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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