

3. Banque Exterieur de l'Espagne, 106, rue Reaumur, Paris, 33, King William Street, London, E.C.4, and 6A, Harrington Street, Liverpool, Bankers and Agents. *Controller*: C. E. M. Emmerson, 28, King Street, Cheap-side, London, E.C.2. 28th August, 1940.

*Ministry of Shipping,
Marine A Division,
Empire Hotel Group,
Lansdowne Crescent,
Blackpool, Lancs.
4th September, 1940.*

The Ministry of Shipping hereby give notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1923, that they have received during the month of August, 1940, Reports of Formal Investigations, held by Courts in His Majesty's dominions, into the circumstances attending casualties to the following vessels:—

1. s.s. "Idant."
2. m.v. "Koutunui" and m.v. "Miro."
3. s.s. "Wannon."
4. s.s. "Hoogkerk" and Flat "Sankos."
5. i.s.v. "Ardmarnock" and a country boat.

*Air Ministry,
6th September, 1940.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Wooldridge TOWNSEND, D.F.C. (33178).

In July, 1940, whilst leading a section of the squadron to protect a convoy, this officer intercepted about twenty or thirty enemy aircraft, destroying one and severely damaging two others. The enemy formation was forced to withdraw. Under his command, the squadron has destroyed eight enemy aircraft while protecting convoys against sporadic enemy attacks. In August, 1940, his squadron attacked some 250 enemy aircraft in the Thames Estuary. He himself shot down three enemy aircraft, the squadron as a whole destroying at least ten and damaging many others. The success which has been achieved has been due to Squadron Leader Townsend's unflinching zeal and leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stanley Dudley Pearce CONNORS, D.F.C. (40349), since killed in action.

This officer has led his flight in all its operations against the enemy with great skill and courage. In a week of almost continuous action he shot down at least four enemy aircraft bringing his total successes to twelve.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alan Christopher DEERE, D.F.C. (40370).

Since the outbreak of war this officer has personally destroyed eleven and probably one other enemy aircraft and assisted in the destruction of two more. In addition to the skill and gallantry he has shown in leading his flight, and in many instances his

squadron, Flight Lieutenant Deere has displayed conspicuous bravery and determination in pressing home his attacks against superior numbers of enemy aircraft, often pursuing them across the Channel in order to shoot them down. As a leader he shows outstanding dash and determination.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader John Vincent Clarence BADGER (33046).

This officer assumed command of a squadron in July, 1940, and it is through his personal leadership that the squadron has achieved so many successes since the intensive air operations began. He has been instrumental in destroying six enemy aircraft. In spite of the fact that on three occasions he has returned with his aircraft very badly damaged through enemy cannon fire, he has immediately taken off in another aircraft to lead his squadron on patrol. Squadron Leader Badger has displayed great courage and resolution.

Squadron Leader Aeneas Ranald Donald MACDONELL (33120).

This officer has shot down nine enemy aircraft and damaged four others. He has been particularly successful as a leader and has displayed the highest courage, setting a splendid example to his squadron.

Squadron Leader John Marlow THOMPSON (34185).

This officer has commanded a squadron since January, 1940, and has operated over various areas in Northern France. He has taken part in nearly every patrol and, under his leadership, eighty-one enemy aircraft have been destroyed, twelve probably destroyed and at least forty-four damaged. He has, himself, shot down eight and damaged at least six enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Frederick Dalton MORGAN (37414).

This officer has shown great resolution as a fighter pilot and has led his flight, and at times his squadron, with conspicuous success. He has displayed great courage and determination in the face of heavy enemy odds, and has destroyed seven enemy aircraft. His behaviour in action has been an inspiration to the pilots in his flight.

Pilot Officer James Arthur WALKER (40768).

This officer has shown himself to be a keen and steady pilot and has displayed magnificent courage in the face of superior numbers of enemy aircraft. Since the middle of May he has shot down at least six enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Charles Anthony WOODS-SCAWEN (40770).

This officer has taken part in all engagements carried out by his squadron since the commencement of hostilities. He has destroyed a total of six enemy aircraft, and severely damaged several others. In June, 1940, Pilot Officer Woods-Scawen was shot down, landing some 25 miles within French territory, but succeeded in making his way back to his squadron. In spite of the fact that this pilot has been shot down six times, he has continued to fight with unabated