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**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader Christopher Frederick CURRANT, D.F.C. (43367), No. 501 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Currant is a most courageous pilot and a brilliant leader. His untiring efforts and outstanding ability have been reflected in the splendid work accomplished by the squadron which he commands. One day in March, 1942, he was wounded in the head during a sortie. Despite this, he flew his aircraft safely back to base. Following a short enforced rest, he returned to operational flying with renewed vigour. Squadron Leader Currant has destroyed at least 14 and damaged many more enemy aircraft.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Richard Henry BARTON, D.F.C. (30104), No. 126 Squadron.

Whilst operating from Malta, Squadron Leader Barton has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft, 2 of which he destroyed in one combat. He has at all times displayed the greatest determination to inflict loss on the enemy.

Squadron Leader Reginald Patrick Mahoney GIBBS, D.F.C. (33250), No. 39 Squadron.

Early in June, 1942, Squadron Leader Gibbs attacked and sank a large enemy merchant vessel. Some time afterwards this officer participated in an attack on an Italian

naval force. Despite opposition from enemy fighters and in the face of defensive fire from the naval vessels, Squadron Leader Gibbs successfully launched his torpedo at the leading warship. He flew his extensively damaged aircraft safely to base where he executed a skilful landing. This officer has at all times displayed great skill and devotion to duty. He has contributed materially to the operational efficiency of his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Agorastos PLAGIS, D.F.C. (80227), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 185 Squadron.

This officer has displayed exceptional skill and gallantry in combat. He has destroyed at least 10 enemy aircraft, 2 of which he destroyed in one engagement. Undeterred by superior numbers of attacking aircraft, he presses home his attacks with great determination.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Arthur John MASON (33169), No. 39 Squadron.

In June, 1942, this officer led an attack on an Italian naval force. Despite fighter opposition, a determined attack was made and at least 1 warship was hit by a torpedo. His leadership and courage in the face of formidable opposition were worthy of the highest praise.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Graham POCKLEY (Aus.608), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties against enemy shipping, both by day and by night, and has inflicted damage on both naval and merchant ships. His skill, tenacity and coolness under fire has set an inspiring example.