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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:—

Second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Brendan FINUCANE, D.F.C. (41276), No. 452 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has fought with marked success during recent operations over Northern France and has destroyed a further six enemy aircraft. Of these, three were destroyed in one day and two in a single sortie on another occasion. His ability and courage have been reflected in the high standard of morale and fighting spirit of his unit. Flight Lieutenant Finucane has personally destroyed fifteen hostile aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Patrick Peter Colin BARTHROPP (41542), No. 91 Squadron.

This officer has carried out one hundred and fifty operational sorties, many of them over enemy-occupied territory. Throughout, Flight Lieutenant Barthropp has displayed a fine fighting spirit, frequently attacking enemy aircraft, troops and other targets on

the ground. He has destroyed at least two, probably destroyed another and damaged three enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Charles Richardson DIGGES, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 139 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

776058 Sergeant Geoffrey Brian COWEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 139 Squadron.

In September, 1941, Pilot Officer Digges and Sergeant Cowen, both as pilots of aircraft, carried out a successful attack on a large enemy tanker off Blankenberge. Undeterred by intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire from a formidable escorting force of six armed ships and four E boats, Pilot Officer Digges and Sergeant Cowen pressed home their attacks from mast height and both pilots obtained direct hits on the tanker which was left enveloped in smoke and flames. An hour later the tanker was seen to be sinking. Both these pilots displayed unflinching courage in the destruction of a valuable enemy ship.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

968044 Sergeant Thomas BOLSHAW, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in September, 1941, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft which, whilst flying over Berlin, was repeatedly

attacked by an enemy fighter. In the initial attacks the aircraft sustained damage but Sergeant Bolshaw showed coolness and restraint by firing only short bursts in return thus conserving his main fire until the enemy presented a better target. Although his turret was almost unserviceable, Sergeant Bolshaw set his guns in the direction he thought the enemy would pass after the fourth attack. The fighter broke away in the expected direction and Sergeant Bolshaw immediately fired a long burst which caused it to go down in flames and explode on hitting the ground. By his courage, skill and careful judgment, whilst under fire, Sergeant Bolshaw was undoubtedly instrumental in the safe return of his aircraft and its crew.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip Harold WATTS, D.F.C. (43371).

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Reginald Patrick Mahoney GIBBS (33250), No. 22 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Denis Fenn RIXSON (39393), No. 113 Squadron.
Flight Lieutenant Anthony Malcolm BROWN (37717).
Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh William ELIOT (42490), No. 185 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Patrick GIBSON (40903), No. 95 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Gordon St. David JEFFRIES (41929), No. 185 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Maynard PAIN (40640), No. 209 Squadron.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Cecil PATRICK (41457), No. 206 Squadron.
Captain Miles BARNBY (102773), South African Air Force, No. 24 Squadron.
Flying Officer Patrick Starkey DEVINE (40808), No. 69 Squadron.
Flying Officer Charles Robert DWIGHT (42596), No. 98 Squadron.

Flying Officer Maurice Walter HARTFORD (42223), No. 148 Squadron.
Flying Officer Edward Gordon HUGHES (73047), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Flying Officer Thomas Shield KITCHING (43069), No. 217 Squadron.
Flying Officer Malcolm Leslie WELLS (78260), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.
Flying Officer Edward Julian Ainslie WILLIAMS (74346), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.
Acting Flying Officer Denis Alfred BRIGGS (45465), No. 209 Squadron.
Lieutenant Daniel Jacobun JACOBS (203018), South African Air Force, No. 24 Squadron.
Lieutenant Stanley William MURRAY (102794), South African Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Eric Henry DAWSON (41384) (deceased), with effect from 28th October, 1940.
Pilot Officer Winston Brook MACKLEY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 58 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Roland Reginald PRESLAND (45118), No. 95 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

580476 Flight Sergeant Clement John BARREY, No. 113 Squadron.
560822 Flight Sergeant Henry Frank HOUNSLOW, No. 201 Squadron.
504997 Flight Sergeant George Muirie KEITH, No. 47 Squadron.
528527 Flight Sergeant Bazalgette OSBOURN, No. 47 Squadron.
580811 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Percy ROBERTS, No. 148 Squadron.
581246 Flight Sergeant Hartley Derek ROPER, No. 59 Squadron.
546368 Flight Sergeant Alan Patrick SAVAGE, No. 254 Squadron.
546306 Sergeant William Hugh COCKBURN, No. 233 Squadron.
563783 Sergeant Thomas William John HATTON, No. 47 Squadron.
510856 Sergeant James Austin SHIELD, No. 148 Squadron.
569426 Sergeant Alan James STRIPP, No. 69 Squadron.
971489 Sergeant James Scott SUTTON, No. 220 Squadron.
613704 Corporal William George DODDINGTON, No. 204 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

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