

Paymr. Lieut. P. E. A. Duncan transferred to Executive Branch in rank of Lieut. with seny. of 8th Sept. 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. :—  
C. J. Little.  
D. C. MacLaren.

2nd Nov. 1940.

Tempy. Actg. Lieut. (A) S. J. Bassett to be Tempy. Lieut. (A) with seny. of 25th Dec. 1939.

*Admiralty, 18th November, 1940.*

*R.M.*

Tempy. 2nd Lts. (Actg. Tempy. Lieuts.):—  
C. Goulding to be Tempy. Lieut. 8th Sept. 1940. (To take rank and precedence next below Tempy. Lieut. (Actg. Tempy. Capt. W. Farrier.)

E. T. Gilbert to be Tempy. Lieut. 8th Sept. 1940. (To take rank and precedence next below Tempy. Lt. K. P. Parish.)

R. G. Stock—Commn. terminated. 18th Nov. 1940.

Tempy. 2nd Lieut. C. A. I. Fearon to be Tempy. Lieut. 13th Nov. 1940.

Tempy. Lieut. C. E. Page to be Actg. Tempy. Capt. whilst holding present appointment. 14th Nov. 1940.

*Air Ministry,  
26th November, 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 Archibald Ashmore MCKELLAR, D.F.C. (90168), Auxiliary Air Force (since killed in action)—No. 605 Squadron.

This officer has led his squadron with outstanding courage and determination. He has destroyed 20 enemy aircraft, and his magnificent fighting spirit has proved an excellent inspiration to his fellow pilots.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Wolferstan VILLA, D.F.C. (39768)—No. 92 Squadron.

In October, 1940, this officer led his squadron in an attack against an enemy bombing formation attempting a raid on London, and immediately caused the enemy to jettison their bombs and form a defensive circle. He pressed home his attack with great determination and assisted in the destruction of two Messerschmitt 109's and possibly a further two. He has shown outstanding powers of leadership, skill and courage and has destroyed a total of 13 hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Robert Francis Thomas DOE, D.F.C. (41908)—No. 238 Squadron.

This officer has continued to engage the enemy with initiative and success. On one occasion he dived vertically through a strong

protective formation of fighters and attacked two four-engined enemy aircraft. He has destroyed a total of 14 hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Thomas Francis NEIL, D.F.C. (79168)—No. 249 Squadron.

In November, 1940, this officer engaged a Junkers 87, which he destroyed within the space of six minutes. He was then attacked by three Messerschmitt 109's, two of which he destroyed. His magnificent fighting spirit has enabled him to destroy at least 11 enemy aircraft.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Maxwell BOFFEE (37343)—No. 75 (New Zealand) Squadron.

One night in November, 1940, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the marshalling yards at Munich. He was the first to locate the target, which he successfully bombed, causing large fires that were instrumental in guiding subsequent aircraft to the area. The successful completion of the operation was largely due to Squadron Leader Boffee's accuracy in navigation and bomb-aiming. His work as a flight commander has been marked by consistent keenness and devotion to duty and, as captain of aircraft, he has taken part in 27 bombing attacks.

Acting Squadron Leader Michael Lister ROBINSON (37300)—No. 609 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Robinson has shown conspicuous gallantry and leadership in his attacks against the enemy. On two days, in combat with large enemy forces, he destroyed two of their aircraft on each occasion, bringing his total victories to at least six.

Flight Lieutenant Christopher John MOUNT (36162)—No. 602 Squadron.

This officer has shown outstanding ability as a leader. One day in October, 1940, he led his squadron against the enemy with outstanding success when eight of their aircraft were destroyed without loss. Flight Lieutenant Mount has himself destroyed two and damaged a further three enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alfred William Alexander BAYNE (39014)—No. 17 Squadron.

In November, 1940, this officer led his squadron against 25 heavily escorted enemy dive bombers which were attacking two destroyers. His magnificent leadership and quick judgment largely contributed to the splendid success of the squadron, which destroyed 15 and damaged several more of the enemy bombers without loss. He has himself destroyed four enemy aircraft and assisted in the destruction of others.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Lloyd Watt COLEMAN (72585)—Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve—No. 149 Squadron.

In November, 1940, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the railway yards and locomotive sheds at Munich. In spite of the fact that on his arrival he found considerable anti-aircraft activity and that he had been warned of the presence of balloons, he glided down to a height of