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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.

Acting-Flying Officer Charles James LOFTHOUSE (67052), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which carried out an attack on the Heinkel Works at Rostock. Whilst flying over the objective at 10,000 feet his aircraft was held in the beams of searchlights and subjected to intense fire from the defences. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Lofthouse flew over the works and made his bombing run at 6,000 feet. As the bomb doors failed to open, he made another circuit and, opening the bomb doors manually, released his bombs at 4,900 feet, obtaining hits on the objective. Throughout the attack, this officer showed great courage and determination in the face of continuous enemy fire. He has completed many operational sorties with skill and determination.

Pilot Officer Eric George Delancey JARMAN (Aus. 404507), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this officer was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was hit by shell fire and sustained damage. The navigator, wireless operator and the front gunner were injured but, despite this, Pilot Officer Jarman flew on to make his attack. On the return journey, it was dis-

covered that a bomb had not fallen owing to the damage caused by the enemy's shell fire whereupon Pilot Officer Jarman altered course and headed for the North Sea so that the bomb could be jettisoned. Before reaching the sea, however, his aircraft was subjected to an attack by an enemy fighter whose fire killed the rear gunner, wounded the second pilot and inflicted further damage to the aircraft. Skilfully controlling his bomber, Pilot Officer Jarman continued his flight and, after jettisoning the bomb into the sea, he finally reached this country where he made a safe landing with the under-carriage retracted. In the face of extremely harassing circumstances, this officer displayed great coolness, courage and determination. He has completed numerous sorties wherein heavily defended targets have been attacked.

Pilot Officer Philip John LAMASON (N.Z. 403460), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 218 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which attacked Pilsen. During the return flight his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and sustained damage; the hydraulics were shot away and the turret rendered unserviceable, while a fire broke out in the middle of the fuselage. Displaying great presence of mind, Pilot Officer Lamason coolly directed his crew in the emergency and, while 2 of them dealt with the fire, he skilfully outmanoeuvred his attacker and finally shook him off. By his fine airmanship and great devotion to duty, Pilot Officer Lamason was undoubtedly responsible for the safe return of the aircraft and its crew. This officer has completed 21 sorties and he has at all times displayed courage and ability.

Pilot Officer David Omond MACDOUGALL (62325), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has completed numerous sorties against the enemy and he invariably presses home his attacks with the utmost vigour. One night in February, 1942, he played an important part in a successful attack in the Mediterranean on an enemy naval force consisting of cruisers and destroyers. Pilot Officer MacDougall has proved himself to be an exceptionally skilful pilot and captain. He has undertaken many difficult tasks and, despite bad weather on numerous occasions, he has always completed them. This officer has set a most praiseworthy example.

Pilot Officer John Brown NIVEN (109061), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 602 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in 70 operational sorties and he has destroyed 2 and probably destroyed a further 2 hostile aircraft. He has displayed ability and courage, setting a fine example to his fellow pilots.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

CAN/R.53757 Flight Sergeant Henry James Forster KERR, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack the Heinkel Works at Rostock. After leaving the target area, his aircraft was suddenly attacked by an enemy fighter whose pilot opened fire from close range. As the attacker broke away, Flight Sergeant Kerr delivered an accurate burst of fire causing the enemy aircraft to waver and then dive sharply. It was then observed to catch fire and finally it exploded with a bright flash. By his great coolness and efficiency, this airman contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. Flight Sergeant Kerr has participated in numerous sorties and he has always set an excellent example.

N.Z.404390 Flight Sergeant Ivor John McLACHLAN, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this airman was the captain of an aircraft which attacked Cologne. On the return journey, whilst still over hostile territory, his aircraft was suddenly attacked by an enemy fighter whose machine-gun fire killed the second pilot and wounded the rear gunner. The aircraft was extensively damaged (including the hydraulic system) causing the undercarriage and flaps to drop; both gun turrets were rendered unserviceable and the aircraft became difficult to control. Undaunted, Flight Sergeant McLachlan flew on and finally reached this country where he landed his damaged aircraft safely. This airman has completed numerous sorties, many of which have been against important targets, and he has always shown a high standard of efficiency, skill and resource.

