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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 Wing Commander John Fraser Grant JENKINS, D.F.C. (72517), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Henry Paul BRANCKER, D.F.C. (84026), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

In December, 1941, a low level attack was made on the enemy aerodrome at Herdla. Despite the difficult contour of the Norwegian coastline, the exact target was skilfully located and, according to plan, was heavily and accurately bombed. Hits were scored on both runways, the wireless station and on several aircraft on the ground. The skilful and courageous leadership of Wing Commander Jenkins, so ably assisted by his observer, Flying Officer Brancker, both of whom devoted much forethought to the planning of the flight, was largely responsible for the complete success achieved.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Timothy John Wilder WILLIAMS, D.F.C. (N.Z.401797), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 109 Squadron.

In November, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft carrying out an important operational mission. During the flight, his aircraft was attacked by some 8 enemy fighters and sustained severe damage. The front turret was put out of action, the wireless transmitter was hit and other damage was inflicted. Despite this, by his

skill and initiative, Pilot Officer Williams succeeded in damaging one of the enemy aircraft and completed his allotted task. This officer has shown exceptional coolness in the face of danger.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader John Seymour SHERWOOD, D.F.C. (39132), No. 97 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant John Goodsir MACKID (41042), No. 97 Squadron.

In December, 1941, Squadron Leader Sherwood and Flight Lieutenant Mackid participated as leaders of formations of aircraft, in a daylight attack on the battle cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at Brest. Extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and opposition from enemy fighters was encountered but, although Squadron Leader Sherwood's aircraft was hit several times by shellfire, he skilfully kept his formation together and finally an accurate run was made over the target. Flight Lieutenant Mackid admirably supported Squadron Leader Sherwood and pressed home a successful attack with great determination. Throughout the operation, which demanded a high degree of skill and courage, both these officers played a conspicuous part and contributed materially to the success obtained.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer George Corbett BAYLEY (113343), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur George MACLEOD (81062), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

During the past month, Pilot Officer Bayley and Flying Officer MacLeod, as pilot and navigator respectively, have carried out several attacks on the enemy warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at Brest. Despite arduous conditions and fierce opposing fire