



FOURTH SUPPLEMENT
TO
The London Gazette
Of TUESDAY, the 19th of MAY, 1942
Published by Authority

Registered as a newspaper

FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 1942

*Air Ministry,
22nd May, 1942.*

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 Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Ian Richard GLEED, D.F.C. (37800).

This officer has led his wing on 26 sorties over enemy territory. He has always displayed a fine fighting spirit which, combined with his masterly leadership and keenness, has set an inspiring example. Wing Commander Gleed has destroyed at least 12 enemy aircraft, 2 of which he shot down at night.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Tristram Barnard de la Poer BERESFORD, D.F.C. (33156).

In April, 1942, this officer led his wing with much success. In the course of many sorties, 7 enemy aircraft were definitely destroyed; a further 6 were probably destroyed and others were damaged. Wing Commander Beresford himself probably destroyed 1 and damaged 2 of them. This officer has displayed great skill and masterly leadership which, combined with his gallantry, have set a splendid example.

Squadron Leader Derek Harland WARD, D.F.C. (40786), No. 73 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful and keen fighter pilot. One night in May, 1942, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on Barce. The aerodrome and a dispersal area were successfully attacked and, during the operation, Squadron Leader Ward shot down a large aircraft which was approaching the aerodrome and engaged another before his

ammunition was expended. This officer has served in France and Britain. He has destroyed 6 hostile aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Arthur Waite OLDROYD, A.F.C. (37889), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Reginald Wiseman BROWN (104694), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron.

Squadron Leader Oldroyd and Flying Officer Brown were the captain and navigator respectively of an aircraft, detailed to attack the Skoda Works at Pilsen. Dense cloud was experienced in the last 200 miles to the target but, owing to the navigational skill of Flying Officer Brown, the objective was reached and located 5 minutes before the estimated time. Very heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered and the aircraft was repeatedly hit. Despite this, Squadron Leader Oldroyd remained over the target for a considerable time. On the return journey the aircraft was held by searchlights and subjected to further anti-aircraft fire, which was evaded successfully. Later, the aircraft was engaged by a Junkers 88, fire from which caused damage to the oil system, the port landing wheel and the petrol tanks. Throughout this combat Squadron Leader Oldroyd displayed skill and courage of a high standard which contributed largely to the safe return of his aircraft and crew. Flying Officer Brown has continually displayed great skill and courage, and has always identified his targets under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions.

Acting Squadron Leader Osgood Villiers HANBURY (81357), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

In April, 1942, this officer led a successful sortie against an enemy force of bombers, escorted by fighters, which attempted to raid