

miles over the sea and shadowed enemy ship movements. Much valuable information was secured as a result of his determined and skilful efforts.

1067408 Sergeant Sidney Godfrey FALCONER, No. 218 Squadron.

One night in June, 1942, this airman was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Bremen. In the light of the full moon, shortly after crossing the Dutch coast, the aircraft was intercepted by 3 enemy fighters whose pilots made simultaneous attacks from the port quarter, starboard and dead astern positions. Sergeant Falconer took violent evasive action but, in spite of this, his aircraft sustained severe damage. Just when it seemed that he had eluded his attackers, another enemy fighter appeared, firing a burst which raked the bomber from front to rear. The complete combat, lasting for 20 minutes, was fought from 15,000 feet down to sea level. With 2 of his crew wounded, the aircraft's turrets useless, the astro-dome, blind-flying panel and oxygen system shot away, as well as other damage sustained, Sergeant Falconer set course for this country. Although subjected to strong concentrations of light anti-aircraft fire near the enemy's coast, he flew the aircraft safely back to base. Throughout, this airman displayed great courage, skilful captaincy and devotion to duty.

1265858 Sergeant Charles John NOLAN, No. 217 Squadron.

This airman has participated in attacks on units of an Italian naval force. In June, 1942, he scored hits on an Italian naval vessel. Some time afterwards he attacked and disabled an enemy merchant ship. Despite heavy defensive fire, he flew in and pressed home his attack. Although wounded in the leg during the run up, Sergeant Nolan, despite considerable loss of blood, flew his aircraft back to base and made a safe landing.

921002 Sergeant Edmund Alfred WALLER, No. 252 Squadron.

This airman was the observer of an aircraft which took part in an attack on the aerodrome at Derna. During the operation, his pilot received wounds in both legs. Sergeant Waller immediately applied a tourniquet to his comrade's right leg and then, taking over the controls, he flew the aircraft until the pilot revived. During the return journey the pilot fainted twice, but on each occasion Sergeant Waller skilfully controlled the aircraft. Eventually a safe landing was made at base. Throughout, this airman displayed great coolness and resource.

*Air Ministry,
17th July, 1942.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Fig. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts.:—

L. J. BADGER (45975). 8th May 1942.

T. R. NIXON, D.F.M. (46028). 26th June 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Fig. Offs. (war subs.):—

A. J. J. KIRK (45979). 1st Mar. 1942.

G. BREW (46215). 7th Mar. 1942.

E. BINKS, D.F.M. (45489). 28th Mar. 1942 (Seny. 5th Mar. 1942.)

E. A. DEVERILL, D.F.C., D.F.M. (45546). 8th Apr. 1942. (Seny. 2nd Apr. 1942.)

W. H. ARUNDELL (46310). 10th May 1942.

V. PHILLIPS (45749). 16th May 1942.

K. A. MAJOR (47262). 24th May 1942.

27th May 1942.

B. J. BALCHIN (46515).

W. I. LASHBROOK, D.F.M. (45895).

Sqn. Ldr. D. H. BURNSIDE, D.F.C. (37464) to be Wg. Cdr. (tempy.) 1st June 1942.

Flt. Lt. F. R. MCAULIFFE (40403) to be Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) 1st June 1942.

Fig. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

I. R. CAMPBELL (33557). 12th May 1942.

E. A. FAIRHURST (2nd Lt. R. Tank R.) (43547). 13th May 1942.

18th May 1942.

W. S. LONGHURST (42852).

A. M. TODD (42911).

E. L. WEST (42926).

G. WRIGHT (42780).

L. D. EMBLEM (2nd Lt. R.T.R.) (43011). 7th June 1942.

N. R. MANSFIELD (43707). 8th June 1942.

T. G. MOORE (42867). 15th June 1942.

J. TRUEMAN (43850). 17th June 1942.

A. L. LAW (44777). 22nd June 1942. (Seny. 2nd May 1942.)

26th June 1942. (Seny. 30th May 1942.)

A. G. A. COCHRANE (43847).

A. E. SKELTON (43849).

C. B. WALTER (44227). 4th July 1942. (Seny. 9th May 1942.)

Plt. Off. A. D. E. DEVENISH (2nd Lt. R.A.) (45422) to be Fig. Off. (war subs.) 8th Mar. 1942.

Sqn. Ldr. (tempy.) A. H. SIMMONDS (39396) reverts to the rank of Flt. Lt. at his own request. 19th May 1942.

TECHNICAL BRANCH.

Fig. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts.:—

N. G. N. DAVIS (45765). 5th May 1942.

H. CLARK (46627). 1st June 1942.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Fig. Offs. (war subs.):—

C. L. BESSEY (45997). 17th May 1942. (Seny. 10th Apr. 1942.)

S. J. E. EASTON (44792). 30th May 1942.

T. GALLACHER (46101). 9th June 1942. (Seny. 26th May 1942.)

A. D. ADAMS (46271). 11th June 1942. (Seny. 26th May 1942.)

H. R. FREE (46232). 2nd July 1942. (Seny. 7th Mar. 1942.)

G. H. HARTUP (46353). 15th July 1942. (Seny. 7th Mar. 1942.)

Plt. Off. (prob.) H. BENTLEY (44726) confmd. in appt. 2nd Oct. 1941 and to be Fig. Off. (war subs.) 9th June 1942. (Seny. 23rd Jan. 1942.)

Sqn. Ldrs. to be Wg. Cdrs. (tempy.):—
1st June 1942.

C. R. WALTERS (36216).

A. J. V. PARISH (35096).

Flt. Lts. to be Sqn. Ldrs. (tempy.):—

A. PRESCOTT (70552). 1st June 1942.

R. E. MEEK (ret.) (04131). 1st June 1942. (Seny. 1st Mar. 1942.)

Fig. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (war subs.):—

G. W. GOAT (35300). 12th June 1942.

W. BATESON (35304). 12th July 1939.

Fig. Offs. to be Flt. Lts. (tempy.):—

1st Dec. 1941.

I. R. BLAIR (43723).

C. H. MOORE (43992).

W. WALLACE (43313).

F. H. R. HAZEL (43387).

H. J. WILLIS (43656).

R. J. MENNESS (43576).

A. T. MARTIN (44078).

D. G. LOCHHEAD (43770).

H. DEWHIRST (43578).

S. W. BYRNE (43214).

F. D. CLARKE (44003).

A. E. COCK (44085).

G. D. DEUCHARS (43797).

T. WHITSTON, O.B.E. (45016).

E. W. EADES (45153).

L. E. FARRELL (45013).

E. C. ASHLEY (45192).

R. L. HAMMANS (45498).

A. B. KNOWLES (43429).

W. J. CAWTE (43560).

A. F. JOHNSON (44497).

1st Mar. 1942.

J. K. McK. SEMPLE (44905).

R. B. STOCKS (46318).

F. W. GILLHAM (45238).

J. F. BROWN, B.E.M. (45497).

H. C. TAYLOR (46409).

R. T. MARTIN (45555).

W. C. H. OATEY (45282).

E. EASTON (45079).

1st June 1942.

R. SMITH (47035).

E. C. JONES, M.B.E. (46260).

N. D. HUMPHREYS (44099).

C. W. READING (45762).

J. A. C. SCOUAR (46185).

J. BRADY (45902).