he has flown alone in an effort to engage the enemy. On one occasion he shot down a Junkers 88 a hundred miles out to sea. Over Dunkirk he destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 and in September, 1940, he shot down two Dornier 215's. Flight Lieutenant Leather has led his flight, and frequently his squadron, with skill and courage.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Christopher Frederick CURRANT (43367).

This officer has led his flight with great skill and courage in air combats in the defence of London. He has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged a number of others. His splendid example and fine fighting spirit have inspired the other pilots in his flight.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Ignatius KILMARTIN (39793).

Flying Officer Kilmartin has destroyed twelve enemy aircraft. His dash and determination, with clear thinking, combine to make him a magnificent leader.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Peter Coplestone LEMON (39320).

Since the beginning of the war this officer has conducted 28 operations over Norway, Holland, France, Belgium and Germany. In September, 1940, Flight Lieutenant Lemon with great courage in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, dived to 500 feet over Antwerp Harbour and released a stick of bombs which caused a large brick building to blow up and burn furiously. His aircraft was considerably damaged by an anti-aircraft shell which caused a fire, but by skilful piloting a successful landing was made. By his courage, per-

sistent determination and outstanding skill this officer has at all times set an example of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Percival Stanley TURNER (41631).

On September 15th, 1940, Pilot Officer Turner succeeded in shooting down one enemy aircraft, when his own aircraft was hit by a cannon shell which put it temporarily out of control. On recovery, he saw and attacked a further enemy aircraft which he destroyed, afterwards bringing his own damaged aircraft safely back to its base. This officer has personally destroyed a total of ten hostile aircraft during engagements over Dunkirk and England. He has proved himself a most courageous and capable leader, displaying coolness and initiative in the face of the enemy.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Wolferstan VILLA (39768).

Since 31st August, 1940, this officer has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft. One day in September, 1940, he was successful in destroying three enemy aircraft unaided and assisted in the destruction of a fourth. Flight Lieutenant Villa has consistently led his flight, and frequently the squadron, with great dash and eagerness, and has proved a keen fighter and a good leader.

Flying Officer Thomas Arthur Francis ELSDON (33308).

Since 31st August, 1940, this officer has destroyed six enemy aircraft, bringing his total to eight. On 4th September, 1940, when leading his squadron, his method of attack was successful in destroying nine enemy aircraft and probably three more. A few days later, he brought down the leading aircraft of a bomber formation. His record is outstanding and he has led his section and flight with distinction, showing complete disregard of danger and personal injury.

Flying Officer Leonard Archibald HAINES (40297).

Flying Officer Haines has destroyed seven enemy aircraft, and assisted in the destruction of another. Twice he has pursued hostile aircraft to France and shot them down. He has shown the utmost courage, tenacity and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey ALLARD, D.F.M. (44551).

Between 30th August and 1st September, 1940, this officer destroyed seven enemy aircraft; previously he had destroyed ten and shared in the destruction of others. He has displayed outstanding skill and courage in combat against the enemy.

Pilot Officer Clare Arthur Hovendon CONNOR (40892).

Pilot Officer Connor was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack enemy barge concentrations at Antwerp one night in September, 1940. His first run over the target was inaccurate and no bombs were dropped. In the second approach, at 2,000 feet, the aircraft was subjected to intense fire from the ground, but the attack was pressed home successfully. During this attack the bomb compartment in the aircraft was shattered and a fire started which quickly spread to the wireless operator's and rear gunner's cockpit. The port mid-wing and the tail boom were