

On his return flight he used his remaining ammunition and caused many casualties in a low-flying attack on a railway along which the enemy was bringing up heavy guns. P/O. McKnight has shown exceptional skill and courage as a fighter pilot.

KAY, PILOT OFFICER DESMOND HAYWARD SIDLEY.

This officer has shown bravery and skill in the face of extreme difficulties and dangers. On one occasion, after an engagement, he force-landed at Zoute with holes in one petrol tank, then refuelled and returned to his base. Late in May, his aircraft was so badly damaged in an engagement, that his air gunner landed by parachute, but P/O. Kay succeeded in bringing his aircraft home. He has shared with other pilots of his squadron in the destruction of four other enemy aircraft, and on one occasion attacked twelve Junkers 87s single-handed and probably shot down two.

HULL, ACTING FLIGHT LIEUTENANT CAESAR BARRANI.

After having shot down an enemy aircraft on May 24, 1940, this officer, two days later, relieved the Bodo Force from air attack by engaging five enemy aircraft single-handed. He shot down four of the enemy and damaged the fifth. The next day, despite heavy air attack on the landing ground, he attacked enemy aircraft in greatly superior numbers until he was wounded and forced to retire.

BIDDELL, ACTING FLIGHT LIEUTENANT WILLIAM HUGH.

In May, 1940, whilst leading a flight of three aircraft on a patrol over the ships engaged in evacuating the British Expeditionary Force, this officer sighted a squadron of Skuas being attacked by eleven Messerschmitt 109s. The Skuas were hard pressed and two were shot down. Without hesitation and despite the fact that the Hudson is not a fighter aircraft, F/L. Bidzell led his flight against the enemy, damaging one Messerschmitt and causing the remainder to break off the engagement. Since the invasion of the Low Countries, and particularly during the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force, this officer has displayed qualities of leadership and endurance of a high order.

SELLEY, FLYING OFFICER RONALD NICHOLAS.

In June, 1940, this officer was captain of one of a flight of three aircraft engaged in protecting shipping evacuating the British Expeditionary Force. A formation of some forty Junkers 87s was encountered and immediately attacked. F/O. Selley shot down two of the enemy aircraft with his front guns. By skilful manoeuvring he also enabled his rear gunner to shoot down a third and to damage two other enemy aircraft.

HAARHOFF, FLYING OFFICER HILTON AUBREY.

In June, 1940, this officer was the rear gunner in one of a flight of three aircraft engaged in protecting shipping evacuating the British Expeditionary Force. The flight encountered a formation of some forty Junkers 87s, which were immediately attacked. Taking full advantage of the opportunities afforded by his pilot, F/O. Haarhoff destroyed one enemy aircraft and severely damaged another two.

PETERS, PILOT OFFICER PHILLIP WALFORD.

In June, 1940, near Dunkerque, this officer was pilot of an aircraft which, in company with two others, was attacked by nine Messerschmitt 109s. P/O. Peters immediately turned to the attack and so skilfully manoeuvred his aircraft that he and both the air gunner and navigator were enabled to concentrate their fire on the enemy. Two Messerschmitts were seen to crash, and two more appeared to be seriously damaged. After the engagement this officer continued to carry out the patrol alone, having lost touch with the other two aircraft, which had returned to the base.

JOUAULT, PILOT OFFICER RICHARD JOHN.

On June 1, 1940, this officer was captain of one of a flight of three aircraft protecting shipping engaged on the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkerque. On encountering a force of some 40 Junkers 87s, the flight immediately launched an attack. P/O. Jouault, handling his aircraft with the utmost skill and determination, shot down two of the enemy with his front gun.

TUCK, ACTING FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ROBERT ROLAND STANFORD.

This officer led his flight in company with his squadron on two offensive patrols over Northern France. As a result of one of these patrols in which the squadron engaged a formation of some 50 enemy aircraft, the Squadron Commander was later reported missing, and the flight commander wounded and in hospital. Flt. Lt. Tuck assumed command, and on the following day led the squadron, consisting of only eight aircraft, on a further patrol, engaging an enemy formation of fifty aircraft. During these engagements the squadron has shot down ten enemy aircraft and possibly another twenty-four. Throughout the combats this officer has displayed great dash and gallantry.

TOMLINSON, SQUADRON LEADER GEORGE CAMPBELL.

