

Malta and, pursuing it, he eventually shot it down in flames a short distance from the Sicilian coast. One night in May, 1942, he accomplished a fine feat by shooting down 3 BR.20s.

Acting Flying Officer Alfred ABELS (65517), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Abels has participated in many successful sorties including two daylight attacks on the German battleships which were at Brest. One night in April, 1942, as the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim, he navigated the aircraft safely over the North Sea and mountainous country of Northern Norway, and arrived over the target at the appointed time. The attack was made from a very low level which necessitated the most accurate map reading. Flying Officer Abels, despite intense opposition, completed this duty most successfully. He has displayed courage and skill of a high standard.

Pilot Officer Glenn Powell GARDINER (Can./J. 15252), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron (since reported missing).

Pilot Officer Gardiner was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim on two nights in April, 1942. These flights each involved many hours flying time and covered a distance of about 1,350 miles over the North Sea and mountainous country of Norway. Despite intense opposition, Pilot Officer Gardiner pressed home his attacks and returned to base safely. He has displayed outstanding airmanship, courage and devotion to duty which have been an inspiration to other members of the squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Allan GLEN (115232), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 41 Squadron.

This officer has at all times shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and he has played a large part in the squadron's activities during recent months. Besides destroying at least 3 enemy aircraft in combat, Pilot Officer Glen has attacked many targets, causing much damage to the enemy.

Pilot Officer Ian Campbell ORMSTON (Can./J. 5028), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sweeps, convoy patrols and other sorties. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed 1 and assisted in the destruction of another. He has displayed exceptional keenness to engage the enemy.

Pilot Officer Gordon SWEENEY (Aus.404555), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Anthony Roger TETTENBORN (108048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

As captain and navigator of aircraft respectively, Pilot Officer Sweeney and Flying Officer Tettenborn carried out a low level attack on an aircraft factory at Warnemunde one night in May, 1942. Skilfully avoiding the beams of a large number of searchlights in the target area, Pilot Officer Sweeney pressed home his attack and released his bombs on 2 buildings, around which aircraft on the ground were dispersed, and on 3

nearby sheds. The aircraft was flown so low to ensure accuracy that some of the air crew thought it was on fire as it passed over the smoke and flames caused by the explosions. Little damage was sustained, however, and the aircraft was flown safely to base. Throughout the operation both Pilot Officer Sweeney and Flying Officer Tettenborn displayed perfect teamwork, great skill and undaunted courage.

Acting Warrant Officer Herbert Victor PETERSON (Can.R/60240), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Peterson has completed many operational sorties of which 13 have been as captain of aircraft. One night in April, 1942, he was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. On arrival over the target, despite the intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire which he encountered, he dived to a very low altitude and pressed home his attack. On the following night he carried out another low level attack on the same target. His aircraft sustained severe damage, and one engine was put out of action. With great skill and judgment, Warrant Officer Peterson succeeded in flying his aircraft to an emergency landing ground where he made a safe landing.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.404362 Flight Sergeant Raymond Brown HESSELYN, D.F.M., No. 249 Squadron.

During a period of 4 days' operations in May, 1942, this airman destroyed 5 enemy aircraft bringing his victories to 10. Although fighting at great odds in the heavy raids on Malta, Flight Sergeant Hesselyn never hesitates in his efforts to destroy the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty are outstanding.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1257552 Flight Sergeant Harold Adrian BROWN, No. 35 Squadron.

Sergeant Brown has completed many operational sorties. One night in April, 1942, as captain of an aircraft, he was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. Throughout this flight, of 1,350 miles over the North Sea and mountainous country, he displayed the greatest skill and airmanship. Sergeant Brown pressed home his attack, in the face of intense opposition. He displayed bravery and cool determination.

1257263 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Arthur CLACK, No. 76 Squadron.

This airman has completed many successful sorties including attacks on targets at Berlin, Mannheim, Stuttgart and Stettin. One night in April, 1942, he was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. After releasing the bombs his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which caused one engine to fail and the bomb doors could not be closed. He succeeded in returning to base and landed safely with the bomb doors still open. The following night, as his former aircraft was not serviceable Flight Sergeant Clack volunteered to fly another aircraft to attack the naval base again. He delivered his bombs successfully and machine gunned gun emplacements. His courage and determination have been outstanding.