

pilot and, since October, 1940, has completed 150 sorties, during the course of which he has destroyed two enemy aircraft. On four other occasions, he has attacked enemy aerodromes and troops.

518381 Sergeant George LAURENCE, No. 141 Squadron.

When returning from a patrol one night in May, 1941, this airman observed an enemy aircraft within 20 miles of his base. Although his petrol was nearly exhausted he immediately closed to the attack and enabled his air gunner to open fire. Sergeant Laurence followed the enemy down to 3,000 feet firing five more bursts. The enemy aircraft subsequently crashed. On a previous occasion, Sergeant Laurence destroyed a Junkers 88 at night. He has shown great courage and devotion to duty throughout the many night operational flights in which he has participated.

630959 Sergeant Arthur Alexander O'LEARY, No. 604 Squadron.

One night in May, 1941, this airman was one of the crew of a fighter aircraft engaged in night-flying operations. His pilot was closing in to attack a hostile aircraft when the enemy fired a burst, which severely wounded Sergeant O'Leary. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant O'Leary rendered valuable assistance to his pilot which enabled him to bring the aircraft safely back to base. Sergeant O'Leary displayed great courage and fortitude throughout.

745744 Sergeant John Blenkin RAFFELS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron,

968409 Sergeant Leonard LANGLEY, No. 23 Squadron.

Sergeant Raffels and Sergeant Langley have performed excellent work as pilot and air gunner respectively in an aircraft engaged on night fighting operations. By their splendid teamwork they have destroyed three enemy aircraft and caused much damage to enemy aerodromes. Both have displayed great enthusiasm and efficiency.

*Air Ministry,
30th May, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted permanent commissions in the substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant:—

21st Feb. 1941.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Daniel NEWMAN (37584).

16th Apr. 1941.

Flight Lieutenant (temporary Squadron Leader) Cedric Audley MASTERMAN, O.B.E. (37199).

Flight Lieutenant John Arthur Christian KARRAN (37185).

The undermentioned are granted commissions for the duration of hostilities as Pilot Officers on probation:—

Flight Sergeants. —

5th Apr. 1941.

561747 Arthur Ernest HALL (45679).

24th Apr. 1941.

513834 Richard Garfield GALLOWAY (45680).

10th May 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

561348 Reginald Harvey SMITH, D.F.M. (45681).

Sergeants.

5th Feb. 1941.

(Seniority 2nd Dec. 1940.)

505650 Francis BAVIN-SMITH, D.F.M. (45258). (Substituted for notification of 28th Feb. 1941 (p. 1208, col. 2).)

(Seniority 29th Jan. 1941.)

562369 George Albert WATSON, D.F.M. (45682).

4th Apr. 1941.

580699 David Andrew NICOLL (45683).

5th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 21st Jan. 1941.)

560754 Denis FARRELL (45684).

23rd Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

562973 Ralph BROWN, D.F.M. (45685).

24th Apr. 1941.

563043 Noel Stuart BRADY (45686).

28th Apr. 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

580462 John William MOFFATT (45687).

3rd May 1941.

(Seniority 2nd Apr. 1941.)

580234 William HOLLINGSWORTH (45688).

4th May 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

580185 Douglas Holland SEALE (45689).

8th May 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

624119 William Alexander Gilchrist MASON (45690).

12th May 1941.

(Seniority 16th Apr. 1941.)

527769 William Edward WILLITS, D.F.M. (45691).

The undermentioned Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and promoted to the war substantive rank of Flying Officer:—

24th Mar. 1941.

Nigel George DREVER (42399).

1st Apr. 1941.

Robert ARMSTRONG, D.F.C. (43193).

Robert Whitworth BROWN (43058).

Frederick Ernest William DEAN (43062).

Harry John HARTLAND, D.F.C. (43068).

William Charles Allen JENNER (43465).

Kenneth Graham LAVERACK (43640).

Thomas POUNTNEY, A.F.M. (43072).

Gerald Seabrook SMITH (43074).

Robert Geoffrey SETCHELL (43342).

Frederick David WEBSTER (43127).

18th May 1941.

Crelin Arthur Walford BODIE, D.F.C. (42790).

George Max Ratcliffe SMITH (42900).

Squadron Leader Thomas Percy GLEAVE (29137) is promoted to the rank of Wing Commander (temporary), 1st Mar. 1941.