This officer has commanded a squadron since November, 1939. He has led numerous interception and convoy patrols, and also two raids over Holland and one over Brussels. In these raids his squadron destroyed thirteen enemy aircraft and damaged a further nine. He himself shot down one enemy aircraft and damaged another. On two occasions he was forced to land in the front lines, but by courageous endeavour he returned to his unit in both instances.

MALAN, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ADOLPH GYSBERT.

During 1940 this officer has led his flight, and on certain occasions his squadron, on ten offensive patrols in Northern France. He has personally shot down two enemy aircraft and possibly three others. Flt. Lt. Malan has displayed great skill, courage and relentless determination in his attacks on the enemy.

TOYNE, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT WILLIAM ARTHUR.
As a flight commander this officer has carried out offensive patrols in German-occupied territory in Holland and Belgium. He has personally shot down two enemy aircraft and has severely damaged another. He has displayed outstanding courage, and his leadership has largely contributed to the success achieved by his squadron.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL.

GUEST, AIRCRAFTMAN 1ST CLASS JACK.

A/G. Guest was air gunner of an aircraft which carried out bombing operations against enemy columns east of Dixmude. After completing this operation the aircraft was attacked from astern by a Messerschmitt 109. This airman, by his coolness and accurate instructions, enabled his pilot to take avoiding action until an accurate burst of fire from A/C. Guest's gun shot the enemy down. This airman carried out his first operational flight earlier in May, and on that occasion he also shot down a Messerschmitt 109. Since that date he has carried out several operational flights, during which he has displayed exceptional skill and courage.

LIPPETT, ACTING CORPORAL ALBERT.

This airman was air gunner in the aircraft piloted by Flt. Lt. N. G. Cooke on the occasion when he destroyed eight enemy aircraft in the course of two patrols during one day. By his coolness and good shooting Lt. shares the credit of this achievement.

THORN, SERGEANT EDWARD ROWLAND.

BARKER, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN FREDERICK JAMES.

Sgt. Thorn and L.A./C. Barker, as pilot and air gunner respectively, have shown much determination and skill when engaging the enemy. On one occasion, when three aircraft in their squadron had been shot down, these airman engaged three Messerschmitt 109s which were operating on the rear of the squadron and shot them down. The remaining enemy aircraft were forced to break off the engagement. Sgt. Thorn and L.A./C. Barker have so far destroyed six enemy aircraft.

KING, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN FREDERICK HARRY.

This airman has acted as air gunner to Sqd. Ldr. P. A. Hunter. He has been largely responsible for the training of air gunners in the squadron and by his excellent example and fine shooting has contributed much to the success achieved. He has taken part in all sorties of the squadron and has been responsible for the destruction of nine enemy aircraft.

SPENCER, SERGEANT DERYK COBHAM.

SMITH, ACTING CORPORAL LEWIS GEORGE.

In June, 1940, these airman were respectively navigator and air gunner of an aircraft which, in company with two others, was attacked by nine Messerschmitt 109s. Although the pilot was taking vigorous avoiding action, these airman, showing skill and coolness, each destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 and severely damaged another.

CAULFIELD, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN WALTER DENIS.

In May, 1940, this airman was the air gunner in the aircraft of his flight commander which, in a formation of three, was attacked by eleven Messerschmitt 109s. L.A./C. Caulfield maintained a steady and accurate fire, and severely damaged at least one enemy aircraft. He has gained the complete confidence of his pilot. During the past few weeks he has taken part in night bombing operations, reconnaissance and offensive patrols, and has displayed qualities of alertness and steadiness with complete disregard for his own safety.

CUNNINGHAM, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN FREDERICK STEPHEN.

In May, 1940, this airman was wireless operator in one of three aircraft, patrolling off Dunkerque, which were attacked by nine Messerschmitt 109s. L.A./C. Cunningham was shot in the foot. In spite of great pain, he continued to carry out his duties by passing messages reporting a sinking destroyer. He refused morphia so that he might retain the full use of his faculties until his services were no longer required.

DILLNUTT, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN LESLIE STEWART.

In May, 1940, this airman was the air gunner in one of a flight of three aircraft which were attacked by nine Messerschmitt 109s near Zeebrugge. Although the pilot was taking vigorous avoiding action, A/C. Dillnutt used his gun with such skill that he shot down one Messerschmitt 109 and possibly damaged two others.

