Admiralty, 25th June, 1940. R.M.

The undermentioned Tempy. 2nd Lieuts. to be Actg. Tempy. Lieuts.: G. P. Cole.

W. Dendy. R. G. Stock.

1st June 1940.

R.N.R.

G. C. Flower to be Tempy. Lieut. 24th June

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lieut. A. S. Tyrer to be Tempy. Paymr. Lieut. 13th June 1940.

Tempy. Lieut. S. E. Davies, R.N.V.R., transferred to R.N.R. as from 23rd Oct. 1939.

R.N.V.R.

H. F. Whitworth to be Tempy. Comdr. 14th

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts. with seny. as stated:-

J. S. Struthers. T. C. S. Cope.

18th June 1940.

J. P. Thorpe.

H. S. Ward.

17th June 1940.

A. E. G. Griffin.

G. H. Garrard.

15th June 1940.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as

W.G. Beckett. 5th Jan. 1940.

V. P. Coughlan.

H. Rackham.

A. S. Hughes.

15th June 1940.

D. Chancellor. 17th June 1940.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lieuts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:— B. Watts-Russell.

J. A. Miles.

11th June 1940. J. R. Southin. 12th June 1940.

A. C. Fullarton. 13th June 1940. M. E. Clifford-Jones. 18th June 1940.

G. H. J. Riggs to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (Sp).

12th June 1940. Midn. (A) J. M. L. Roberts to be Sub-Lieut. (A). ì4th Mar. 1940.

Commissions signed by His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Bedford.

Colonel Edward John Skinner, D.S.O., Captain the Honourable Michael Claude Hamilton Bowes-Lyon,

Sir Sydney Richard Wells, M.P.,

Frank William Crossley-Holland, Esq., D.C.L.,

D.Sc., M.D.,

Captain Stephen Helps Starey,

to be Deputy Lieutenants.—Dated 20th June, 1940.

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BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

In pursuance of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the nextof-kin or others entitled the sum of money set

opposite to the name of each of the deceased soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice in the London Gazette.

Applications from persons supposing them-selves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to "The Under Secretary of State, War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.I," and marked outside "Effects".

P. J. Grigg.

War Office, 28th June, 1940.

List 719. Effects 1939.

£ s. d. Gunning, E., Gunner, Royal Artillery

> 2nd Re-publication of List 711. Effects 1937.

Richards, F. W. A., Gnr., R.A. 7 Szarkowski, A. S. P., C.Q.M.S., R. Sigs. 65 16 o

3rd Re-publication of List 707. Effects 1936.

£ s. d. Andrews, W., Pte., Cheshire Regt. 15 Fletcher, C. J., Lce. Bdr., R.A. ... 3 11 11

4th Re-publication of List 701. Effects 1935.

Doubleday, A., Pte., R.A.O.C. ... 13 10 9

5th Re-publication of List 692. Effects 1934.

£ s. d. Davis, R., Lce.-Corpl., R.E. Lavin, A., Pte., R.A.O.C. II T4 8 13 10 3 ...

6th Re-publication of List 68o. Effects 1933.

£ s. d. Beaumont, M., Cpl., R. Welch Fus. Fahy, A., Pte., P.W. Vols. ... 9 I2 24 10 I Forsyth, J., Lce-Sjt., R.A. 2 13

Air Ministry,

28th June, 1940.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned appointment and awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:-

Appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Scovil Soden (33289)

(reported missing).

This officer's flight was ordered to France at short notice, and during the following two days he acted as leader in many combats against the enemy. He personally shot down five enemy aircraft, and possibly two more, whilst his flight destroyed a further seven. On one occasion he attacked, single handed, between fifty and sixty enemy fighters, destroying one of them. One evening in May, 1940, whilst the aerodrome was being heavily bombed, Flight Lieutenant Soden jumped from a shelter trench, climbed into the nearest fighter aircraft and, without knowing whether it was fully fuelled or. armed, took off from the aerodrome which