

Acting Flight Lieutenant Peter William DUNNING-WHITE (90543), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 615 Squadron.

This officer has proved himself a keen and efficient pilot who has led his flight and sometimes his squadron with considerable success. During his many operational flights he has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft, one of which was destroyed at night.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Brian MORTIMER-ROSE (41944), No. 234 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great skill as a fighter pilot. In a recent combat he destroyed two of five enemy aircraft destroyed by his flight thus bringing his victories to at least six. He has set a splendid example and has contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency in his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bryan John WICKS (40774), No. 56 Squadron.

This officer has served with the squadron since the war began. In May, 1940, during the intensive air operations in France, he was forced to land behind the German lines after he had destroyed one of their aircraft. Nevertheless, he succeeded in reaching this country in safety. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft and shared in the destruction of others. Flight Lieutenant Wicks, who recently assumed command of his flight, has shown excellent qualities of leadership and determination.

Flying Officer Roland Prosper BEAMONT (41819), No. 87 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great skill and efficiency during a long period of active operations. He has completed many night flying operations and, on two occasions, has assisted in damaging several aircraft on the ground in spite of intense opposition from the defences. He has personally destroyed at least five enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Robert Lionel Frank DAY (41263), No. 141 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Francis Charles Anthony LANNING (79580), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 141 Squadron.

In May, 1941, Flying Officer Day and Pilot Officer Lanning were the pilot and air gunner respectively of an aircraft engaged in night fighting operations. Observing an enemy aircraft at about 1,000 feet below him, Flying Officer Day skilfully closed in to attack and enabled Pilot Officer Lanning to shoot down the raider. The same night, on further patrol, these officers destroyed another enemy aircraft. Flying Officer Day and Pilot Officer Lanning have carried out many night operational flights and both have displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Jack Alexander James BAILEY (86371), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

One night in May, 1941, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft which carried out an attack against an important target at Hamburg. When over the North Sea, on the outward journey, a Junkers 88 was encountered. Evading an attempted attack from the rear, Pilot Officer Bailey skilfully manoeuvred his aircraft enabling his rear gunner to fire a burst of about 400 rounds into the enemy aircraft which crashed into the sea in flames.

Pilot Officer Bailey flew on to Hamburg, bombed his objective successfully and returned safely to base. Since February, 1941, he has participated in many operational flights and throughout has shown similar courage, determination and devotion to duty.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cuthbert RAYMOND (43710), No. 15 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

901384 Sergeant Jack Reginald BUSHELL, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in May, 1941, Flight Lieutenant Raymond and Sergeant Bushell were captain and rear gunner respectively in an aircraft which carried out an attack against Berlin. After spending a considerable time over the target area waiting for a break in the clouds to permit of accurate bombing, a steady run was made over the target and, despite heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire a well aimed stick of bombs was finally released over the objective. The aircraft was then hit by shell-fire. After flying for a short distance it caught fire and began to lose height. After the fire had been put out the aircraft was subjected to a determined attack by an enemy fighter but Sergeant Bushell coolly engaged the enemy and enabled his captain to manoeuvre his aircraft and finally evade the attacker. In the face of many difficulties Flight Lieutenant Raymond flew his aircraft back to his base and landed safely. Flight Lieutenant Raymond and Sergeant Bushell both displayed the greatest courage and determination throughout.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

758032 Sergeant Bertie George COOK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft which participated in an attack against three enemy merchant ships and their escorting vessels. Descending to only 50 feet, Sergeant Cook attacked one of the escorting vessels and obtained direct hits with two of his bombs. A few days later, he took part in another attack on enemy shipping off Boulogne. In the face of intense and accurate fire both from the ships and shore batteries, he bombed his objective from an extremely low level. Sergeant Cook displayed considerable ability in flying his aircraft back to base from this attack. He has displayed great courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout.

565286 Sergeant Alfred Ernest MARSHALL, No. 73 Squadron.

This airman has displayed outstanding skill, courage and devotion to duty whilst engaged on active operations against the enemy. He has personally destroyed 15 enemy aircraft. On a recent occasion he took off to engage the enemy whilst a fierce ground attack was being made against the aerodrome.

632105 Sergeant Idris Henry RICHARDS, No. 148 Squadron.

Since November, 1939, this wireless operator/air gunner has completed numerous operational missions, including attacks over