

Pilot Officer Douglas Park Fox (61479), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in August, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack a target at Hanover. After flying through two electrical storms, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but Pilot Officer Fox flew on. He was, however, unable to locate his target although he spent an hour in a determined effort to do so. Pilot Officer Fox, therefore, bombed an alternative target in the town of Minden from a height of 6,000 feet, afterwards flying over the town at roof top height using his machine guns. On the return journey, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and severely damaged. Pilot Officer Fox shook off the fighter but, later on, was attacked by another which was probably destroyed. Pilot Officer Fox flew his aircraft back to this country but, when some six miles from his base, the fuel was exhausted and he was forced to land hurriedly from a low height. As a result, the aircraft crashed and Pilot Officer Fox was trapped in the wreckage for two and a half hours. This officer displayed great determination and courage throughout. On a previous occasion, Pilot Officer Fox displayed similar fearlessness when attacking Hamburg.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

748525 Sergeant Arthur Charles LEIGH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 611 Squadron.

This airman pilot has displayed great skill and courage in operations, including fifty sweeps over enemy territory. Sergeant Leigh has destroyed two Messerschmitt 109's, probably destroyed another four and assisted in the destruction of a Dornier 17. His judgment and determination, especially in low flying attacks over Northern France, have set an excellent example.

*Air Ministry,
9th September, 1941.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Wing Commander Lewin Bowring DUGGAN (03226) is promoted to the rank of Group Captain (temporary), with effect from 1st Sept. 1941, and with seniority of 1st June 1941.

The undermentioned promotions are made with effect from 1st Sept. 1941:—

Wing Commanders to be Group Captains (temporary).

Talbot Baines BRUCE, M.C. (15120).
Noel Vivian MORETON (08004).
Thomas Howell FRENCH, D.F.C. (15103).
David Stewart ALLAN (03116).
Allan HESKETH, O.B.E., D.F.C. (09013).
Francis Frederic INGLIS (05116).
Colin Logan FALCONER, O.B.E. (16032).
Charles Edward Neville GUEST, O.B.E. (17013).
Robert Ritchie GREENLAW, M.B.E. (15057).
Eric Scott BURNS (05083).
Wilfred Eric DIPPLE (03223).
Charles Harold BRILL (17131).
Archibald Hugh Herbert MACDONALD (05123).
Frank WOOLLEY, O.B.E., D.F.C. (08226).

William Arthur Darville BROOK (16029).
Leslie Gordon NIXON (15122).
Narbrough Hughes D'AETH (16004).
Robert Henry Seymour SPAIGHT (16088).
Douglas MACFADYEN (16058).
Claude Bernard Raymond PELLY, M.C. (16060).
Arthur Pethick REVINGTON, O.B.E. (16019).
John Gossett HAWTREY (16041).
Francis Ronald Downs SWAIN, O.B.E., A.F.C. (17018).
James Noel Douglas ANDERSON, O.B.E. (17138).
Malcolm Bruce MACKAY (16021).
Albert Wentworth BATES (17232).
Walter Joseph Martin AKERMAN (16018).
Bryan Vernon REYNOLDS (15237).
Frank Hawker WOOLLIAMS (18030).
Reginald Yarrow ECCLES (18238).
Ronald Hartley CARTER, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C. (16071).
Adolphus Dan DAVIES (16093).
Victor CROOME (03201).
Edward Hugh Markham DAVID (16005).
Neill Charles OGILVIE-FORBES (05084).
Patrick John Antony HUME-WRIGHT (15222).
Cecil Stanley RICCARD (16062).
Frank Eric WATTS (05099).
Victor Bruce BENNETT (16044).
Richard Bowen JORDAN (16076).
Gilbert Edward NICHOLETTS, A.F.C. (16080).
Francis Joseph FRESSANGES (16094).
Norman Anthony Pelynt PRITCHETT (16099).

Squadron Leaders to be Wing Commanders (temporary).

Cecil GUPPY (16066).
Harold Featherstone LUCK, O.B.E. (13225).
Isaac HODGSON (13222).
Robert Angus WHYTE (05022).
Hammon Jack PAINE (13226).
Leonard Cain SLEE (32021).
Edward John PROTHEROE (13228).
Thomas William Stephen BROWN (09245).
Robert Edmund Godefroy BRITAIN (05247).
Charles BROUGHTON (26255).
Lloyd COULSON (33022).
Laurence Victor SPENCER (34100).
Ronald Alan Campbell BARCLAY (33017).
Harley STANTON (32210).
George Campbell TOMLINSON, D.F.C. (05214).
Gilbert Ritchie HOWIE (32248).
John Sterling MCLEAN (32230).
Gordon John GRINDELL, A.F.C. (32226).
William Brown FLEMING (32222).
Geoffrey Noden AMISON (32239).
William Arthur HUGHES (33115).
George Howie GATHERAL (34134).
Godfrey Alexander Vansittart KNYVETT (33062).
Patrick Henry Ridley SAUNDERS (34179).
Robert Millyard BRADLEY (32186).
Gordon THRIPP (33100).
Desmond Edwin Braddon WHEELER (33103).
John THOMPSON (33099).
Charles Harold BRANDON (33079).
Geoffrey Anthony MILLS (33091).