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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.