

the Tromso area was obtained. This officer has carried out over six hundred operational hours flying since the commencement of hostilities. His excellent reconnaissance work includes the locating of survivors of the Andania and guiding a destroyer to the rescue. His perseverance and unflinching devotion to duty have proved invaluable.

Flying Officer Gordon Neil Spencer CLEAVER (90135), Auxiliary Air Force.

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since December, 1939. He participated in numerous offensive patrols during operations in France and the Dunkirk evacuation. Flying Officer Cleaver has now destroyed seven enemy aircraft and possibly another two. In August, 1940, whilst his base was being subjected to intense bombing, he led his section with great determination and courage and after destroying one of the attacking aircraft he was severely wounded in both eyes. Despite this, he refused to abandon his aircraft and effected a successful landing. He has displayed great determination and devotion to duty.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

580244 Sergeant Ronald Fairfax HAMLYN.

In August, 1940, whilst on an offensive patrol, Sergeant Hamlyn attacked and destroyed one Junkers 88, and one Messerschmitt 109. A few hours later he engaged a Messerschmitt 109, chased it across the English Channel and finally shot it down over Calais where it crashed in flames. Shortly afterwards he attacked and destroyed two further enemy aircraft, thus making a total of five in one day. Altogether this airman pilot has personally destroyed at least seven enemy aircraft. He has displayed great courage and good marksmanship.

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Air Ministry,
September, 1940.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned appointments and awards:—

Appointed Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Walter Charles SHEEN (05174).

Acting Wing Commander Laurence Frank SINCLAIR (26066).

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander John Edward Wymer BOWLES (16139).

Acting Wing Commander John Clayton SISSON (32112).

Squadron Leader Kenneth Brian Boyd CROSS (29065).

Squadron Leader Desmond Patrick HANAFIN (33087).

Squadron Leader Roland Gustave HARMAN (29092).

Acting Squadron Leader Frank Andrew WILLAN (36111).

Flight Lieutenant George Frederick CHATER (34230).

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Richmond EDGE (90249), Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cyril Alexander BASKETT (39366).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Henry BOYLAN (36131).

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Weir CAMPBELL (37835).

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Duncan CORR (39500).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Benedict Oliver DIAS (39185).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Francis Edwin EUSTACE (40613).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ian Richard GLEED (37800).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Stuart Pemberton RUSSELL (39572).

Flying Officer Ian Kingston Pembroke CROSS (39305).

Flying Officer Douglas Anthony FORDHAM (39976).

Flying Officer Augustus Rodney GIBBES (40048).

Flying Officer Donald Herbert JACKLIN (40301).

Flying Officer Ronald LLOYD (33321).

Flying Officer Reginald John PEACOCK (40257).

Flying Officer Reginald Wilfred REYNOLDS (40259).

Flying Officer George Richard TAYLOR (36134).

Flying Officer George Henry WHERRY (39624).

Pilot Officer Philip Valentine ARDERNE (40658).

Pilot Officer Robert William AYRES (42092).

Pilot Officer Richard Remer BANKER (43945).

Pilot Officer Colin Granville BIRCH (40984).

Pilot Officer Frederick John CURTIS (42199).

Pilot Officer George Kemp GILROY (90481), Auxiliary Air Force.

Pilot Officer John Charles HALL (41693).

Pilot Officer George Denis LYSTER (43149).

Pilot Officer George Black MURRAY (41450).

Pilot Officer William Edward NICHOLAS (43014).

Pilot Officer Richard Martin NORTH (76453), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer Edward Frederick James ODOIRE (43139).

Pilot Officer Charles Darwen STENNER (43144).

Pilot Officer Francis Joseph WATSON (42945).

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

563859 Sergeant Geoffrey ALLARD, D.F.M.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

564737 Flight Sergeant Robert Thomas LANGTON.

560189 Flight Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) Johnston Bolton ROBERTSON.

612204 Sergeant Geoffrey ASHMORE.

580633 Sergeant Bernard BARDEGA.

517937 Sergeant George Leonard BARKER.

629952 Sergeant Augustus Spencer BEEBY.

580568 Sergeant Alfred Joseph BOX.

551321 Sergeant John Maurice Winnington BRIGGS.

580638 Sergeant Fred Garland BROOK.

518807 Sergeant Norman Wilson BROWN.

358860 Sergeant James Russell CAISTER.

550382 Sergeant Colin Wellwood COWAN.

550925 Sergeant Andrew Bertram COX.

611365 Sergeant Edward Paul DAVIDSON.

625116 Sergeant Charles Esbith Armour DUNLOP.