

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieut. with seny. as stated:—

A. E. Clarke. 2nd Dec. 1940.

T. D. L. Platt. 30th Mar. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Sub-Lieut. J. D. Norie to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. 25th Nov. 1940.

Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Elect. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

W. Duffus. 21st Mar. 1941.

A. S. Bagshaw. 30th Apr. 1941.

F. C. House. 10th May 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

L. H. Pearce. 13th Apr. 1941.

B. Harrop.

F. G. May.

27th Apr. 1941.

W. R. Hood. 10th May 1941.

Tempy. Lieut. K. B. Hill, R.N.R., transferred to R.N.V.R. in rank of Tempy. Lieut. with orig. seny. of 9th Feb. 1940.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lieut. (A) G. A. Churcher to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) with seny. of 4th Dec. 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

J. H. S. Gattrell. 7th May 1941.

S. P. Pyke. 14th May 1941.

J. P. C. Mead. 1st Feb. 1941.

G. E. H. Seabroke. 27th Mar. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Surgn. Lieut. (D) J. A. Dow, L.D.S., to be Tempy. Surgn. Lieut. (D) with seny. of 1st Oct. 1940.

Proby. Tempy. Lieut. (Sp.) E. Hattemore to be Tempy. Lieut. (Sp.) with seny. of 13th Jan. 1941.

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. B. H. Young transferred to Special Branch in rank of Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (Sp.) with seny. of 24th Jan. 1941.

Proby. Tempy. Surgn. Lieuts. to be Tempy. Surgn. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:—

W. S. Larcombe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 23rd Oct. 1940.

W. Weir, M.B., Ch.B. 27th May 1940.

S. A. Bather, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 1st Oct. 1940.

D. A. Tolhurst, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 10th Dec. 1940.

R. E. Rainey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 17th Dec. 1940.

*Air Ministry,
23rd May, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Kenneth Brooke Farley SMITH (36042), No. 58 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged in active operations against the enemy over a long period. He participated in the first raid of the war and, since then, he has taken part in numerous bombing missions over Germany in addition to many convoy escorts. Throughout the whole period he has displayed exceptional powers of leadership, courage and determination and has undoubtedly contributed in a large measure to the operational efficiency of his squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald SAWREY-COOKSON, D.F.C. (39574), No. 149 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous operational missions as captain of aircraft. His tenacity and determination to seek and destroy his allotted target have been most marked. This was particularly so one night in March, 1941, when, in an attack on the enemy battle cruisers at Brest, he made twelve runs over the target before releasing his bombs. On a later occasion, when over Kiel, he was twice forced down to almost ground level by anti-aircraft fire but, in spite of damage to his aircraft, he came back each time, eventually releasing his bombs over the target. His gallantry and devotion to duty have been outstanding.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Leslie Vero Everest ATKINSON, D.F.C. (39407), No. 21 Squadron.

In April, 1941, this officer led a formation in an attack on a large and strongly escorted enemy convoy. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire from the escorting vessels, Squadron Leader Atkinson delivered his attack on the largest merchant vessel scoring two direct hits on the stern of the ship. The formation, which had followed in to attack, completed a decisive action in which three or four ships were set on fire and left in a sinking condition. Squadron Leader Atkinson displayed great courage and tactical ability throughout the entire operation. He has completed numerous operational missions and has displayed leadership and efficiency of the highest order.

Acting Squadron Leader Mark Henry BROWN, D.F.C. (37904), No. 1 Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron with outstanding success. He has destroyed a further two enemy aircraft bringing his total victories to at least 18. His splendid leadership and dauntless spirit have been largely instrumental in maintaining a high standard of efficiency throughout the squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Lloyd Watt COLEMAN, D.F.C. (72585), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

One night in May, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which carried out an attack on the aerodrome at Benina. He displayed great skill and tenacity in locating his target, and carried out his attack with great determination, bombing and machine-gunning the aerodrome from different heights, sometimes from less than 1,000 feet. He destroyed at least two Junkers 52's on the ground and damaged others. Just after he had returned from this attack an incoming aircraft crashed and caught fire. Though the petrol tanks and bombs on the crashed aircraft were exploding, Flight Lieutenant Coleman ran to another aircraft standing nearby, started the engines and taxied it away to safety. He has continuously displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Leonard William HOWARD (24145), No. 77 Squadron.

This officer has commanded an operational flight since July, 1940. During this