

Flying Officer Kenneth William John TARRANT (83732), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

In October, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which participated in a raid on shipping in the harbour at Aalesund. In the ensuing attack, Flying Officer Tarrant obtained direct hits on a 2,000 ton merchant vessel, setting it on fire. He then attacked a fish oil factory with incendiary bombs and machine gun fire. A deep red glow was observed from inside the factory. Throughout, his aircraft was subjected to heavy fire from the ground and ship defences but this did not deter him from pressing home his attacks with great determination. Flying Officer Tarrant has completed 300 hours operational flying, including many attacks on shipping during which he has obtained several successes.

Pilot Officer Carroll Warren McCOLPIN (61926), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

This officer has displayed great courage and resource in action. He has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft. Pilot Officer McColpin has also destroyed a railway engine, its tender and several wagons. His skill and enthusiasm have set a grand example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

747907 Sergeant George Morton MASON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in October, 1941, this airman was the navigator of an aircraft which was detailed to attack Bremen. Weather conditions were extremely unfavourable making it impossible to accomplish the original mission but Sergeant Mason skilfully directed his pilot to an alternative target. In spite of intense anti-aircraft opposition, bombs were dropped over the target area and very large fires were seen by the crews of other aircraft. Sergeant Mason has completed 50 sorties, including both day and night attacks against important enemy targets. He is an exceptionally good observer, whose courage and determination have set an excellent example.

754854 Sergeant Harold RAMSEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

This airman has carried out 450 hours operational flying, involving patrols, convoy escorts and numerous successful attacks on enemy shipping. In October, 1941, he participated in a highly successful raid on shipping and obtained direct hits on one of the enemy's vessels from a height of only 20 feet. Violent explosions occurred inside the ship, causing a burst of flame and portions of the deck to be hurled into the air. Sergeant Ramsey has at all times pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination.

951320 Sergeant Aubrey WELDON, No. 150 Squadron.

This airman has participated in 19 operational flights, on 16 of which he has acted as a gunner and 3 as first wireless operator. During a recent raid on Mannheim, the aircraft in which he was flying as first wireless operator was hit by shell-fire. The rear turret and the back of the fuselage became filled with smoke from smouldering or burning fabric. Sergeant Weldon assisted the rear

gunner, who had been injured, from the turret and commenced to beat out the fire with his hands, finally putting it out with an extinguisher which was passed to him. He then endeavoured to get the damaged turret to function but, as it had become jammed, his efforts were unavailing. He therefore returned to his wireless duties and reported the situation to his captain. The whole of this work was carried out whilst the aircraft was flying at 16,000 feet in a temperature of - 25° C. and without a supply of oxygen. Sergeant Weldon has always set a good example.

Air Ministry,

21st November, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Edward COLLINS, D.F.M. (44932), No. 50 Squadron.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader James Douglas WARNE, D.F.C. (40447), No. 58 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Group Captain Harold Vivian SATTERLY, No. 83 Squadron.

Wing Commander Edward Alexander HOWELL (36027), *awarded with effect from 30th May, 1941.*

Wing Commander Alexander Vivian SAWYER (33096), No. 78 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Robert Sidney James EDWARDS (33242), No. 9 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Murrey Vernon PETERS-SMITH (37207), No. 57 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Richard Douglas SPEARE (37696), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 7 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur Walter HIRONS (74678), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Henry KYNOCH (40232), No. 83 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Gordon SAUNDERS (39194), *awarded with effect from 30th May, 1941.*

Flight Lieutenant Reginald Garton WILBERFORCE (70736), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Sydney Crozier Robinson BELL (42785), No. 144 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hurtle William Hamilton FISHER (41915), No. 49 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Ronald FOX (41168), No. 50 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Raymond HILTON (60073), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Charles MCWATTERS (86655), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Flying Officer Richard Bentley OSBORN (74686), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 99 Squadron.

Flying Officer Kenneth Gordon TEW (84692), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.