

the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and searchlights. He dropped a stick of bombs successfully across the target. Since the 17th June, 1940, Pilot Officer Simson has taken part in eighteen raids over Germany. As captain of aircraft he has displayed outstanding tenacity, determination and devotion to duty, and has at all times set a very high standard.

Pilot Officer Timothy Ashmead VIGORS (33554).

This officer has displayed great keenness in his desire to engage the enemy. He has destroyed nine enemy aircraft including one at night. His excellent leadership and determination have contributed materially to the many successes of his flight.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

565510 Sergeant Ernest Edward COLLINS.

526730 Sergeant Robert Steen AYTON.

One night in September, 1940, Sergeant Collins was the pilot and Sergeant Ayton the navigator and bomb aimer of an aircraft which successfully carried out dive bombing attacks on a concentration of barges at Ostend Harbour. On arrival over the target area, reconnaissance runs were made during which the three most vital parts of the target were selected as objectives. The splendid qualities of piloting and planning of Sergeant Collins coupled with the accurate navigation and skilful bomb-aiming of Sergeant Ayton resulted in three successful dive attacks, in which direct hits were made. Three nights previously, these airmen together carried out a dive-bombing attack from 11,000 feet to 2,000 feet when direct hits destroyed large buildings of a factory and six chimney stacks. A large fire followed which was visible for 70 miles. Sergeant Collins has a fine record of good work in over 200 hours of operational flying, while Sergeant Ayton has displayed skill, efficiency and coolness under harassing conditions.

Sergeant Jozef FRANTISEK.

This officer has participated in almost every operational flight carried out by his squadron. He has displayed conspicuous gallantry in attacking superior numbers of enemy aircraft and has destroyed five of them within a period of one week. He has set an excellent example to other members of his flight.

514143 Flight Sergeant Adrian Francis LAWS.

This airman has destroyed five enemy aircraft and damaged another two. His initiative, courage and tenacity have been outstanding.

590289 Flight Sergeant George Cecil UNWIN.

This airman has displayed great courage in his attacks against the enemy and has destroyed ten of their aircraft. On a recent occasion, when returning from an engagement alone, he intercepted a formation of enemy bombers escorted by about thirty fighters, and destroyed two of the fighters. He has displayed skill and courage of the highest order.

740484 Sergeant Basil Ewart Patrick WHALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

During a period of operations in Norway under extremely difficult conditions, this airman destroyed three enemy aircraft. Since

returning to England he has continued to display great zeal and determination and has succeeded in destroying a further four enemy aircraft during recent combats.

*India Office,*

*Whitehall, S.W.1.*

*17th September, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Herbert Ribton Meredith, Indian Civil Service, to be a Judge of the High Court in Patna upon the retirement of the Honourable Alfred William Ewart Wort.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1930, adding to Part I of the First Schedule to the Act the area the drainage of which is directed to the River Keer and the Leighton Moss Drain, combining the said area with the River Lune Catchment Area and constituting the Board for the combined Catchment Area, and that the Order will become final and have effect as an Act of Parliament, unless within thirty-one days from the date of this Notice a Memorial praying that the Order shall not become law without confirmation by Parliament is presented to the Minister by some person or body affected by the Order, and having an interest sufficient for the presentation of a Memorial.

Notice is hereby further given that the Minister has caused to be prepared a map determining the extent of the combined Catchment Area as aforesaid and showing that part of the channel of the river which is to be treated as the main river for the purposes of Part II of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, and the water-courses which are for those purposes to be deemed to be part of the main river coloured red thereon.

A copy of the map and a copy of the sealed Order aforesaid have been deposited at the offices of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Lancaster, for public inspection for a period of thirty-one days from the date of this notice, and may be inspected during the ordinary hours of business. The map and the sealed Order aforesaid may also be inspected at the office of the Ministry at the address mentioned below.

Any objection to the map shall be made in writing and sent by post addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, at the address mentioned below, so as to reach that office within thirty-one days from the date of this notice.

*D. B. Toye,*

*Assistant Secretary.*

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,

23-25, Soho Square,

London, W.1.

30th September, 1940.

**DISEASES OF FISH ACT, 1937.**

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the above-named Act being satisfied that the waters of the whole of the catchment area of the River Exe are infected waters has made an Order