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*Air Ministry,
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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.

Squadron Leader John NESBITT-DUFORT (29164), No. 138 Squadron.

This officer has carried out 16 operational sorties over enemy territory, involving attacks on aerodromes, as well as other flights of extreme importance. His skill, determination and courage have been of the highest order.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John Randall Daniel BRAHAM, D.F.C. (40667), No. 29 Squadron.

Since January, 1941, this officer has carried out many operational sorties at night during which he has destroyed 6 hostile aircraft bringing his total victories to at least 7 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and a further 2 damaged. His most recent success was one night in October, 1941, when he intercepted a raiding aircraft and, following a burst from his guns at short range, the raider went down in flames, finally crashing into the sea. This officer has always shown the utmost zeal and keenness and has flown with great skill in adverse weather conditions on many occasions.

Flight Lieutenant Petrus Hendrik HUGO, D.F.C. (41848), No. 615 Squadron.

Since early in September, 1941, this officer has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping during which some 35 vessels have been either sunk, set on fire or damaged; also several E-boats were damaged in 2 further attacks. Other losses sustained by the enemy were a petrol storage tank which

was set on fire, and 1 of their aircraft destroyed. In the execution of operational tasks necessitating the greatest skill and determination, Flight Lieutenant Hugo has displayed high qualities of leadership and courage. Although he has been continuously engaged on operational flying since the war began his enthusiasm remains unabated.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Hugh THOMAS (39138), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 611 Squadron.

This officer has been actively engaged in operational flying since August, 1940. He fought in the Battle of Britain and has participated in 60 sorties over enemy territory since the beginning of 1941. He has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft and shared in the destruction of another; he has also damaged an enemy patrol ship. Assuming command of the squadron in June, 1941, Squadron Leader Thomas has consistently displayed great skill and leadership and has contributed materially to its high morale.

Pilot Officer Denzil Francis Heriz BIGGANE (60569), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in November, 1941, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft which carried out a mine-laying mission in waters near the enemy coast. Extremely adverse weather conditions were encountered whilst flying over the sea and, when the target area was reached, very heavy clouds were encountered. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Biggane descended beneath them and skilfully located his position. Whilst making his approach to the target, his aircraft was illuminated by searchlights and immediately subjected to intense and accurate fire from 2 armed ships. Defying this barrage, Pilot Officer Biggane continued his course and, although his aircraft received a direct hit on one of the wings,

he skilfully accomplished his task. This officer has completed many operational sorties, including attacks on important targets in Germany. On one occasion, whilst flying to Mannheim, his aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters whilst held in a concentration of searchlights but, although his aircraft sustained damage, Pilot Officer Biggane skilfully evaded his attackers, continued his flight and finally bombed his objective. On a second occasion, in the course of another mission, he attacked 2 ships scoring a direct hit on 1 of them from a low level. Throughout, this officer has displayed great determination, courage and initiative.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Patrick Anthony WOMERSLEY (90649), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 59 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Edward Ross HAYTER (33405), No. 240 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Jack Kenneth ROSS (79163), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 134 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold Brentnall HUNT (68721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

527717 Flight Sergeant Raymond Lionel SNELUS, No. 236 Squadron.

647815 Sergeant Henry George MATTHEWS, No. 236 Squadron.

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

Air Ministry,

24th November, 1941.

AWARD OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred on the officer indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the War:—

CONFERRED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

Croix de Guerre Belge.

Squadron Leader Paul Henry Mills RICHEY, D.F.C. (39757).

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