Pilot Officer Douglas Park Fox (61479), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in August, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack a target at Hanover. After flying through two electrical storms, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but Pilot Officer Fox flew on. He was, however, unable to locate his target although he spent an hour in a determined effort to do so. Pilot Officer Fox, therefore, bombed an alternative target in the town of Minden from a height of 6,000 feet, afterwards flying over the town at roof top height using his machine guns. On the return journey, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and severely damaged. Pilot Officer Fox shook off the fighter but, later on, was attacked by another which was probably destroyed. Pilot Officer Fox flew his aircraft back to this country but, when some six miles from his base, the fuel was exhausted and he was forced to land hurriedly from a low height. As a result, the aircraft crashed and Pilot Officer Fox was trapped in the wreckage for two and a half hours. This officer displayed great determination and courage throughout. On a previous occasion, Pilot Officer Fox displayed similar fearlessness when attacking Hamburg.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

748525 Sergeant Arthur Charles LEIGH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 611 Squadron.

This airman pilot has displayed great skill and courage in operations, including fifty sweeps over enemy territory. Sergeant Leigh has destroyed two Messerschmitt's, probably destroyed another four and assisted in the destruction of a Dornier 17. His judgment and determination, especially in low flying attacks over Northern France, have set an excellent example.

Air Ministry, 9th September, 1941.
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wing Commander Lewin Bowring DUGGAN (03226) is promoted to the rank of Group Captain (temporary), with effect from 1st Sept. 1941, and with seniority of 1st June 1941.

The undermentioned promotions are made with effect from 1st Sept. 1941:

Wing Commanders to be Group Captains (temporary).

- Talbot Baines BRUCE, M.C. (15120).
- Noel Vivian MORETON (08004).
- David Stewart ALLAN (03116).
- Francis Frederic INGLIS (05116).
- Robert Ritchie HOWIE (15247).
- Alfredus DAN DAVIES (16093).
- Victor CROOME (03201).
- Edward Hugh Markham DAVID (16005).
- Neill Charles OGLIVIE-FORBES (05084).
- Patrick John Antony HUME-WRIGHT (15222).
- Cecil Stanley Riccard (16062).
- Frank Eric WATTS (05099).
- Victor Bruce BENNETT (16044).
- Richard Bowen JORDAN (16076).
- Francis Joseph FRESSANDES (16094).
- Norman Anthony Pelnty FRITCHETT (16099).

Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders (temporary).

- Cecil GUFFY (16066).
- Isaac Hodgson (13222).
- Robert Angus Whyte (05022).
- Hammon Jack PAINE (13226).
- Leonard Cain SLEE (32021).
- Edward John PROTHEOR (13228).
- Robert Edmund Godfrey BRITTAIN (05247).
- Charles Broughton (26255).
- Lloyd COULSON (33028).
- Laurence Victor SPENCER (34100).
- Ronald Alan Campbell BARKLAY (33017).
- Harley STANTON (32210).
- George Campbell TOLMISON, D.F.C. (05214).
- Gilbert Ritchie HOWIE (32428).
- John Sterling McLEAN, (32230).
- Geoffrey Noden AMISON (3239).
- William Arthur Hughes (33115).
- George Howie GATTERER (34134).
- Godfrey Alexander Vanshirt KNIVETT (33062).
- Patrick Henry Ridley SAUNDERS (34179).
- Robert Millyard BRADLEY (32186).
- Gordon THRIPP (32101).
- Desmond Edward Braddon WHEELER (32103).
- John Thompson (33099).
- Charles Harold BRANDON (33079).
- Geoffrey Anthony MILLS (33091).