777663 Sergeant Cornelius Johannes du PREEZ, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft which attacked Hamburg. On the return journey his aircraft was engaged by an enemy fighter. Sergeant du Preez was seriously wounded in the neck, the wound being some 6 inches long and so deep that the jugular vein was exposed.

Gallantly remaining at his post, this airman continued to use his guns, repelling subsequent attacks until he was rendered unconscious by a bullet which grazed his scalp. Throughout, Sergeant du Preez displayed great devotion to duty and, although so seriously injured, he contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft.

1376531 Sergeant David Roy FISHER, No. 77 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, this airman captained an aircraft which attacked Rostock. On the outward journey, shortly after crossing the North Sea, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. Although his aircraft was severely damaged, Sergeant Fisher succeeded in evading the attacker and, displaying great courage and resolution, flew the remaining 140 miles to his target which he both bombed and photographed. He finally flew the damaged aircraft back to base and made a safe landing. Throughout, this airman showed great determination and skilful airmanship.

1166132 Sergeant Arthur PRINCE, No. 107 Squadron.

As an air gunner, this airman has taken part in several sorties and has proved himself to be a zealous and most determined member of an aircraft crew. One day in March, 1942, he shot down 1 of 6 Focke Wolfe 190s which engaged a formation of our bombers detailed to attack Mazingarbe. On another occasion, in April, 1942, he took part in a bombing operation during which the formation was attacked by superior numbers of enemy fighters. Sergeant Prince used his guns effectively in repelling the attackers which were finally driven off. This airman has displayed a fine fighting spirit and set a splendid example in the face of enemy fire.

Air Ministry,

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Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer James Robert ANDERSON, D.F.C. (79508), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Rivers BAGNALL (40790), No. 108 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Roby BLOXAM (41544), No. 69 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Philip GILLIARD (40819), No. 38 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Freeman Jesse STEEL (N.Z.391370), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 40 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Neil MACDOUGALL (33491), No. 260 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Archibald Robert HALL (87453), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Samuel REEVES (102958), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

Flying Officer Brian Arthur Blake ATTWOOD (84985), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 208 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

Flying Officer John Thomson DICK (84991),
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70
Squadron.

Flying Officer John Gower Martin HOOPER
(89778), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Charles Sidney Beattie MONTAGU
(86433), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
No. 208 Squadron.

Lieutenant Henry Hugh SMITHERS (103243),
South African Air Force.

Pilot Officer Edward Charles Leonard CORDY
(102543), Royal Air Force Volunteer
Reserve.

Pilot Officer Idris Morgan DAVIES (48094),
No. 82 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederick John Edward ISON
(108021), Royal Air Force Volunteer
Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

Warrant Officer John Conleth GREHAN
(580774), No. 148 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.401368 Flight Sergeant Charles Anthony
ARMSTRONG, Royal New Zealand Air Force,
No. 40 Squadron.

546765 Flight Sergeant John Desmond
BINGHAM, No. 69 Squadron.

937815 Flight Sergeant Grenfell Stephen
William CHALLEN, No. 108 Squadron.

615684 Flight Sergeant Christopher Walter
CHALMERS, No. 148 Squadron.

N.Z.40717 Flight Sergeant Keith Kingsmill
John COLEMAN, Royal New Zealand Air
Force, No. 40 Squadron.

742200 Flight Sergeant Michael de Beauchamp
COLLENETTE, Royal Air Force Volunteer
Reserve, No. 108 Squadron.

751052 Flight Sergeant Stephen Tebbett
GEARY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
No. 148 Squadron.

921903 Flight Sergeant Owen Leonard HAWES,
No. 38 Squadron.

546914 Flight Sergeant Arthur MOSES, No. 69
Squadron.

776013 Flight Sergeant Graham Calderwood
TWEEDIE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Re-
serve, No. 37 Squadron.

818176 Flight Sergeant George WILLIAMS,
Auxiliary Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

N.Z.391328 Sergeant Attol JAMES, Royal New
Zealand Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

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

Amendment.

In notification of 24th September, 1941 (p
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Class M. HAPPER, *for HAPPER read HARPER.*

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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JANUARY 1, 1914
SIR:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 18, 1913, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, however, unable to state at this time whether or not the same will be granted. I am, however, sure that the same will be given the most careful consideration possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. H. HARRIS
Secretary