

and, again in the face of heavy opposition, attacked the woods with all his machine guns. Squadron Leader Kay has conducted a number of operations in recent weeks and has shown daring, determination and outstanding ability.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Derek Gordon WIGHT (34187).

This flight commander has destroyed ten enemy aircraft, four of these being shot down whilst he was serving in France. During the numerous patrols on which he has been engaged he has displayed dash and outstanding qualities as a leader.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Adrian Hope Boyd (39101).

During a period of fourteen days Flight Lieutenant Boyd was engaged on offensive patrols almost every day. He has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft and severely damaged several more. This officer has displayed courage and determination, often attacking superior forces, and has pressed home his attacks in every case.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Michael Nicholson Crossley (37554).

In June, 1940, this officer was the leader of two squadrons of fighters which were carrying out an offensive patrol in the Le Treport area. Flight Lieutenant Crossley sighted seventeen Heinkel 111's, and displayed outstanding initiative and courage in his method of attack. As a result of the engagement seven enemy bombers were destroyed. Flight Lieutenant Crossley himself destroyed two, and had to break off a further fight as his ammunition was expended. He had his first combat in May, 1940, when he succeeded in destroying a Messerschmitt 109. He has displayed exceptional skill and leadership and, since the middle of May, 1940, has destroyed seven enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John McCulloch Middlemore HUGHES (33191).

During a period in May, 1940, this officer led many successful raids. On one day an attack was made on an enemy column at Dippach. Four days later he successfully pressed home a bombing attack on an enemy position, although attacked by a strong force of Messerschmitt 109's, but by skilfully manoeuvring his aircraft he enabled his air gunner to shoot down one enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Hughes has shown magnificent leadership as a flight commander and, by his coolness and initiative, has maintained the excellent spirit and morale of all his flight personnel.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Caesar Barrand HULL (37285).

After having shot down an enemy aircraft one day in May, 1940, this officer, two days later, relieved the Bodo Force from air attack by engaging five enemy aircraft single-handed. He shot down four of the enemy aircraft and damaged the fifth. The next day, despite heavy air attack on the landing ground, he attacked enemy aircraft in greatly superior numbers until he was wounded and forced to retire.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Anthony INGRAM (39187).

During a period in May, 1940, this officer carried out numerous day and night raids against enemy positions, pressing home his attacks with courage and determination. On one of these raids he was attacked by a formation of Messerschmitt 109's, one of which he shot down with his front gun. As a flight commander he has set a splendid example by displaying courage, determination and gallantry of a high order.

Flying Officer Henry Michael FERRISS (40099).

During two consecutive days in May, Flying Officer Ferriss shot down a total of four Messerschmitt 110's although heavily outnumbered. Later, he shot down a further three Messerschmitt 109's. In these combats he has displayed outstanding ability.

Pilot Officer Ernest Cecil John WAKEHAM (41883).

During a period of nine days in May, 1940, Pilot Officer Wakeham was engaged on offensive patrols and shot down two enemy aircraft and severely damaged at least two others. His fine fighting spirit was displayed on one occasion when he was stunned by a glancing bullet while attacking enemy aircraft. He recovered consciousness after his aircraft had descended 5,000 feet and returned to the attack. Later in the day he again engaged enemy fighters but was shot down. He landed safely between Ostend and Dunkirk.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

350408 Corporal James Anthony DRUMMOND.

In May, 1940, this air gunner took part in a raid on an enemy column near Dippach, and in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire he added greatly to the success of the raid by the full use of his machine gun on enemy troops. On another raid his aircraft was attacked by a large formation of Messerschmitt 109's. Corporal Drummond engaged the enemy fighters with great confidence and courage, and by his accurate fire shot down one and inflicted damage on others. His coolness and accurate fire in the face of repeated attacks were largely responsible for the safe return of his aircraft.

551290 Leading Aircraftman Thomas Oakley BURGESS.

In May, 1940, this airman was wireless operator air gunner of an aircraft engaged on a bombing raid on enemy troops. After the raid his aircraft was attacked by six Messerschmitt 109's. Leading Aircraftman Burgess immediately engaged the fighters shooting down one and possibly destroying another. In the engagement he received shrapnel wounds. He showed great courage and skill in the face of a superior enemy force.

629150 Aircraftman 2nd Class Edward Joseph EVANS.

In May, 1940, this airman was wireless operator air gunner of an aircraft which, while on a bombing raid, was attacked by a force of Messerschmitt 109's. Although heavily outnumbered Aircraftman Evans remained cool and withheld his fire until his gun could be used effectively. He shot down