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539123 Flight Sergeant Frederic John
PATTERSON, No. 21 Squadron.
746891 Sergeant Norman Joseph GIBLIN, Royal
Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21
Squadron.

In June, 1941, Flight Lieutenant Waples,
Flight Sergeant Patterson and Sergeant Giblin
were pilot, wireless operator air gunner and
observer respectively of an aircraft which
carried out a successful attack on Bremen.
In spite of extremely adverse flying conditions,
Sergeant Giblin's exceptional navigational
skill enabled his pilot to reach the target
which was bombed from a low level. On the
return journey the aircraft was attacked by
two enemy fighters, but Flight Sergeant
Patterson, by his timely and accurate instructions,
was instrumental in enabling the
pilot to take successful avoiding action.
When the aircraft was later attacked by three
enemy fighters, Flight Sergeant Patterson
destroyed one of them as well as greatly
assisting his pilot again by giving him invaluable
evasive instructions. In spite of
damage sustained to the aircraft, Flight
Lieutenant Waples, assisted by the splendid
navigation of Sergeant Giblin, flew safely
back to an aerodrome in this country where
he successfully landed without injury to his
crew. The success of the mission was due to
the great determination displayed by this
crew in the face of many difficulties