FREEMAN, LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN KENNETH STIRLING.

In May, 1940, this airman was the wireless operator in one of a flight of three aircraft. When engaged in combat with eleven Messerschmitt 109s he immediately left his wireless set and manned one of the side Lewis guns. A cannon shell struck the aircraft and L.A./C. Freeman was wounded in the leg in two places. Despite this he carried on firing his gun, and the accurate fire of the whole flight forced the enemy to withdraw. This airman has shown steadiness and complete disregard for danger.

PHILLIPS, SERGEANT JAMES WILLIAM BRISTOL.

This airman has accompanied his squadron on numerous offensive patrols over Northern France. One day in May, he took part in two engagements with enemy aircraft and shot down four Messerschmitt 109s, and possibly another. Sgt. Phillips has shown great courage in his attack on the enemy. In one combat alone he destroyed three enemy aircraft from close range without damage to his own aircraft. Since this engagement Sgt. Phillips has been reported missing.

PERRY, SERGEANT CHARLES DAVID.

During a low-flying attack against the enemy, Sgt. Perry was seriously wounded in the thigh and stomach by two bullets. He showed great courage and stamina in piloting his aircraft to the vicinity of his base and then, finding himself about to faint, he made a forced landing.

BUTTERFIELD, SERGEANT SAMUEL LESLIE.

This airman was on patrol in company with his squadron when 50 or more enemy aircraft were sighted. During the engagement he shot down two Messerschmitt 109s in quick succession. He then successfully attacked a Junkers 88, which fell into the sea. He was immediately attacked himself by a Messerschmitt 110, and his aircraft was hit by a cannon shell, but by skilful manoeuvring and accurate shooting he destroyed the enemy fighter. He was hit by three more cannon shells which set his aircraft on fire, but he escaped by parachute and was picked up by a passing vessel.

Casualties

Air Ministry Casualty Communique No. 34.

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce the following casualties on various dates. The next-of-kin have been informed. The names of officers and airmen who lost their lives while flying in operations against the enemy appear under the heading "Killed in Action." The names of those who lost their lives in other forms of flying duty or while carrying out non-flying duties appear under the heading "Killed on Active Service."

KILLED IN ACTION.—Ayre, 90330, P/O. G. D.; Banks, 40979, P/O. N. L.; Butterworth, 77531, P/O. R. E. C.; Chapman, 580408, Sgt. E. W. J.; Edwards, 550864, A/C.1. C. A.; Edwards, 42937, P/O. W. G.; Eviatt, 40216, F/O. H. G.; Graham, 25066, Flt. Lt. R. H. N.; Hill, 41925, P/O. R. L.; Jones, 534886, L.A./C. H. G.; Littlewood, 630251, A/C.1. H. G.; Llewellyn, 26060, Sqd. Ldr. J. G.; Lydall, 39669, F/O. J. W.; McPhail, 581156, Sgt. I.; Mitchell, 41942, P/O. J. W.; Mongey, 581237, Sgt. T. J.; Paterson, 77683, P/O. J. C.; Peace, 41731, P/O. P. McL.; Plumb, 33547, P/O. J. A.; Richards, 77340, P/O. W. P.; Tamblin, 515204, Cpl. R. A.; Thornton, 935525, A/C.2. R. J.; Young, 41094, P/O. J. C.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING," NOW REPORTED "KILLED IN ACTION."—Bazalgette, 70790, P/O. F. S.; Blake, 39196, F/O. J. C. H.; Butterworth, 40798, P/O. J. L. G.; Ellwood, 533022, L.A./C. J.; Hurst, 525267, Sgt. P. J.; Pearce, 565936, Sgt. P. J.; Wood, 624992, A/C.2. R. A.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION.—Aldridge, 41976, P/O. K. A.; Brown, 42101, P/O. M. K.; Bryant, 25082, Flt. Lt. A. D.; Carswell, 39780, F/O. M. K.; Cornforth, 624289, A/C.1. J. W.; Crook, 902281, A/C.2. J. W.; Courtney, 70852, P/O. R. N. H.; Dubois, 619082, L.A./C. B. F.; Edghill, 520094, Sgt. D. F. K.; Hart, 42222, P/O. K. G.; Holdsworth, 70314, F/O. A. K.; Hughes, 41291, P/O. A.; Kitson, 41934, P/O. T. R.; Lewis, 617607, A/C.1. H. G.; Logan, 563326, Sgt. A. G.; Lyne, 33431, P/O. M. D.; Midwinter, 77536, P/O. J. V.; Mundell, 580797, Sgt. G. T.; Nowell, 740099, Sgt. G. L.; Ridley, 565201, Sgt. M.; Robinson, 564979, Sgt. J.; Trafford, 525655, A/C.1. R. H.; White, 41228, P/O. R. E. B.; Whelan, 40330, P/O. J. R.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING," NOW REPORTED "WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION."—Patterson, 565191, Sgt. T.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION.—Burton, 627969, A/C.2. J.; Carter, 935185, L.A./C. A.; Grant-Crawford, 37501, Acting Flt. Lt. I. D.; Hewitt, 547085, A/C.1. E. S.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.—Betany, 925893, L.A./C. F. L.; Bolton, 538775, L.A./C. J. A.; Church, 936538, L.A./C. A. F.; Clifford, 33537, P/O. R. H.; Cunningham, 36212, P/O. V. A.; Deas, 33539, P/O. J. H.; Dorrien-Smith, 72501, P/O. L. R.; Erskine, 581506, L.A./C. R. D.; Gillies, 90900, F/O. J. A.; Halliday, 33424, P/O. C. I. D.; Howarth, 41219, P/O. E. E.; Johnson, 617968, A/C.1. J.; Learmond, 33490, P/O. P. A. G.; McLoughlin, 551464, L.A./C. T.; Raimier, 41869, P/O. P. H. O'S.; Winning, 39204, F/O. E. G.

