

many occasions. He has destroyed six of their aircraft besides damaging several more.

Pilot Officer John CURCHIN (42396), No. 609 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great keenness and skill in combat against the enemy. On a recent occasion he pursued an enemy aircraft thirty miles out to sea and finally destroyed it. He has destroyed at least seven hostile aircraft and shared in the destruction of others.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Duncan Harold McARTHUR (36243), No. 75 (New Zealand) Squadron.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

935925 Sergeant John James Joseph MYLOD, No. 75 (New Zealand) Squadron.

Pilot Officer McArthur was the captain and Sergeant Mylod the front gunner of an aircraft detailed to carry out an attack on a target in the Ruhr one night in October, 1940. On the return flight and while still over enemy territory, Pilot Officer McArthur attacked an aircraft which he had observed giving recognition signals on being caught in the searchlights. When the searchlights were extinguished he put his aircraft into a steep dive and Sergeant Mylod opened fire when within range and, by his excellent shooting and judgment, shot down the enemy aircraft in flames with only four short bursts. Pilot Officer McArthur has completed numerous major bombing operations during which he has shown a grim determination to carry out his instructions. Sergeant Mylod has taken part in several major bombing missions and has shown great determination, initiative and keenness.

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

565108 Flight Sergeant Bertram James THOMAS, No. 39 Squadron.

This airman was pilot of one of a flight of aircraft detailed to carry out a dive bombing attack on an enemy gun position. During his dive he saw an enemy fighter attack his leader. He released his bombs and then pursued the enemy fighter which manoeuvred quickly and delivered a frontal attack. As a result, Flight Sergeant Thomas was severely wounded in the right shoulder by an explosive bullet and his air observer was killed. Despite this, he set a course for an aerodrome, a distance of forty miles away, where, although almost exhausted through loss of blood and his right arm useless, he made a successful landing with the undercarriage of his aircraft retracted. By his superhuman effort he not only saved his aircraft but the life of his air gunner.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

745892 Sergeant Peter Anthony BURNELL-PHILLIPS, No. 607 Squadron.

One day in August, 1940, this airman displayed great skill when, by determined flying tactics, he forced a Dornier to crash into the sea although he had expended all his ammunition. On another occasion he destroyed a hostile aircraft after his own had been severely damaged and he had received a bullet wound in his foot. He has displayed

exceptional skill, determination and gallantry in his attacks against the enemy and has destroyed at least five of their aircraft.

ERRATUM.

In notification of 22nd October 1940 (page 6136, column 2), *delete* Pilot Officer Wilfred John LEWIS (41188).

India Office,

1st November, 1940.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, etc.:—

INDIAN ARMY.

Lt.-Gen. Sir J. R. E. Charles, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brit. Serv., ret., is apptd. Col., King George V's Own Bengal S. and M., 1st Nov. 1940.

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

To be 2nd Lts.

19th Oct. 1940.

James Douglas Sale Young.
Donald Arthur Colin Aydan Boyne.
Claude Gibb Ferguson.
Ian James Armour Fleming.
William George Gould.
Paul Rex Marriott.
Peter Campbell Mackessack.
Denys Stanley Miller.
Peter Frederick Whittaker (Penty).
David Raymond Saunders.
Robert Graham Howard Semmence.
Edward Williams.
Hilary Arthur Wontner.
Harold Spearman Armstrong.
Patrick Francis Bromfield.
John Gerald Elshaw.
John Grattan Geary.
Ernest James Goldsmith.
George Euan Patrick Grant.
Eric Caton Humble.
Douglas John Hyland.
Thomas Henry Jones.
John Lucas.
James William McFarlan.
Edwin Francis George Maynard.
Darrell Bentley Morgan.
John Edward Packard.
Edwin Robert Gordon Sandys.
Sydney John Hereward Thompson.

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

Condr. Albert Edward Evans to be Lt. (Asst. Commy.), 2nd Apr. 1937.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BRITISH PRIZE COURTS OVERSEAS.

Information has been received that proceedings have been instituted in the Prize Court named below in respect of goods ex the following vessels.

Appearances to the Writs in these actions should be entered as soon as possible.

<i>Prize Court.</i>	<i>Name of Ship.</i>	<i>Date of Writ.</i>
Chief Court, Sind	Fred	Aug., 28th 1940.
do.	Marin Sanudo	Sept., 26th 1940.

India Office,
29th October, 1940.