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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
1st May, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Flying Officer Noel Wilson Webster (847),
Royal Australian Air Force.

60421 Sergeant Lionel Maurice Van Praag
Royal Australian Air Force.

On 26th January, 1942, the aircraft in which this officer and airman were first and second pilot respectively was attacked by 2 Japanese fighters and compelled to alight on the open sea. The aircraft sank after a short time and the crew of four took to the water wearing their life jackets. Flying Officer Webster surrendered his jacket so that another member of the crew, who was a heavy man and a non-swimmer, might be adequately supported. The fourth member of the crew was semi-conscious owing to the shock of the forced landing. Flying Officer Webster and Sergeant Van Praag supported him and towed the non-swimmer to the shore. They were in the water for 30 hours, during which time they beat off several shark attacks. In saving the lives of their companions in circumstances fraught with grave danger to themselves they both exhibited courage of the highest order.

*Air Ministry.
1st May, 1942.*

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 Bruce Frederick ROSE (Aus.270), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 248 Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a brave and skilful pilot. Following a flying accident, which necessitated the amputation of his left leg below the knee, he resumed operational flying after being fitted with an artificial limb. Since October, 1941, he has taken part in sorties wherein a wide variety of targets have been attacked. During the operations on Vaagso, he shot down a Heinkel III which attempted to attack our shipping. One day in April, 1942, he skilfully drove off a Junkers 88 which was attacking a ship and the next day he destroyed a Heinkel 115. This officer's leadership, skill and outstanding devotion to duty have proved an inspiration.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Rhys Martin LLOYD (106157), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 185 Squadron.

This officer is a confident and skilful fighter pilot. He has destroyed 2, probably destroyed 3 and damaged a further 5 hostile aircraft. He invariably presses home his attacks from the closest range.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Norman Carter MACQUEEN (86689), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron.

This officer carried out a large number of sorties over enemy-occupied territory and destroyed 1 enemy aircraft whilst based in this country. In the Middle East he has destroyed a further 4 hostile aircraft. Throughout his operational career, Flight

Lieutenant MacQueen has rendered most valuable service. He has displayed great skill and leadership.

Pilot Officer Oliver Ogle ORMROD (110128), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 185 Squadron.

This officer is a most determined pilot. Whatever the odds, he endeavours to press home his attacks to the utmost. He has destroyed 2, probably destroyed 3 and damaged a large number of enemy aircraft. His courageous leadership has set an admirable example.

Pilot Officer John Agorastos PLAGIS (80227), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron.

Since the beginning of March, 1942, this officer has destroyed 4 and probably destroyed a further 3 hostile aircraft. With complete indifference to odds against him, he presses home his attacks with skill and courage. In one day alone, he destroyed 2 enemy fighters and 1 bomber. He has set an outstanding example.

Pilot Officer Desmond James SCOTT (N.Z. 40779), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

During a long period of operational flying, this officer has carried out a large number of sorties including attacks on shipping, aerodromes, night flying operations and close bomber escorts. Throughout, he has displayed great skill and keenness, while his

exceptional devotion to duty has set an admirable example.

Pilot Officer Philip WIGLEY (110129), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 185 Squadron.

This officer has displayed inspiring leadership and courage. He has destroyed 2 and probably destroyed a further 3 enemy aircraft. He has displayed exceptional keenness to engage the enemy and, when not engaged in operations in the air, he mans a gun on the aerodrome.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

CAN/R.72099 Flight Sergeant Garth Edward HORRICKS, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 185 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Horricks is a fearless pilot. He invariably presses home his attacks with the utmost determination regardless of the odds. He has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft and probably destroyed a further 2.

Aus.404548 Sergeant John Livingstone BOYD, Royal Australian Air Force No. 185 Squadron.

Sergeant Boyd is a courageous and skilful leader. He has shown the greatest keenness to attack the enemy at all times regardless of the odds against him. Sergeant Boyd has destroyed 3 and probably destroyed a further 4 enemy aircraft.

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