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*Air Ministry, 29th September, 1944.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Sidney Patrick DANIELS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (81676), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

This officer has completed a third tour of operational duty during which he has completed many sorties against strongly defended targets in Germany. He has pressed home his attacks with the greatest determination and his coolness and courage in the face of enemy fire have been most inspiring. He is a highly efficient squadron commander whose sterling qualities have impressed all.

Acting Squadron Leader Edmund Keith CRESWELL, D.S.O., D.F.C. (107461), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties against a wide range of targets, many of them far into enemy territory. Recently he has participated in numerous attacks on enemy railways sidings. He has spent protracted periods over the target and his example of skill, courage and determination has won great praise.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Squadron Leader Glenmore Benjamin ELLWOOD, D.F.C. (Can/J.11442), R.C.A.F., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties, including 7 against the German capital. He is a brave and devoted member of aircraft crew and has rendered service of immense value. In addition to his operational duties, Squadron Leader Ellwood has devoted much of his knowledge and energy in the training of other members of the squadron.

Squadron Leader Lawrence Leroy MACKINNON, D.F.C. (Can/J.19268), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has successfully attacked a variety of targets, many of them in Northern France. He is an outstanding pilot, a dauntless captain and an inspiring leader. His example has been well illustrated in the fine fighting spirit of the squadron.

Squadron Leader George Andrew SWEANY, D.F.C. (Can/J.9783), R.C.A.F., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Sweany has participated in a very large number of sorties against well defended targets. Throughout he has displayed outstanding keenness and has been unsparing in his efforts to attack the enemy on every possible occasion. He

is a highly efficient air bomber whose excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Vernon SMITH, D.F.C. (82172), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Smith has completed very many sorties against a wide range of enemy targets. His keenness and determination have been of the highest standard and his successes are an excellent tribute to the accuracy of his attacks. His achievements have been worthy of high praise.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Gage Darwent SISE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (N.Z.39941), R.N.Z.A.F., 248 Sqn.

Within recent weeks, Wing Commander Sise has participated in a number of sorties during which several enemy ships of varying type have been sunk and others damaged. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's great skill, inspiring leadership and great determination.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1390283 Flight Sergeant John Stanley GARNETT, R.A.F.V.R., 210 Sqn.

This airman was the second pilot of a Catalina aircraft, the captain of which successfully attacked a U-boat one evening recently. The attack was pressed home in the face of withering fire and the aircraft was hit repeatedly. The navigator/bomb aimer was killed. The captain and front gunner were wounded, the former most seriously. As the attack ended, the captain collapsed. Flight Sergeant Garnett himself slightly wounded, promptly took over the controls. A course was set for base and throughout the long flight home, this airman discharged the duties of captain with commendable efficiency. Base was finally reached. Although less experienced than his captain, Flight Sergeant Garnett landed the aircraft safely. Owing to the damage sustained to the hull, an immediate beaching was necessary, an operation which Flight Sergeant Garnett executed with good judgment. In the face of a dangerous and difficult situation this airman proved himself to be a brave, resourceful and determined member of aircraft crew.

*Air Ministry, 29th September, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Squadron Leader.*

Howard Francis CARTER (111693), R.A.F.V.R., 216 Sqn.

*Flight Lieutenant.*

Gordon Henry SEARLE (48527), R.A.F., 680 Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

Daniel O'LEARY (133045), R.A.F.V.R., 680 Sqn.  
Edward Roy PEARSON (133425), R.A.F.V.R., 680 Sqn.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flight Lieutenants.*

Arthur Leland BROWN (Can/J.9354), 216 Sqn.  
Gerald Geoffrey RACINE (Can/J.5800), 263 Sqn.

*Flying Officer.*

William Morton ARBUCKLE (Can/J.17202), 216 Sqn.  
The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

*Air Force Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Desmond FOPP (112448), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In July, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Fopp was acting as instructor during a night flying test, when his aircraft collided with another aircraft, tearing away the whole of the starboard elevator and about one-third of the starboard tail plane. In addition, the port tail plane was damaged and all but one foot of the port elevator torn away. The aircraft became uncontrollable. Flight Lieutenant Fopp made preparations to abandon the aircraft but by careful piloting was able to regain control and fly it back to the airfield. He lowered the wheels and made preparations for landing but the aircraft went out of control again. With great skill and presence of mind, he raised the flaps and, regaining some degree of control, effected a landing, at the same time succeeding in preventing a blockage of the runway. It was then found that the tail wheel had also been ripped away in the collision. Throughout the whole incident, this officer showed the greatest coolness and skill and his action was entirely responsible for the safe landing of the aircraft and its occupants.

*Air Ministry, 29th September, 1944.*

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations con-

ferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE HELLENES.

*Royal Order of George I (With Swords).  
Grand Cross.*

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Murray LONGMORE, G.C.B., D.S.O., R.A.F. (Retired).

*Commander.*

Air Commodore Lewis George Le Blount CROKE, C.B.E., R.A.F.

Air Commodore Charles Henry ELLIOTT-SMITH, A.F.C., R.A.F.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander John James MCKAY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40404), R.A.F.

*Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington, New Zealand, 29th September, 1944.*

## ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations in the South-West Pacific area:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Theodore Jasper MacLean de LANGE (N.Z.1060), 25 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Noel JAMES (N.Z.391357), 30 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Hubert Cameron CARTER (N.Z.403942), 3 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Francis HOYLE (N.Z.404368), 3 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur George STANLEY (N.Z.415792), 20 (N.Z.) Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.421031 Flight Sergeant John EDWARDS, 17 (N.Z.) Sqn.

N.Z.413465 Flight Sergeant (now Flying Officer) Ian Marshall PAGE, 3 (N.Z.) Sqn.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of brave conduct:—

*Military Medal.*

N.Z.403361 Corporal Leslie Vincent YATES.

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