

were left in a sinking condition. Whilst reforming his squadron the formation was attacked by Messerschmitt 109's one of which was shot down into the sea. By his splendid leadership and cool judgment Wing Commander Webster contributed in a large measure to the success of the operation.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Percival PLEASANCE, D.F.C. (37914), No. 25 Squadron.

This flight commander has performed magnificent work in the course of night flying operations. His skill and keenness in these duties have enabled him to destroy three and damage a further two enemy aircraft. He has set a splendid example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Arthur PRITCHARD (90092), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 600 Squadron.

This officer has displayed considerable skill as a night fighter pilot. His untiring devotion to duty, combined with great persistence and determination in his attacks against the enemy, have enabled him to destroy at least two and damage a further three of their aircraft at night. His example has been a source of encouragement to his fellow pilots.

Pilot Officer Derek Ainslie JACKSON (81405), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 604 Squadron.

This officer has displayed outstanding ability during recent night fighting operations.

741310 Flight Sergeant Raymond Herbert LOVEITT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 42 Squadron.

One night in June, 1941, this airman was the pilot of one of a formation of nine Beaufoots which carried out a torpedo attack against a pocket battleship, screened by five destroyers, sailing off the south-west coast of Norway. After maintaining close formation for over two hours in most difficult conditions, Flight Sergeant Loveitt came out of low rain cloud near the enemy force. He skilfully manœuvred his aircraft and dropped his torpedo from inside the destroyer screen, scoring a direct hit on the battleship. The execution of this brilliant attack was so sudden that the enemy was taken completely by surprise. On another occasion, whilst on convoy escort, this airman destroyed an enemy aircraft. He has shown the greatest courage and efficiency.

1052310 Sergeant Bernard CANNON, No. 604 Squadron.

This airman has been continuously engaged on operational flying since August, 1940. He has taken part in the destruction of at least three enemy aircraft.

804307 Sergeant Norman Henry GUTHRIE, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 604 Squadron.

Since the outbreak of war this airman has been employed on fighting operations both by day and night. In night operations in which he has taken part, two enemy aircraft have been destroyed and a further four damaged.

516702 Sergeant James HOPEWELL, No. 151 Squadron.

This airman has been employed on day and night fighting operations, often under difficult weather conditions. During day operations he has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft. Sergeant Hopewell has shown courage and determination and has set an excellent example.

India Office, S.W.1.

16th June, 1941.

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Frederick William Gentle to be a judge of the High Court in Calcutta upon the retirement of the Honourable Sir John Rolleston Lort-Williams.

India Office, S.W.1.

16th June, 1941.

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Iqbal Ahmad to be Chief Justice of the High Court in Allahabad in the room of the late Sir John Gibb Thom.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

CITY OF SHEFFIELD.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Health in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Act, 1940, has made an Order entitled the Sheffield (Extension of Time) Order (No. 2), 1941, extending until the dates respectively mentioned therein the periods limited for the exercise by the Corporation of Sheffield of their powers under paragraphs (a) and (c) of section 6, and subsection (1) of section 7 of the Sheffield Corporation Act, 1937.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1941.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

SHEFFIELD COUNTY BOROUGH.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Health in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Act, 1940, has made an Order entitled the Sheffield (Extension of Time) Order (No. 1), 1941, extending until the dates respectively mentioned therein the periods limited for the compulsory purchase of certain lands by the Council of the County Borough of Sheffield in pursuance of the following Orders:—

The Sheffield (No. 229B) Housing Confirmation Order, 1937.

The Sheffield (No. 247B) Housing Confirmation Order, 1937.

The Sheffield (No. 233A) Housing Confirmation Order, 1938.

The Sheffield (No. 234A) Housing Confirmation Order, 1938.

The Sheffield (No. 235) Housing Confirmation Order, 1938.