

Pilot Officer Robert Edward ALLITT (40594).

On a night in May, 1940, this officer was acting as second pilot and bomb-aimer in an aircraft engaged in attacking a target in Germany when the aircraft was severely damaged by gun fire. Although the rudder controls were shot away, and the pilot barely able to control the aircraft, the attack was continued and the bomb-aimer released his bombs on the target. The aircraft received at least five more hits from anti-aircraft fire and one engine was stopped but, in spite of the aircraft being almost unmanageable, Pilot Officer Allitt succeeded in navigating it under most harassing conditions to the nearest position on the French frontier, a distance of over 100 miles, where the crew were able to abandon the aircraft in friendly country. He displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout.

Pilot Officer Frederick CAREY (70116).

This officer destroyed five enemy aircraft early in the operations in May, 1940, and by his dash and courage set the highest example of gallantry to the squadron.

Pilot Officer Walter Henry CORBET (41152).

In May, 1940, this officer was engaged on a bombing attack on enemy convoys when his aircraft was severely damaged by enemy gunfire. He was badly wounded in the foot and his observer was killed. In spite of his weakened condition he succeeded in flying back to his base and saving the air gunner and the aircraft.

Pilot Officer William Dennis DAVID (40805).

This officer has recently shot down four enemy aircraft and shown gallantry and devotion to duty compatible with the highest traditions of the service. His coolness and determination have been a very fine example to the other pilots of the squadron. He was involved in an engagement when six other aircraft of the squadron attacked over forty German aircraft in an attempt to protect Blenheim aircraft. He supported his leader with great courage and determination, shooting down two enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Thomas Daniel Humphrey DAVY (41383).

During May, 1940, this officer was engaged in a bombing attack on bridges over the Albert Canal. In the face of intense machine-gun and anti-aircraft fire the bridges were bombed, but the result could not be observed. After delivering a dive bombing attack on the target, Pilot Officer Davy's aircraft was attacked by a Messerschmitt 109. The attack was broken off when smoke appeared to be emerging from the enemy. The port petrol tank on his own aircraft was thought to be on fire and Pilot Officer Davy gave orders for the crew to jump clear, but he himself continued his flight for the base until compelled to make a forced landing about 8 kilometres away.

Pilot Officer Maurice Michael STEPHENS (33522).

This officer has destroyed four enemy aircraft in May, 1940, and led his flight with courage and skill.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Frederick CAREY, D.F.C. (70116).

This officer has shot down four more enemy aircraft, bringing his total to nine. Throughout the operations he was continuously on the search for enemy aircraft and was an inspiration to all who flew with him. His morale was always of the highest order.

Pilot Officer Maurice Michael STEPHENS, D.F.C. (33522).

This officer has continued to lead his flight against formations of enemy aircraft of much superior numbers with such good leadership that he rarely lost any members of his formation. In addition Pilot Officer Stephens brought down four more enemy aircraft recently, bringing his total to eight.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

563859 Sergeant Geoffrey ALLARD.

This airman has shown outstanding flying ability and at all times his coolness and confidence have assisted all pilots who have flown with him. He has been largely responsible for keeping up the high morale and fighting ability of his section. Altogether in his combats during recent days he has destroyed four enemy aircraft. Without exception he has pressed home his attack with outstanding courage which has been a fine example to his section.

752051 Sergeant Alfred Henry Basil FRIENDSHIP.

This airman pilot has shot down three enemy aircraft and has at all times been conspicuous for his gallantry.

565569 Sergeant Albert William Tregidio HILLS.

On a night in May, 1940, this airman was first pilot in an aircraft which attacked an objective near Hamburg. In spite of heavy opposition from anti-aircraft defences and searchlights, he pressed home his attack, and obtained direct hits on the objective. On the previous night he successfully located and attacked, under difficult conditions, a target in the Ruhr area. His resourcefulness and courage have been an inspiration to other pilots of the squadron.

563186 Sergeant Richard Vellenoweth Trethewey KIRTO.

551271 Corporal Drury John BARBROOKE.

These airmen were air observer and air gunner respectively in an aircraft engaged on bombing operations against enemy convoys in May, 1940. Whilst approaching the objective the aircraft was attacked by nine Messerschmitt fighters and was severely damaged. Although rapidly losing height, four bombs were dropped, two of which scored hits. During the dive to the ground these airmen kept up a continuous fire at the enemy fighters. After landing they assisted the pilot to hospital, and after many difficulties, including detention in custody (being suspected as spies) they eventually reached their base.

740099 Sergeant Gareth Leofric NOWELL.

This pilot recently shot down four, and possibly seven, German aircraft. He has