- Actg. Lieut. R. Hill to be Lieut. 11th June 1940.
 - Actg. Sub-Lieuts. to be Sub-Lieuts.:-
 - K. M. Knight. L. Eastwood.

11th Jan. 1940.

R.N.V.R.

- To be Tempy. Lieuts. :-
 - S. H: Young, O.B.E. W. A. Edwards.

 - J. S. Leece.
 - 5th Aug. 1940.
- Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) G. I. Finkel to be Tempy. Lieut. (A). 4th Feb. 1940.
- Proby. Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. with seny. as stated :-
 - G. A. Wright. 3rd May 1940.
 - E. S. Forman. 23rd July 1940.
 - B. W. Cross. 24th July 1940.
- Proby. Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A) T. Phelan to be Tempy. Sub-Lieut. (A). 4th Feb. 1940.
 - To be Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. (E):-
 - R. A. Davison. 1st Aug. 1940.
 - G. S. Symington. 16th Aug. 1940.
- Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be Tempy. Lieuts.

 - D. Egginton. 26th July 1940.
 - R. A. Forbes. 23rd July 1940.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

Honorary Colonel Forrester Clayton, J.P., Colonel Robert Cecil Milliken, C.B.E., T.D., Clifford Walter Radcliffe, Esq.,

to be Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Middlesex.—Dated 1st August, 1940. (161)

> Air Ministry, 6th August, 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.

Squadron Leader Charles George LOTT, D.F.C. (05239).

Since 1st June, 1940, this officer has led his squadron on operational patrols over Dunkirk, Amiens and Abbeville, and other parts of enemy occupied territory. In July, 1940, of enemy occupied territory. as leader of a section of Hurricanes, he pressed home an attack in adverse weather conditions against six Messerschmitt 110's. During the combat Squadron Leader Lott's aircraft was badly hit but, displaying great skill, despite an injury which eventually necessitated the removal of an eye, he brought his aircraft to within 3 miles of the base before he was compelled to abandon it. He has personally destroyed two enemy air-craft and possibly another. This officer has

displayed outstanding leadership and an intense desire to engage the enemy. He has set a magnificent example to all pilots in his squadron.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader John WORRALL (26251).

This officer's splendid leadership has been reflected in the work of his squadron which has now destroyed forty-three enemy aircraft and possibly a further twenty-two. In July, 1940, he led his squadron in a successful attack against a superior number of enemy aircraft, and assisted in destroying three of the enemy force. Squadron Leader Worrall has displayed great skill, courage and leadership.

Flying Officer Neville WILLIAMS, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

One night in July, 1940, this officer was captain of an aircraft engaged in bombing operations in the Ruhr area. During the return flight his aircraft was attacked by three enemy aircraft, and after a determined fight, one, and possibly two, were shot down: the third was driven off. In spite of his aircraft being riddled with bullets Flying Officer Williams successfully brought it back to its base. Since the beginning of the year he has taken part in twenty-one attacks on Norway, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, and has shown outstanding determination and an extremely keen sense of duty. He has displayed coolness, courage and real leadership in all the numerous operations he has undertaken.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Angus Robson (41471).

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

551385 Sergeant Wallace STOCKPORT.

One night in July, 1940, Pilot Officer Robson carried out a bombing attack on warships in the harbour at Wilhelmshaven. Undeterred by a terrific barrage of enemy gunfire, he swept down to the very low level of twenty feet above the buildings, and with conspicuous courage crossed the harbour and pressed home his attack on an enemy warship. Sergeant Stockport as wireless operator air gunner fired continuously at the enemy defences and searchlights with his machine guns. Pilot Officer Robson has consistently shown great daring and devotion to duty, and Sergeant Stockport by his courage and skill, has on many previous occasions contributed to the success of attacks on the enemy, often under the most trying weather conditions.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer James Frederick SwIFT (41080).

Since January, 1940, this officer has taken part in twenty-eight raids against the enemy. One night in July, 1940, he carried out an attack on the railway marshalling yard at Osnabruck. Despite the presence of a balloon barrage and a heavy concentration of anti-aircraft guns, he successfully attacked his target from an altitude of 700 feet. A few nights later Pilot Officer Swift was detailed to attack an aerodrome at Rotenburg. After waiting for forty-five minutes over the target, he carried out his attack at a low altitude