

weather. This officer has performed excellent work and has contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency of his flight.

Acting Squadron Leader Humphrey Trench GILBERT (40530), No. 65 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since August, 1940, and fought through the Battle of Britain. He has completed numerous operational sorties over enemy occupied territory and although he has been shot down and wounded, he has always displayed great keenness to engage the enemy. Since February, 1942, Squadron Leader Gilbert has participated in a number of operational sorties, including an attack on German battleships. In this operation he destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged another. He has led his squadron, and occasionally the wing, with considerable success and his fine leadership and determination have been an inspiration to his pilots. Squadron Leader Gilbert has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas IVESON (86384), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has completed many successful sorties including two daylight attacks on Brest. During one of his night sorties, in full moonlight, he was attacked by an enemy fighter but, by his skilful evasive action, his rear gunner was enabled to destroy the attacker. One night in April, 1942, Squadron Leader Iveson was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. He completed this mission, despite intense anti-aircraft fire and a very light sky. After dropping his bombs, he remained over the target area for some time in order to divert the fire from aircraft which were still attacking. He has displayed courage and keenness of an exceptionally high standard.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas BALMFORTH (41363), No. 124 Squadron.

This officer was appointed to command a flight in September, 1941, and has since completed many major operations over hostile territory. He has destroyed 1 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed another and damaged a third. Flight Lieutenant Balmforth has displayed coolness and enthusiasm which has set a magnificent example to others.

Flight Lieutenant Samuel Richard THOMAS (42029), No. 264 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas has been engaged on operational flying since May, 1940. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft during daylight sorties and assisted in the destruction of a fourth. As a flight commander, engaged on night operations, he has completed 80 sorties. Flight Lieutenant Thomas, through his outstanding enthusiasm, skill and devotion to duty, has contributed immensely to the general efficiency of his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugo Throssell ARMSTRONG (Aus.406022), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 72 (Basutoland) Squadron.

This officer has participated in 29 operational sorties over enemy territory. He has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft and damaged a further 2. Flight Lieutenant

Armstrong has displayed courage and initiative and his judgment and skill as a leader have contributed largely to the successes achieved by his flight.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry Cyril Francis BOWMAN (111776), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties many of which have been over enemy territory. He is an exceptional pilot and a cool and skilful leader. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft and damaged a fourth.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Stewart Reginald Edmund ENNIS (104240), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Howard HANSON (117148), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Ennis and Pilot Officer Hanson, as pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft, were detailed to carry out a low level attack on Warnemunde. The target was heavily defended both with searchlights and anti-aircraft fire which made a low level attack very hazardous. Flight Lieutenant Ennis, displaying great courage, flew the aircraft at a very low level, but found that he could not penetrate the heavy defences. In all, three attempts were made, before the target was reached and attacked successfully. Throughout this time Pilot Officer Hanson continued firing at the searchlights and other defences and destroyed at least 2 searchlights. The skill and courage displayed by him contributed largely to the safe return of the aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eugene Lawrence NEAL (Can./C.1640), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a skilful and determined pilot. He has participated in sweeps, convoy patrols and other operations. Throughout, he has displayed great keenness and set an inspiring example. On one occasion, his aircraft was very extensively damaged by enemy fire. Despite this, he skilfully landed it in a field. On another occasion, after several combats and when running short of petrol, he was forced to leave his aircraft by parachute whilst over the sea. He was rescued some 2 hours later. He has destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 and assisted in the destruction of another.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Curtis ROBSON (85683), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since November, 1940. He has completed a large number of sorties many of which have been over enemy occupied territory. He has also participated in three daylight attacks on German battleships. Flight Lieutenant Robson has displayed great keenness to engage the enemy and has set an excellent example.

Flying Officer Edward Gough DANIEL (61310), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Daniel, a night fighter pilot, has engaged raiding aircraft in all weathers, and his total of enemy aircraft destroyed has now reached 5. On one occasion he encountered a BR.20 well to the south of