

formations of aircraft on 2 sorties. Throughout his operational career, he has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty. He has destroyed 8 enemy aircraft.

Acting Wing Commander Francis David Stephen SCOTT-MALDEN, D.F.C. (74690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

During the past 6 months, this officer has led his wing on a large number of sorties. In this period, the wing has destroyed 49 enemy aircraft and probably destroyed and damaged many others. During the combined operations at Dieppe on the 19th August, 1942, the wing completed a large number of sorties; 21 enemy aircraft were destroyed, and many others damaged. Wing Commander Scott-Malden led the wing on 3 of these sorties. The splendid success achieved on this and other occasions is largely attributable to the magnificent leadership displayed by Wing Commander Scott-Malden. He is a brilliant pilot and a fine tactician, whose thorough knowledge and personal example have proved worthy of the highest praise.

Squadron Leader Wilfrid George Gerald Duncan SMITH, D.F.C. (85684), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 64 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed a great number of sorties. He is a brilliant pilot and a fine leader whose skill has proved a source of inspiration to all. Squadron Leader Smith has destroyed 10 and probably destroyed several other enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Chesley Gordon PETERSON, D.F.C. (83706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties over enemy-occupied territory. He has at all times displayed high qualities of leadership and courage which have contributed materially to the fine fighting efficiency of his squadron. During the operations over Dieppe, Squadron Leader Peterson destroyed a Junkers 88, bringing his victories to 6. His devotion to duty has been outstanding.

Acting Squadron Leader Rhys Henry THOMAS, D.F.C. (83282), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 (Mysore) Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties over enemy territory. He is a fine leader and a tenacious fighter. In June, 1942, whilst escorting a force of bombers from an attack on Le Havre, his skilful tactics frustrated the efforts of 12 Focke Wulfe 190s to engage the bombers. In the ensuing engagement, 3 of the enemy's aircraft were destroyed without loss. In August, 1942, he led a daring and determined attack on a number of enemy float planes which were destroyed despite the presence of enemy fighters. The next day, in low-level attacks on certain positions during the combined operations on Dieppe, Squadron Leader Thomas's magnificent work won the admiration of the attacking forces. This officer is an outstanding squadron commander, whose great skill and faultless judgment have contributed materially to the many successes achieved by his squadron.

#### *Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Gregory Augustus DAYMOND, D.F.C. (84657), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed many sorties over enemy territory. He has always led his flight with great skill and courage and has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft. In the recent Dieppe operations, Flight Lieutenant Daymond flew with distinction.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Michael George Foster PEDLEY (37328), No. 131 Squadron.

Within the past 3 months, this officer has participated in 38 operational missions, including shipping reconnaissances. During the combined operations at Dieppe on the 19th August, 1942, he displayed great keenness and a fine fighting spirit. In the evening, when the enemy attempted an air attack in the vicinity of one of our aerodromes, they were intercepted by the squadron led by Wing Commander Pedley; at least 2 enemy bombers were destroyed. This officer is a squadron commander of outstanding ability.

Squadron Leader Clarke John FEE (Can/C.773), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 412 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer is a fine pilot and a skilful leader. By his outstanding ability he has been mainly responsible for the high standard of fighting efficiency of the squadron he commands. He has completed a large number of sorties, including some during the combined operation at Dieppe. Squadron Leader Fee has at all times set a most inspiring example.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Wilson IREDALE (Aus.400590), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 114 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Lefroy McCaul (Can/J.5078), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 114 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, Squadron Leader Iredale and Flying Officer McCaul were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy airfield. Whilst over the target area, intensive searchlight activity and anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Squadron Leader Iredale defied the opposition and bombed the aerodrome, obtaining hits on the runway in use. He then succeeded in escaping from the fire zone, flying at only 50 feet. Throughout the operation, Squadron Leader Iredale was greatly assisted by Flying Officer McCaul, whose accurate navigation in the face of great difficulties was of the highest order. Both these officers displayed great courage and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Phillip Leslie Irving ARCHER (Can/J.3508), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 416 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties over enemy territory and has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft. On one occasion, although wounded in the leg, Flight Lieutenant Archer flew his badly damaged aircraft back to base where he executed a skilful landing. He is a most efficient leader.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick Ernest GREEN (Can/J.15071), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 412 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties over enemy territory and has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft. During the combined operations at Dieppe, he completed 3 sorties, 2 of which were low-level escort duties. Flight Lieutenant Green has invariably displayed high skill and great determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William GREGSON (103520), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 124 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including 4 executed in the combined operations at Dieppe when he led his flight with skill and courage. He has at all times set a splendid example. Flight Lieutenant Gregson has destroyed 1 and damaged a further 2 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Raymond Hiley HARRIES (87447), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 131 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed numerous sorties, is an excellent flight commander. He has spared no effort in the training of his pilots, amongst whom he has fostered a fine team spirit. He has destroyed 1 and assisted in the destruction of 2 more enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Tennant LEANING (89323), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 39 Squadron.

This officer has performed excellent work in attacks on enemy shipping. In March, 1942, he participated in an attack on a convoy of merchant vessels, escorted by naval units. Several hits were obtained on one of the naval vessels. Following the action, Flight Lieutenant Leaning became detached from his section. His aircraft was attacked by several hostile aircraft but he met them with resolute fire until they broke away. In April, 1942, he took part in another attack on a convoy. When near the target, a force of about 100 enemy fighters was encountered. Undaunted, Flight Lieutenant Leaning flew in through a continuous attack, released his missile and fought off the fighters to get clear of the target area. This officer is a gallant and resolute pilot whose keenness has set an example worthy of the highest praise.