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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