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*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Herbert Laurence PRICE (70555), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 218 Squadron.

One night in July, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack Duisberg. In spite of searchlight concentration and heavy anti-aircraft fire, he spent 40 minutes locating the target, which was eventually successfully bombed. His aircraft was repeatedly hit and the rear turret put out of action. Over Holland, on the return journey, his aircraft was intercepted by an enemy aircraft which was shaken off by skilful avoiding action. The port engine failed and his aircraft began to lose height rapidly. All available articles were jettisoned but Squadron Leader Price was nevertheless compelled to fly at 600 feet. By skilful piloting, however, he landed safely at his base. He has always shown the utmost coolness, courage and determination.

Flight Lieutenant Leslie Fox (36099), No. 209 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roger Edward HUNTER (40540), No. 240 Squadron.

These captains of aircraft have completed 500 and 850 operational flying hours respectively and have always shown outstanding zeal, cheerfulness and courage in their flying duties. On two occasions they have carried out important duties involving long distance flights during which the weather conditions were most adverse and navigational aids were almost non-existent. In the successful completion of these most responsible tasks they showed fine determination and a very high standard of airmanship.

Flight Lieutenant Roland Anthony Lee KNIGHT (37772), No. 610 Squadron.

This officer has shown great personal courage and sound leadership in sweeps over enemy territory. By his dash and consistent courage Flight Lieutenant Knight has set an example to his flight. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft and damaged others.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh Spencer LISIE DUNDAS (91001), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 616 Squadron.

This officer has shown unflinching courage in the face of the enemy and the utmost tenacity in supporting his leader. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft and damaged others.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Harry Augustus WELLMUM (42925), No. 92 Squadron.

This officer has been with his squadron since the evacuation from Dunkirk. During the recent offensive operations over France he has led his section and flight with great skill and determination. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft and damaged several others.

Acting Flying Officer Geoffrey HALL (81638), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

One night in July, 1941, this officer, as captain of aircraft, was detailed to attack a target at Aachen. Shortly before reaching

the target area the aircraft, while held by about twenty searchlights, was attacked from astern by an enemy fighter. The starboard petrol tank, mainplane, wings, fuselage and tailplane were all hit. The gunner succeeded, however, in driving off the enemy. Despite the damage to his aircraft Flying Officer Hall flew on to the target and made four runs over it at 5,000 feet before dropping his bombs. This officer's previous record is excellent and he has consistently shown a high degree of courage and determination on operations which is unsurpassed.

Acting Flying Officer Dennis Theodore WITT, D.F.M. (44867), No. 7 Squadron.

In July, 1941, this officer led three aircraft to bomb a target near Bethune. When the section crossed the enemy coast it was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire which shot down one aircraft of the section. Unperturbed, however, Flying Officer Witt led the remaining aircraft in a determined attack on the target in the face of another intense anti-aircraft barrage. The success of this attack was due to the tenacity, skill and determination of Flying Officer Witt. Ten days previously, while raiding Texel, he enabled his rear gunner to destroy a Messerschmitt 109. He is an outstanding pilot who has gained notable successes against the enemy.

Pilot Officer Brian Lawless DUIGAN (43377), No. 70 Squadron.

One night in July, 1941, this officer was captain of an aircraft which made a successful dive-bombing attack on shipping in Benghazi harbour, in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. After dropping his bombs he silenced several of the light batteries with machine-gun fire. On the return journey he caused damage by machine-gun fire to an army encampment. On another night Pilot Officer Duigan attacked aircraft on Nasrulla aerodrome. On the fourth run over the target he was attacked vigorously from all directions by three enemy fighters. Severe damage was caused to his aircraft but, in spite of this, he manoeuvred it so as to afford his gunners the best possible firing positions, and then gave them cool encouragement over the damaged inter-communication gear. Despite lack of instruments Pilot Officer Duigan brought the aircraft through the mountains to the sea. Preferring to make for base where much needed spares were stored, he refused to land on a flare-path at Lydda. Unfortunately he was unaware of his low air speed due to excessive drag, and was compelled to make a forced landing. He has shown great coolness, resource and tenacity of purpose.

Pilot Officer Frederick Anthony Owen GAZE (60096), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 610 Squadron.

This officer has shown a persistent desire to engage the enemy on all occasions. In a recent combat he undoubtedly saved his squadron commander from being shot down over enemy territory by destroying his two attackers. He has now destroyed at least three enemy aircraft.