

his magnificent leadership and complete disregard of danger, Wing Commander Elworthy has brought his squadron to the highest pitch of war efficiency.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Sidney John MONROE (37685), No. 82 Squadron.

In April, 1941, this officer was detailed to carry out an attack on enemy shipping off the Frisian Islands. In spite of bad visibility he succeeded in locating a 3,000 tons ship escorted by flak ships. In spite of accurate fire from the flak ships, he scored direct hits from a low level and the ship was last seen down by the stern. During this attack a shell burst in the cockpit, killing the observer and wounding Flight Lieutenant Monroe in the ankle. In spite of this wound, he brought his aircraft safely back to base. This officer has displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty and has at all times shown determination in pressing home his attacks.

Pilot Officer Gordon Alfred DENBY (80812), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

One night in February, 1941, whilst on patrol this officer sighted a Heinkel III flying across his bows and by determined and accurate attacks he shot it down. Previously, he has attacked and probably destroyed two other hostile aircraft at night. Pilot Officer Denby has taken part in numerous operational night flights, often in bad weather, and his zeal and initiative in these duties have been an inspiration to all.

Pilot Officer Ian Radnor STEPHENS (81915), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 38 Squadron.

One night in March, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack a large concentration of enemy aircraft on the aerodrome of El Machina. Owing to ground mist, the location of the aerodrome was very difficult to find and, after searching for two hours, Pilot Officer Stephens had to descend to 500 feet before identifying the target. He pressed home his attacks from a height of 1,000 feet in spite of heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire, and destroyed five enemy aircraft and damaged others. This officer displayed great courage and set a magnificent example of leadership and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

626651 Sergeant Leslie Herbert Cyril GAYFER No. 82 Squadron.

In April, 1941, Sergeant Gayfer was the air gunner of an aircraft engaged in daylight operations in the vicinity of Flushing. Whilst returning from the target area at a height of 2,000 feet, the aircraft was intercepted and attacked by a Messerschmitt 109. The enemy fighter made repeated attacks during which Sergeant Gayfer was wounded, and his aircraft hit several times. In spite of his wounds and damage to his gun turret, he continued to use his gun with such determination and accuracy that the enemy was forced to break off the engagement. This airman, during his 34 operational sorties, has continuously displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

742902 Sergeant Robert Leslie SMITH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 82 Squadron.

In March, 1941, Sergeant Smith was detailed to search and attack enemy shipping off Le Havre. Having sighted two large tankers he carried out a determined attack from 200 feet, in spite of intense anti-aircraft fire from the escorting flak ships. He succeeded in scoring two direct hits on one of the tankers which set it on fire. Although his starboard engine was badly damaged he successfully brought his aircraft back to base. Sergeant Smith has carried out 37 operational sorties and has displayed great courage and determination under all conditions.

SPECIAL ENACTMENTS (EXTENSION OF TIME) ACT, 1940.

Whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Guildford (hereinafter called the Corporation) on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1938, resolved to construct a main outfall sewer for the Burpham district of the Borough;

And whereas by sub-section 1 of section 50 of the Guildford Corporation Act, 1938 (hereinafter called the local Act) it is provided that certain expenses incurred by the Corporation shall upon the resolution becoming operative be apportioned to frontagers;

And whereas sub-section 2 of section 50 of the local Act sets out the procedure by which the resolution becomes operative, which procedure the Corporation duly carried out;

And whereas by sub-section 9 of section 50 of the local Act it is provided that if the said sewer is not completed within two years from the date upon which the resolution became operative all liabilities of frontagers consequent thereon shall cease to have effect;

And whereas the aforementioned resolution became operative on the first day of July, 1939;

And whereas the Corporation have applied to the Minister of Health for an Order under the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Act, 1940, to extend to the first day of July, 1942 (or some earlier date), the period limited by sub-section 9 of section 50 of the local Act;

And whereas it is proposed that an Order should be issued in compliance with the said Application;

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Health will consider any objections or representations made in writing before the fifth day of May, 1941, by any person or body interested in the subject matter of the said Application and the proposed Order. Such objections or representations should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, and copies of them should be sent at the same time to the Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Guildford, Surrey.

F. Slator,

Assistant Secretary.

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
9th April, 1941.