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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 Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Desmond Ernest HAWKINS (40700), No. 240 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jerauld George WRIGHT (Can./J. 15195), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 240 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft and navigator respectively, Flight Lieutenant Hawkins and Pilot Officer Wright recently carried out an extremely important mission. The flight which was of 24½ hours duration, necessitated flying more than 2,000 miles across the sea. That complete success was achieved despite adverse weather and intense cold, can be attributed to the skilful piloting of Flight Lieutenant Hawkins, combined with the brilliant navigation of Pilot Officer Wright. Throughout, both these officers showed great powers of endurance and their outstanding performance is worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Arthur SWORD (84698), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft which took part in an attack on the Matford factory at Poissy. In spite of heavy enemy opposition, he attacked from a low level and scored several hits with his bombs. Afterwards, Flight Lieutenant Sword remained in the area until the attack had been completed by the main force and then made a further 5 runs over the target area and obtained some excellent photographs. This officer, who has carried out a

considerable number of operational sorties, has invariably displayed courage and determination of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

627478 Flight Sergeant Cecil Thomas Theobald BRADY, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft which attacked Cologne. During the attack, the second pilot was severely wounded in the stomach by a piece of shrapnel. In harassing circumstances, Flight Sergeant Brady immediately applied first-aid to his wounded comrade. Throughout the return journey, this airman's exceptional wireless skill was of the greatest assistance to his captain and contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. Flight Sergeant Brady displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

748267 Flight Sergeant Victor Daniel POPE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

In April, 1942, this airman was the captain of an aircraft engaged on a patrol over the Atlantic. An enemy submarine was observed on the surface. Flight Sergeant Pope immediately attacked it from a low level and it is believed he obtained at least one hit. The speed and accuracy with which the attack was delivered reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of this airman.

Aus.400155 Flight Sergeant Arnold James Frederick RAYMENT, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

This airman was the second pilot of an aircraft which recently attacked Essen. On nearing the target area the aircraft came under heavy fire and the captain was wounded in his right thigh, causing him to lose control of the aircraft. Flight Sergeant Rayment managed to extricate his wounded