he skilfully accomplished his task. This - officer has completed many operational sorties, including attacks on important targets in Germany. On one occasion, whilst flying to Mannheim, his aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters whilst held in a concentration of searchlights but, although his aircraft sustained damage, Pilot Officer Biggane skilfully evaded his attackers, continued his flight and finally bombed his On a second occasion, in the objective. course of another mission, he attacked 2 ships scoring a direct hit on I of them from a low level. Throughout, this officer has displayed great determination, courage and initiative.

> Air Ministry, 25th November, 1941.

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Pilot Officer Harold Brentnall Hunt (68721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

### Distinguished Flying Medal.

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Air Ministry, 24th November, 1941.

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