

and shot down by five Messerschmitts. Landing two miles outside La Panne, he swam across a canal and was taken to a casualty station suffering from facial wounds, and thence to England. After only two days' sick leave he again participated in patrols with his squadron.

Pilot Officer Crelin Arthur Walford BODIE (42790), No. 66 Squadron.

One day in September, 1940, Pilot Officer Bodie was engaged on an offensive patrol with his squadron when a large formation of enemy bombers was encountered. Observing a Dornier 17 about 1,000 feet below him, he dived to the attack and destroyed it. Climbing through cloud, he then attacked two unescorted Dornier 17's, causing them to break formation. Pressing home his attack on the hostile aircraft in turn, he eventually caused them to crash into the sea. He has displayed great courage, skill and determination, and has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer John Blandford LATTA (42008), No. 242 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Latta has destroyed eight enemy aircraft in operations over France and this country. On one occasion, his squadron attacked a number of Messerschmitt 109's. This officer destroyed one and, although his own aircraft had been hit in the wings and tail by cannon shells, attacked and destroyed a second enemy aircraft. He has displayed the utmost coolness in the midst of fierce combat.

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

526730 Sergeant Robert Steen AYTON, D.F.M., No. 44 Squadron.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

581096 Sergeant William Robert Jankence HALL, No. 44 Squadron.

One night in October, 1940, Sergeant Ayton was pilot and Sergeant Hall the navigator and bomb aimer of an aircraft detailed to bomb an important military objective in the centre of the defences of Berlin. On arrival over the target area, reconnaissance runs were made until the target was definitely identified in the moonlight. Sergeant Ayton then dived, through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, to a height of only 2,000 feet. In spite of the great speed attained in the dive, the skilful bomb-aiming of Sergeant Hall enabled direct hits to be obtained on the target where fires were seen to break out. The courage and determination of Sergeant Ayton in pressing home his attacks under all conditions, and the skill and courage of Sergeant Hall have been an inspiration to the other members of the squadron.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

745542 Sergeant William Thomas Edward ROLLS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

This airman, after very short experience of operational flying, has taken his place with the best war pilots in the squadron. In each of his first two engagements he shot down two enemy aircraft, and has in all destroyed at least six.

*India Office,
8th November, 1940.*

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

INDIAN ARMY.

Emergency Commissions.

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

26th Oct. 1940.

Henry John Davis.
Norman Vernon Hayne.
John Sinclair MacLachlan.
Richard Hugh Bury Ramsbotham.
Geoffrey Robert Bide.
Leonard James Wareham.
Alfred Edward Kitchener Gregory.

To be Lt. (O.M.E.).

Frederick Cossom Stewart, 1st Oct. 1940, with seny. 1st Oct. 1935.

INDIAN REGULAR RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The undermentioned officers, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve:—

Lt.-Gen. Sir C. A. C. Godwin, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 28th Oct. 1940.
Col. F. P. Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., 2nd Oct. 1940.
Col. J. H. B. Peyton, 8th Oct. 1940.
Lt.-Col. G. T. Strickland, O.B.E., 4th Oct. 1940.
Lt.-Col. A. D. Smith, M.C., 17th Oct. 1940.
Lt.-Col. C. G. Bacon, C.B.E., 19th Oct. 1940.
Maj. O. G. R. Barnes, 26th Oct. 1940.
Maj. J. H. Whitehouse, O.B.E., 31st Oct. 1940.
Capt. (Depy. Commy.) H. W. Smith, 2nd Oct. 1940.

MEMORANDA.

Capt. E. Symonds, M.B.E., I.A. (ret.), to be Bt. Maj., 1st June 1940.

Lt. C. A. Weeks, I.A. (ret.), relinquishes his rank on enlistment into the ranks of the Army, 7th Mar. 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. 5975.

(Dated 2nd November, 1940.)

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas)
Special Order No. 47 of 1940.

Subject.

Declares an area of approximately 15 miles radius around an Infected Place at Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, to which Area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 are applied. The Area subject to restrictions lies within the counties of Devon, Dorset and Somerset.

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.