

Acting Flight Lieutenant Chesley Gordon PETERSON (83706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

This American pilot has led his flight with initiative and determination during the past 3 months. He has participated in 42 operational sorties and has destroyed 2, probably destroyed a further 2 and damaged 1 hostile aircraft. His coolness and courage have set an excellent example.

Flying Officer William Ian ANSTEY (36214), No. 70 Squadron.

This officer, as captain of aircraft, carried out 7 long distance night bombing attacks during the first 14 days in August, 1941. 4 attacks were made on shipping at Benghazi, 2 attacks on the Corinth canal and 1 on the aerodrome at Berka. Good results were obtained on each occasion. Throughout, Flying Officer Anstey displayed great efficiency and physical endurance. He has completed 43 operational missions, involving nearly 300 hours flying.

Flying Officer Gregory Augustus DAYMOND (84657), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

This American pilot has taken part in 27 operational missions, including sorties over Northern France and convoy patrols. He has always shown great courage and keenness to attack the enemy and he has destroyed 5 of their aircraft.

Pilot Officer Robert Arthur BEARDSLEY (100607), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 41 Squadron.

In the course of 14 operational sorties over enemy territory, Pilot Officer Beardsley has destroyed 3, probably destroyed 3 and damaged a further 4 hostile aircraft. Both as a section and flight commander, Pilot Officer Beardsley has set a fine example.

Pilot Officer Keith William TRUSCOTT (Aus. 400213), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 452 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer joined the squadron in May, 1941, after a period of training in Australia and Canada. He has participated in many operational sorties against the enemy and has displayed great courage and determination throughout. Pilot Officer Truscott has destroyed at least 6 enemy aircraft.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

751013 Flight Sergeant William James GREGORY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 29 Squadron.

This airman has at all times shown the greatest skill and keenness. He has taken part in the destruction of 3 raiding aircraft. Throughout, Flight Sergeant Gregory has set a splendid example.

Aus. 402150 Sergeant Keith Bruce CHISHOLM, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 452 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Sergeant Chisholm joined the squadron in May, 1941, after a period of training in Australia and Canada. He has participated in 29 operational sorties against the enemy and throughout he has shown a fine fighting spirit. Sergeant Chisholm has destroyed 6 Messerschmitt 109's.

754112 Sergeant Joseph Hilton Henry MILLS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

In September, 1941, this airman was the captain of an aircraft detailed to participate in a raid on shipping in the harbour at Benghazi. Owing to engine trouble, Sergeant Mills was unable to take off with the squadron but, after a great effort both by himself and the ground crew, the aircraft was made serviceable and he took off two hours later. Reaching his objective, Sergeant Mills attacked a small but vitally important ship which was used for pumping oil from tankers. He released his bombs on his second run and obtained hits causing a fire on the ship which was completely burnt out. Throughout the 43 operational missions in which he has participated, Sergeant Mills has displayed similar perseverance, determination and devotion to duty.

968591 Sergeant Wilfred PALMER, No. 41 Squadron.

This airman has displayed great courage and coolness in the face of the enemy. On a recent operation near Dunkirk, when engaged by a superior number of Messerschmitts, his ammunition became expended but, with commendable skill Sergeant Palmer led his pursuers down low, then flew under some high tension cables so that 1 of the following Messerschmitts crashed into the cables and was destroyed. Sergeant Palmer has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft.

754554 Sergeant Norman James Alexander PATON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 226 Squadron.

This airman has participated in 14 daylight bombing attacks on enemy targets. In July, 1941, he carried out a successful attack on the docks at Rotterdam. Defying intense anti-aircraft fire, Sergeant Paton pressed home his attack and obtained a hit which destroyed a vessel of 1,800 tons. Three days later, he attacked a convoy and scored direct hits on a ship of 5,000 tons. In August, 1941, Sergeant Paton participated in an attack on Lille and, despite heavy enemy fire which hit his aircraft in several places and also wounded his observer, he successfully bombed his target. Some days later, he bombed and set on fire a 2,000 ton merchant vessel in the face of heavy fire from escorting ships. Sergeant Paton's aircraft received a direct hit from a cannon shell which wounded the observer and wrecked the instruments. Nevertheless, Sergeant Paton flew his aircraft safely back to base. He is an excellent leader whose skill and coolness in the face of the enemy are of the highest order.

754154 Sergeant Cedric Pyne STONE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

This airman has proved himself to be a cool, keen and resourceful pilot. Within the last two months, Sergeant Stone has carried out 28 sorties over Northern France. On one occasion he became separated from his unit and was attacked by 4 Messerschmitt 109's. He succeeded in destroying at least 1 of the enemy aircraft without damage to his own. The following day, Sergeant Stone destroyed another hostile aircraft. By his splendid example, often in difficult conditions, he has assisted in maintaining a high standard of morale in his unit.