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*Second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Desmond Annesley McMULLEN, D.F.C. (40002), No. 266 Squadron.

This officer has participated in operational sorties over occupied France and Holland and has always evinced the keenest desire to engage the enemy. Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross Flight Lieutenant McMullen has destroyed 5 hostile aircraft bringing his total victories to at least 18, 3 of which were gained at night.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Brian MORTIMER-ROSE, D.F.C. (41944), No. 234 Squadron.

This officer is a relentless and inspiring fighter pilot. He has participated in every operational sortie undertaken by his squadron and, many times, has carried out individual attacks in enemy occupied country with great success. Flight Lieutenant Mortimer-Rose has destroyed at least 7 and damaged a further 9 enemy aircraft.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader George Ffolliott POWELL SHEDDEN (33277).

This officer has been engaged on operations almost since the war began. He served with a fighter squadron in the Middle East theatre of war until June, 1940, when he returned to this country and took part in the Battle of Britain. In July, 1941, Squadron Leader Powell Shedden was posted to Malta where he formed the night flying unit which has since performed sterling work in the night defence of Malta. By his great and energetic organising ability, together with his courage and initiative in the air, Squadron Leader Powell Shedden has contributed materially to the successes obtained. He has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft 3 of which were destroyed by him during the Battle of Britain.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter William LEFEVRE (40719), No. 126 Squadron.

This officer has shown the utmost devotion to duty over a long period of operational flying, in which he has destroyed several enemy aircraft. He carried out over 250 hours flying on convoy patrols over the North Sea as well as participating in other operational missions. Squadron Leader Lefevre has participated in operations in the Middle East, and in July, 1941, he attacked an Italian E boat which was forced to surrender.

Major Johannes Frederick BRITZ (102633), South African Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

This officer, who displayed brilliant leadership in the East African campaign, continues to show outstanding qualities both as a pilot and flight commander and has led several attacks on targets in the Bardia area with distinction. On one occasion when in formation with another aircraft, during a bombing attack on Bardia both were attacked by 2 Messerschmitt 109s. The attackers shot down one of our aircraft but Major Britz fearlessly closed with the enemy and shot one of them down and, skilfully manœuvring his

aircraft, enabled his rear gunner to shoot down the other one. Throughout, this officer has displayed great courage and initiative and set an inspiring example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas Charles PASCALL (42428), No. 38 Squadron.

This officer has completed many operational sorties, involving several hundred hours flying. He is an outstanding pilot whose complete fearlessness and determination have set a fine example. One night in August, 1941, he participated in an attack on shipping in Tripoli harbour, releasing his bombs from a low height and scoring a hit on a ship which was already burning and causing another fire to break out. He also attacked other shipping outside the harbour. On another occasion when his engine failed 50 miles from his base, Flight Lieutenant Pascall succeeded in making a safe landing without damaging the aircraft.

Flying Officer Alfred David ALEXANDER (42382), No. 108 Squadron.

This officer has been almost continually engaged on operations for the past 15 months. He has carried out many operational missions, some of which were attacks on important targets in Germany and occupied territory. In the Middle East theatre of war he has carried out attacks against various targets, especially during the Iraq operations, with great skill and determination. Throughout Flying Officer Alexander has displayed high courage and devotion to duty and a great enthusiasm for operations.

Lieutenant Douglas Haig HILLHOUSE (47219), South African Air Force, No. 12 Squadron.

This officer has participated in active operations in East Africa and the Western Desert since June, 1940. He has taken part in 77 sorties, on 56 of which he has acted as air gunner and the remainder as bomb aimer. His ability to bomb his target accurately has been exceptional, and has contributed materially to the successes achieved by his unit. Lieutenant Hillhouse has shown great courage.

Pilot Officer Leonard Arthur VAUGHAN (78666), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 148 Squadron.

This officer air gunner has participated in 54 raids, including 28 against targets in Germany and German-occupied territory. Throughout, he has displayed the utmost keenness for operations which, together with his utter contempt for danger has set a splendid example to all. On one occasion during a mine-laying mission, his aircraft was subjected to fire, at close range, from 2 anti-aircraft guns. By silencing these guns, Pilot Officer Vaughan performed very valuable work in difficult circumstances. As a qualified gunnery leader, he carries out a great deal of the instruction of new crews, a work in which he has shown real ability.

Pilot Officer Michael Percy WAREHAM (85269), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 73 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged on operational flying in the Western Desert for the past 10 months. Throughout a difficult and arduous period, he showed remarkable keenness for operations, whatever the conditions or the odds. At one period he consistently