MISSING.—Alexander, 41977, P/O. E. H.; Anderson, 40350, P/O. C. C. R.; Bailey, 740182, Sgt. A. C.; Bailey, 42350, P/O. G. M.; Baird, 39408, F/O. J. W.; Barker, 42043, P/O. D. C.; Bartlett, 78669, P/O. A. V. N.; Bate, 564536, Sgt. R. A.; Beard, 628185, A/C.2. A.; Biden, 77778, P/O. G. W. V.; Bird, 33300, F/O. F. D.; Booth, 42099, P/O. A. F.; Borthwick, 563613, Sgt. D.; Boyd, 516716, Sgt. T.; Brinn, 583306, Sgt. C. J. W.; Brooks, 622115, A/C.1. J. S.; Brooks, 742109, Sgt. L. J.; Brown, 566296, Sgt. R. E.; Burton, 78440, P/O. R. W.; Bushell, 43059, P/O. J. M.; Butler, 745989, Sgt. C. H.; Butler, 520538, Sgt. R. W.; Cameron, 33458, P/O. J. S.; Chambers, 90343, F/O. G. L.; Chambers, 40269, F/O. L. E.; Chatfield, 630838, A/C.2. K. C.; Clapham, 25077, F/O. W. R.; Clark, 39968, F/O. R. B. G. E.; Clouston, 40990, Acting Flt. Lt. F. N.; Coles, 618330, A/C.2. G. D.; Collins, 517528, Sgt. H. G.; Collins, 41830, P/O. J. E. M.; Collins, 39064, F/O. J. N.; R.N.Z.A.F.; Crook 532528, Cpl. W.; Cuthbert, 90133, F/O. G. I.; Daisley, 741278, Sgt. L. C. W.; Dawson, 90331, F/O. J.; Dillon, 41991, P/O. A. M.; Dixon, 90283, P/O. H. P.; Doig, 39719, F/O. A. F.; Duggan, 631247, A/C.2. D.; Elliott, 749407, Sgt. D. J.; Elson, 41272, P/O. A.; Evans, 580951, Sgt. W. J. K.; Fidler, 34219, Flt. Lt. G. M.; Finlayson, 719739, A/C.2. J. A. C.; Fisher, 36152, P/O. R. R. P.; Fryer, 626227, A/C.2. A.; Geach, 33311, F/O. T. J.; Gilbert, 90327, F/O. J. C.; Gilles, 812052, L.A./C. F. H.; Gillmore, 552644, A/C.1. A. A.; Glencross, 26230, Sqd. Ldr. A. R.; Gower, 40905, P/O. D. de C. C.;