Flight Lieutenant.

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

Flving Officers.

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

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

light 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 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 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 conferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the

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

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Commander.

Air Commodore Lewis George Le Blount Croke, C.B.E., R.A.F. Charles Henry Elliott-Smith, A.F.C., R.A.F.

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Distinguished Flying Cross.

cting 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. ight 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.

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Military Medal.

N.Z.403361 Corporal Leslie Vincent YATES.

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