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

Pilot Officer James Dewar (85257), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In April, 1941, an aircraft crashed into a mountainside in Iceland during a fog, and caught fire. Pilot Officer Dewar, who was the second pilot, was thrown through the top of the pilot's cockpit on impact. Despite exploding ammunition and the presence in the burning wreckage of high explosives Pilot Officer Dewar, although slightly stunned, went to the assistance of the trapped crew and extricated three injured members, including his captain. After attending to their wounds to the best of his ability, he set out to find assistance. Crossing some twelve miles of almost impassable lava country, Pilot Officer Dewar finally reached a house. From there, he telephoned to his base a concise account of the accident together with clear instructions how to reach the aircraft. When the rescue party met him, Pilot Officer Dewar, in spite of his injuries, insisted on leading it to the scene of the crash. He did this successfully by the shortest possible route although he had made his outward journey in extremely bad visibility. Only when he had done all this, did he return to base, where

he was admitted to hospital and his own injuries were attended to. This officer displayed great courage, determination and endurance and undoubtedly was the means of saving two lives.

741968 Sergeant James Flint, D.F.M., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

One night in July, 1941, this airman was the captain and pilot of an aircraft which was attacked by two enemy aircraft whilst over the sea about 50 miles from the English coast. As a result of the damage sustained, Sergeant Flint was later compelled to descend on the water some 800 yards from the shore. The wireless operator and air gunner were able to leave the aircraft but there was no sign of the navigator. Sergeant Flint was unable to open the astro hatch so he lowered the back of the pilot's seat, crawled through the aperture and found the navigator, who had been badly wounded, helpless behind a spar where he had fallen. The aircraft was fast sinking but Sergeant Flint managed to drag the navigator out through the pilot's hatch. The dinghy had been punctured and, being only partially inflated sunk at once with the aircraft. The air gunner, though wounded, swam towards the shore and Sergeant Flint, at first assisted by the wireless operator until his wounds prevented him from continuing, supported the helpless navigator until they were within 50 yards of the shore where a soldier who had come out to render assistance relieved him. Sergeant Flint then swam to the shore where, after seeing both the wireless