

target over 60 miles inside Norway. On the first occasion, despite heavy cloud over sea and land he successfully located and attacked his objective. He then remained flying in the target area with his lights burning in order to assist subsequent aircraft in finding the target. In the next two raids he again bombed the target heavily with unhurried precision. He has taken part in 76 operational flights and his leadership and personal example in the air are of the utmost value to the squadron.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Patterson CHRISTIE, D.F.C. (40081), No. 66 Squadron.

This officer has shown outstanding ability and leadership over a long period of air operations. He is a keen and determined pilot and has destroyed at least seven enemy aircraft.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Norman George MULHOLLAND (34098), No. 115 Squadron.

Since August, 1940, this officer has participated in 24 major operations, which have entailed over 141 flying hours. One night in December, 1940, undaunted by heavy anti-aircraft fire concentrated on his aircraft, he made several runs over Kiel Harbour, and obtained a number of valuable photographs. On the following night Squadron Leader Mulholland obtained a valuable record of the result of the concerted raid upon objectives in Mannheim. By his persistent determination, outstanding skill, courage and leadership, this officer has at all times set a very high example.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Norman BATESON (39054), No. 113 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Bateson has displayed great devotion to duty when leading his squadron during extensive operations during September and October, 1940. His leadership has in fact played a considerable part in forcing the enemy to abandon several of his military base ports. He has led operational formations on thirty-six occasions and often, after objectives have been attacked, he has had to force his way through superior numbers of enemy fighters. Squadron Leader Bateson has also carried out a long series of hazardous reconnaissances and has obtained vital information. Throughout the period of active operations he has displayed rare courage and devotion to duty.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

561348 Flight Sergeant Reginald Harvey SMITH, No. 269 Squadron.

One night in December, 1940, this airman successfully navigated the leading aircraft of a formation which attacked a target 60 miles inside Norway. So well did he make use of the little he could see of the sea and mountain tops that the objective was successfully attacked in weather which seemed quite prohibitive to success. Since the beginning of the war he has carried out 138 operational flights consisting of 600 flying hours, and has

carried out successful attacks against units of the enemy fleet. He has always shown skill, determination and devotion to duty of a high order.

740790 Sergeant Peter Frederic JACKSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 604 Squadron.

One night in December, 1940, this airman was the pilot of a fighter aircraft on patrol. While closing in to attack a night raider he was fired on by its rear gunner and was badly cut about the head and face. In spite of his face being covered with blood and only being able to see with one eye, he returned and landed his aircraft safely at his base in poor visibility and without wireless aid. Sergeant Jackson has displayed determination and outstanding eagerness to search and destroy enemy night bombers at the closest range.

638009 Sergeant Wilfred SCARROTT, No. 59 Squadron.

One day in December, 1940, this airman was the wireless operator air gunner of an aircraft detailed to carry out a photographic reconnaissance of enemy occupied aerodromes in Northern France. His aircraft was attacked from astern by two Messerschmitt 109's and during the first burst of enemy fire Sergeant Scarrott was wounded in the face and his gun sight was shot away. Despite this he returned a long burst at one of the enemy aircraft causing it to crash into the sea. He displayed coolness, courage and efficiency of a high order.

746791 Sergeant Frederick SYMMONS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Since July, 1940, Sergeant Symmons has completed 28 operational flights, totalling 177 flying hours. One night in December, as navigator and camera operator he was successful in obtaining valuable photographs of Kiel Harbour despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire. On the following night during an attack on Mannheim he obtained an excellent photograph giving valuable information regarding the damage done. Sergeant Symmons has displayed exceptional skill and coolness, and the success achieved in night photography is largely due to his persistent efforts and devotion to duty.

*Air Ministry,*

*14th January, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenant (Temporary Squadron Leader) Arthur John Frank CHURCHILL is granted a permanent commission in the substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant. 19th Oct., 1940.

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities:—

*As Pilot Officers on probation.*

Flight Sergeant.

7th Dec., 1940.

(Seniority 29th Nov., 1940.)

561396 Albert George WILLIAMS (45089).