

*Air Ministry,
22nd October, 1940.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader Horace Stanley DARLEY (32191).

This officer has led his squadron in a brilliant manner during its recent successful operations against superior numbers of enemy formations. He has displayed determination and coolness and, by his skill in action, he has contributed largely to the great successes obtained by his squadron.

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Albert Gerald LEWIS, D.F.C. (41303).

One day in September, 1940, this officer destroyed six enemy aircraft; this makes a total of eighteen destroyed by him. His courage and keenness are outstanding.

Pilot Officer Eric Stanley LOCK, D.F.C. (81642), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In September, 1940, whilst engaged on a patrol over the Dover area, Pilot Officer Lock engaged three Heinkel 113's one of which he shot down into the sea. Immediately afterwards he engaged a Henschel 126 and destroyed it. He has displayed great courage in the face of heavy odds, and his skill and coolness in combat have enabled him to destroy fifteen enemy aircraft within a period of nineteen days.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Robert Arthur Terence STOWELL (26019).

Since the outbreak of war with Italy, Wing Commander Stowell has led his squadron against the enemy on 38 occasions often attacking his objectives after having forced his way past superior numbers of enemy fighters. His leadership has inspired his squadron with high morale, and he has shown exceptional valour, courage and devotion to duty.

Squadron Leader Ernest Archibald McNAB, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Squadron Leader McNab has led his squadron with great success. At least twenty-three enemy aircraft have been destroyed by the squadron. This officer has destroyed four of these.

Acting Squadron Leader George Lovell DENHOLM (90190), Auxiliary Air Force.

Since the commencement of hostilities, Squadron Leader Denholm has led his squadron, flight or section in innumerable operational patrols against the enemy. His magnificent leadership has contributed largely to the success of the squadron, which has destroyed fifty-four enemy aircraft in about six weeks; four of these aircraft were destroyed by Squadron Leader Denholm himself.

Flight Lieutenant Derek Peirre Aumale BOITEL-GILL (28142).

In August, 1940, this officer, as leader of his squadron, intercepted an enemy formation consisting of thirty bombers which were escorted by some ninety fighters. As a result of his skilful leadership five of the enemy aircraft were destroyed, of which number Flight Lieutenant Boitel-Gill destroyed three. A further three enemy aircraft were damaged in the conflict. On a previous occasion Flight Lieutenant Boitel-Gill destroyed a Junker's 88.

Flight Lieutenant Athol Stanhope FORBES (37499).

This officer is a splendid leader and has contributed materially to the many successes obtained by his squadron. He has displayed great keenness in pressing home his attacks against the enemy and has destroyed seven of their aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant James Henry Gordon McARTHUR (37925).

This officer has led his flight and squadron with skill and determination. His brilliant leadership has been reflected in the high standard of morale in his flight. He has destroyed at least seven enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Alexander Coultate RABAGLIATI (37209).

This officer has led his flight and squadron in many engagements against the enemy during which he has destroyed five enemy aircraft and damaged others. He has shown magnificent leadership and courage.

Flight Lieutenant John Eric James SING (37428).

Flight Lieutenant Sing has taken part in numerous operational patrols and, during these flights has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged several others. He has displayed courage, ability and leadership of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Alexander BARTON (37664).

This officer has displayed outstanding leadership and has contributed materially to the many successes obtained by his squadron. His skill was particularly displayed on the 28th September when his squadron was responsible for destroying twenty enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Barton has personally destroyed four enemy aircraft and shared in the destruction of others.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Paterson Clarence HUGHES (39461) (since killed).

This officer has led his flight with skill and determination. He has displayed gallantry in his attacks on the enemy and has destroyed seven of their aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Murray STRICKLAND (39581).

This officer has participated in numerous operational patrols against the enemy and, during these engagements has destroyed nine of their aircraft. He has set an excellent example and has proved an inspiration to other members of his unit.

Flying Officer John Charles DUNDAS (90334), Auxiliary Air Force.

This officer has displayed great courage and determination and has destroyed six enemy