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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:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Flying Officer Wilfred Stanley HERRING, D.F.M. (44709), No. 207 Squadron.

One night in September, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which participated in an attack on Berlin. Whilst over the city the aircraft was repeatedly hit by shell-fire from an intense and accurate barrage and, when Flying Officer Herring succeeded in evading the defences, the aircraft had sustained severe damage. The port engine had failed and, owing to lack of hydraulic power to the gun turrets, the aircraft was almost defenceless. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Herring decided to attempt to fly the aircraft back to this country by the shortest route which entailed passing over the enemy's most heavily defended areas. Overcoming many difficulties he succeeded in reaching this country and in landing safely at an aerodrome with practically no fuel left in the tanks. Throughout, this officer displayed outstanding determination. On numerous occasions, Flying Officer Herring has carried out attacks on the most heavily defended targets, involving deep penetration into

enemy territory, and has at all times displayed the greatest ability and devotion to duty.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Patrick Geraint JAMESON, D.F.C. (37813), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 266 Squadron.

This officer has set a high standard in the performance of his duties. He is a fine leader whose unsparing efforts have contributed to the excellent fighting spirit of his fellow pilots. Wing Commander Jameson has destroyed six enemy aircraft, one being shot down at night, and he has damaged two others. His bearing in the face of the enemy has been of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Wilton BUNGEY (40042), No. 452 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has been almost continually engaged on operations against the enemy since the war began. During operations in France he carried out many bombing and reconnaissance missions and later fought in the Battle of Britain. Since July, 1941, Squadron Leader Bungey has led the squadron, and occasionally the wing, on many operational sorties over Northern France. Brilliant successes have been achieved and, during August, the unit shot down twenty-four hostile aircraft. Throughout, this officer has displayed gallant and efficient leadership.

Acting Squadron Leader Francis Joseph SOPER, D.F.M. (44678), No. 257 Squadron.

This officer has displayed the utmost keenness and determination to destroy the enemy. In September, 1941, whilst patrolling over a convoy at dusk, Squadron Leader Soper observed a Junkers 88 diving to attack the convoy. The vessels opened up with considerable anti-aircraft fire. Despite this, Squadron Leader Soper closed in on the attacker and, flying through the barrage, pressed home his attack with the utmost determination, until the enemy aircraft went down into the sea. Squadron Leader Soper has now destroyed fourteen enemy aircraft of which two have been destroyed at night.

Pilot Officer Nigel Leslie Digby KEMP (84941), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 242 Squadron.

Since May, 1941, this officer has participated in twenty-nine operational sorties, fifteen of which have been directed against enemy shipping. Throughout, Pilot Officer Kemp has displayed great courage and initiative combined with a fine fighting spirit. On one occasion, he machine-gunned German troops on the beach at Fort Phillipe causing casualties. On another occasion, when flying alone over the Channel, he attacked a fast enemy launch, from which he had been fired at, silenced its guns and stopped the vessel. Pilot Officer Kemp has contributed materially to the successes achieved by his unit against enemy shipping.

Pilot Officer John Philip McKECHNIE (Aus. 400044), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 242 Squadron (with effect from 28th August, 1941).

This officer has led his section on numerous important daylight attacks on enemy shipping. Displaying great leadership and determination, often in the face of heavy fire from ships and ground defences, Pilot Officer McKechnie has contributed materially to the successes achieved. He has also participated in many fighter sweeps and bomber escorts. On one occasion, Pilot Officer McKechnie was instrumental in guiding a rescue launch to one of our pilots who had been forced to descend into the sea in mid-Channel. Throughout, Pilot Officer McKechnie has shown a high degree of skill and courage.

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

Flying Officer Frederick Alastair FORBES, M.B., Ch.B. (85605), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 24th September, 1941 (p. 5573, col. 2), for Flying Officer E. WALKER, D.F.C. (42285), read Flying Officer E. WALKER, D.F.C. (72963), R.A.F.V.R.

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