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W. A. Dawson.
C. E. Lester.
J. D. Shillito.
R. W. Gardiner.
B. W. Palmer.
N. A. Sloan.
J. C. Watson.

5th Apr. 1941.

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

Cyril Claud Dillingham, Esq., J.P., to be a Deputy Lieutenant.—Dated 19th April, 1941.

*Air Ministry,
25th April, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy :—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Grahame Robert ROSS (80830), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z. 391871 Sergeant Keith Ian STREET, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

In April, 1941, Pilot Officer Ross and Sergeant Street were captain and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to carry out an attack upon two enemy battle cruisers at Brest. Flying over the target area at a low altitude, Pilot Officer Ross finally located his objective and, in the face of intense and concentrated anti-aircraft fire and searchlights descended to 1,000 feet scoring a direct hit on one of the ships with an extremely heavy bomb. During the attack Sergeant Street coolly directed his machine gun fire against searchlights and succeeded in extinguishing many of them, thus assisting his captain greatly during a hazardous part of the attack. Pilot Officer Ross and Sergeant Street have completed numerous operational missions and both have, on all occasions, displayed great keenness, courage and determination in pressing home their attacks.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Robert WAREING (86325), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

One night in April, 1941, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to carry out a low level attack on two enemy battle cruisers at Brest. When making his attack, Pilot Officer Wareing came down to 1,000 feet but owing to the darkness he was short of his target. He was immediately met by a terrific anti-aircraft barrage and searchlights. Despite this, he pressed on but was unable to identify his target. Undaunted, however, he decided to make another attack and, regaining height, flew over the target area for about 40 minutes and finally made a successful attack on one of the ships dropping an extremely heavy bomb which was seen to

burst either on the ship or on the dockside. This officer displayed great coolness and courage in the face of tremendous opposition.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

741491 Sergeant Jack MANN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 91, Squadron.

This airman has displayed great keenness in his many operations against the enemy and has destroyed at least four of their aircraft. His enthusiasm and fighting spirit have been outstanding and this was particularly displayed on one occasion when, during a patrol, his aircraft was severely damaged through enemy action. With great presence of mind, and despite his aircraft being uncontrollable at the time, he warned his flight commander by radio telephone of the danger from a rear attack by enemy aircraft and almost certainly saved the commander from being shot down.

580206 Sergeant William MORGAN.

In April, 1941, this airman carried out a reconnaissance over Genoa and Spezia. Although visibility was difficult owing to clouds Sergeant Morgan, by his accurate navigation, completed his task successfully and obtained valuable results. On the return journey his fuel became almost exhausted but he refused to abandon his aircraft and succeeded in reaching his base where he landed safely. He has completed numerous operational missions and has set a splendid example to his fellow pilots on all occasions.

745857 Sergeant Ronald PURNELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

One night in April, 1941, this airman was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to carry out a low level attack on two enemy battle cruisers at Brest. When approaching the target at a height of only 150 feet, a shell burst in the bomb aimer's cockpit wounding Sergeant Purnell in both legs. Despite the loss of blood and although suffering great pain, Sergeant Purnell insisted on continuing his duties and successfully navigated his aircraft back to this country. Navigation was difficult and two diversions due to thick mist were necessary, before a suitable aerodrome was reached. He displayed great fortitude and a fine sense of duty throughout.

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Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Fergus ARNOLD (39012).

Flight Lieutenant Malcolm Robert MACARTHUR (70416), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Barry Thomson AIKMAN (70002), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 210 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Royds ARMITSTEAD (33378), No. 204 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Henry Nassau MOLESWORTH (80828), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.