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

Recently, during two sorties on consecutive days, Flight Lieutenant Finucane destroyed 5 Messerschmitt 109's bringing his total victories to at least 20. He has flown with this squadron since June, 1941, during which time the squadron has destroyed 42 enemy aircraft of which Flight Lieutenant Finucane has personally destroyed 15. The successes achieved are undoubtedly due to this officer's brilliant leadership and example.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander John Alexander Kent, D.F.C., A.F.C. (37106).

This officer has led his wing in an efficient and fearless manner on many operational sorties within the last two months. He has now destroyed a further 6 enemy aircraft,

bringing his total successes to 13 destroyed and 3 probably destroyed. Wing Commander Kent has set a grand example.

Squadron Leader Denys Edgar GILLAM, D.F.C., A.F.C. (37167), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 615 Squadron.

Recently this officer's squadron has carried out 24 sorties against enemy shipping in which 11 ships were destroyed, 5 were left burning and 18 were damaged. Squadron Leader Gillam led the squadron on 10 of these missions and displayed outstanding courage and enthusiasm, taking every opportunity to seek and destroy enemy vessels.

Acting Squadron Leader Desmond Frederick Burt SHEEN, D.F.C. (39474), No. 72 Squadron.

Since July, 1941, Squadron Leader Sheen has led the squadron, and on occasions the wing, in 43 offensive operations over Northern France. He has carried out these missions with consistent skill and courage and, under his leadership, the squadron has attained a high standard of efficiency. On one occasion the squadron was menaced by a superior number of enemy fighters but, by his coolness and clever tactics, Squadron Leader Sheen saved his unit from suffering heavy casualties and succeeded in destroying at least 3 of the fighters. Squadron Leader Sheen has personally destroyed a number of enemy aircraft including 1 at night.