Air Ministry, 4th March, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Albert de Villiers LEACH (37107). No. 224 Squadron.

In February, 1941, this officer, as captain of aircraft, carried out a reconnaissance patrol off the Norwegian Coast, under extremely adverse weather conditions and in the face of determined fighter opposition. Although severely wounded in the shoulder, when attacked by two Messerschmitts, Flight Lieutenant Leach continued to engage the enemy and eventually drove them off. He has consistently carried out exceptionally fine work, pressing home his attacks on all occasions.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Macklow TROUSDALE (42163). No. 255 Squadron.

Since the early months of the war, this officer has been continuously employed as a fighter pilot and his keenness and enthusiasm for operations have been most marked. He has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft including one at night.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

548276 Sergeant Henry Trevelyan Bowen. No. 11 Squadron.

Sergeant Bowen was the air gunner of the leading aircraft of a formation of bombers which was attacked by a superior number of hostile aircraft. He destroyed one, and successfully warded off several attacks against other aircraft in his formation. He has displayed courage and endurance throughout the many missions in which he has participated and has now destroyed a total of three enemy aircraft.

749308 Sergeant Ogden Waddington. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. No. 31 Squadron.

This airman was the navigator bomb aimer of an aircraft detailed to attack the aerodrome at Calathos, one night in February, 1941. Extremely difficult weather conditions were encountered; nevertheless, Sergeant Waddington successfully navigated his aircraft to the objective. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire, the aerodrome was successfully attacked and two large fires were started. Valuable information was obtained regarding the aerodrome, and the numbers of aircraft there. This airman has participated in numerous operational missions and his outstanding skill and devotion to duty have contributed largely to the safe return of his aircraft in the most ! adverse weather.

42876 Air Sergeant John Jackson. No. 40 Squadron, South African Air Force.

This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to carry out an offensive reconnaissance at Hobok, one day in February, 1941. While assisting an armoured car which was being attacked by five enemy machine guns, the aircraft was severely damaged. Nevertheless, the pilot continued to

fly at a low level, and Sergeant Jackson inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. He managed to distract the enemy fire until help arrived. This airman displayed great courage during the action.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the undermentioned airman in the London Gazette as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct in connection with Civil Defence:—

900154 Aircraftman 1st Class Maurice William Stephens.

27th February, 1941.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Sir Reginald Hugh Dorman-Smith, P.C., G.B.E., to be Governor of Burma in succession to Sir Archibald Douglas Cochrane, G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., D.S.O.

Burma Office, London, S.W.I.

Office of the High Commissioner for India.

The Secretary of State for India has appointed Mr. William Ernest Johns, a Deputy Superintendent in the Mercantile Marine Office, Swansea, to superintend the transfer of lascars or other persons, and to grant the certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic. cap. 60). The fee to be paid for every lascar, or other

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The Secretary of State for India has appointed Mr. Robert Tulip Coates, a Departmental Clerical Officer of Customs and Excise at Dundee, who also holds an appointment as a Deputy Superintendent at that port, to superintend the transfer of lascars or other persons, and to grant the certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vict. cap. 60).

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF TYNEMOUTH.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Health in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by section I of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Act, 1940, has made an Order entitled the Tynemouth (Extension of Time) Order, 1941, for extending until the 31st day of December, 1943, the period limited by section 4 of the Tynemouth Order, 1937, for the compulsory purchase of certain lands authorised by the Tynemouth Corporation Act, 1934.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London,

Dated this 4th day of March, 1941. Ministry of Health,

> Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

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