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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 Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Petrus Hendrik HUGO, D.F.C. (41848), No. 41 Squadron.

This officer has completed over 500 hours operational flying, a large proportion of which has been on patrols over enemy territory. During the autumn of 1941, he performed outstanding work in attacks on enemy shipping. He is a fine leader and, during a period of 5 months from November, 1941, his unit destroyed at least 12 and damaged several more enemy aircraft. Both as squadron commander and wing leader, this officer has displayed exceptional skill, sound judgment and fighting qualities which have won the entire confidence of all pilots in his command. He has destroyed 13 hostile aircraft and damaged a further 7.

Squadron Leader James Archibald Findlay MACLACHLAN, D.F.C. (39639), No. 1 Squadron.

During the early part of the war, this officer served in the Middle East where he destroyed 8 enemy aircraft. Following an injury, his left arm was amputated but, within a few weeks, he was flying again. Since his return to England, Squadron Leader Maclachlan has trained extensively in night flying operations and he has achieved much success. One night in April, 1942, he shot down a Dornier 217 over Northern France and damaged another near an enemy aerodrome. One night in May, 1942, near Dinard, he destroyed a Dornier 217 and a few minutes later he shot down a Heinkel III. The latter burst into flames on impact with the ground, causing a fire which could be

observed from a distance of 10 miles. Squadron Leader Maclachlan has attacked goods trains, trucks and barges with damaging effect. He is a gallant and skilful pilot whose example is an inspiration to all pilots.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Raymond Myles Beecham DUKE-WOOLLEY, D.F.C. (33241), No. 124 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties over Northern France and the English Channel. He is a cool and capable leader whose skill is reflected in the high standard of efficiency in his squadron. He has destroyed at least 7 enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Alfred Graham DOUGLAS (70188), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed over 100 operational sorties of which 72 have been over enemy territory. He has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed 1, and damaged a further 2. On one occasion, whilst over France, the port tailplane and starboard elevator of his aircraft were shot away, but he succeeded in flying back to base safely. In a recent engagement his aircraft was so severely damaged that he was compelled to abandon it. He was, however, flying on operations again the following day. Squadron Leader Douglas has led his squadron with skill and determination.

Squadron Leader Joseph DUGDALE (39071), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 97 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous operational missions, including 2 attacks by night on the German naval base at Trondheim in April, 1942. On the latter occasion, he commanded a formation of bombers and he played a large part in the success achieved. Recently he successfully carried out a mine-laying mission in extremely unfavourable

weather. This officer has performed excellent work and has contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency of his flight.

Acting Squadron Leader Humphrey Trench GILBERT (40530), No. 65 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since August, 1940, and fought through the Battle of Britain. He has completed numerous operational sorties over enemy occupied territory and although he has been shot down and wounded, he has always displayed great keenness to engage the enemy. Since February, 1942, Squadron Leader Gilbert has participated in a number of operational sorties, including an attack on German battleships. In this operation he destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged another. He has led his squadron, and occasionally the wing, with considerable success and his fine leadership and determination have been an inspiration to his pilots. Squadron Leader Gilbert has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas IVESON (86384), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

This officer has completed many successful sorties including two daylight attacks on Brest. During one of his night sorties, in full moonlight, he was attacked by an enemy fighter but, by his skilful evasive action, his rear gunner was enabled to destroy the attacker. One night in April, 1942, Squadron Leader Iveson was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. He completed this mission, despite intense anti-aircraft fire and a very light sky. After dropping his bombs, he remained over the target area for some time in order to divert the fire from aircraft which were still attacking. He has displayed courage and keenness of an exceptionally high standard.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas BALMFORTH (41363), No. 124 Squadron.

This officer was appointed to command a flight in September, 1941, and has since completed many major operations over hostile territory. He has destroyed 1 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed another and damaged a third. Flight Lieutenant Balmforth has displayed coolness and enthusiasm which has set a magnificent example to others.

Flight Lieutenant Samuel Richard THOMAS (42029), No. 264 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas has been engaged on operational flying since May, 1940. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft during daylight sorties and assisted in the destruction of a fourth. As a flight commander, engaged on night operations, he has completed 80 sorties. Flight Lieutenant Thomas, through his outstanding enthusiasm, skill and devotion to duty, has contributed immensely to the general efficiency of his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugo Throssell ARMSTRONG (Aus.406022), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 72 (Basutoland) Squadron.

This officer has participated in 29 operational sorties over enemy territory. He has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft and damaged a further 2. Flight Lieutenant

Armstrong has displayed courage and initiative and his judgment and skill as a leader have contributed largely to the successes achieved by his flight.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry Cyril Francis BOWMAN (111776), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties many of which have been over enemy territory. He is an exceptional pilot and a cool and skilful leader. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft and damaged a fourth.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Stewart Reginald Edmund ENNIS (104240), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Howard HANSON (117148), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Ennis and Pilot Officer Hanson, as pilot and rear gunner respectively of an aircraft, were detailed to carry out a low level attack on Warnemunde. The target was heavily defended both with searchlights and anti-aircraft fire which made a low level attack very hazardous. Flight Lieutenant Ennis, displaying great courage, flew the aircraft at a very low level, but found that he could not penetrate the heavy defences. In all, three attempts were made, before the target was reached and attacked successfully. Throughout this time Pilot Officer Hanson continued firing at the searchlights and other defences and destroyed at least 2 searchlights. The skill and courage displayed by him contributed largely to the safe return of the aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eugene Lawrence NEAL (Can./C.1640), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a skilful and determined pilot. He has participated in sweeps, convoy patrols and other operations. Throughout, he has displayed great keenness and set an inspiring example. On one occasion, his aircraft was very extensively damaged by enemy fire. Despite this, he skilfully landed it in a field. On another occasion, after several combats and when running short of petrol, he was forced to leave his aircraft by parachute whilst over the sea. He was rescued some 2 hours later. He has destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 and assisted in the destruction of another.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Curtis ROBSON (85683), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since November, 1940. He has completed a large number of sorties many of which have been over enemy occupied territory. He has also participated in three daylight attacks on German battleships. Flight Lieutenant Robson has displayed great keenness to engage the enemy and has set an excellent example.

Flying Officer Edward Gough DANIEL (61310), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officer Daniel, a night fighter pilot, has engaged raiding aircraft in all weathers, and his total of enemy aircraft destroyed has now reached 5. On one occasion he encountered a BR.20 well to the south of

Malta and, pursuing it, he eventually shot it down in flames a short distance from the Sicilian coast. One night in May, 1942, he accomplished a fine feat by shooting down 3 BR.20s.

Acting Flying Officer Alfred ABELS (65517), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Abels has participated in many successful sorties including two daylight attacks on the German battleships which were at Brest. One night in April, 1942, as the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim, he navigated the aircraft safely over the North Sea and mountainous country of Northern Norway, and arrived over the target at the appointed time. The attack was made from a very low level which necessitated the most accurate map reading. Flying Officer Abels, despite intense opposition, completed this duty most successfully. He has displayed courage and skill of a high standard.

Pilot Officer Glenn Powell GARDINER (Can./J. 15252), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron (since reported missing).

Pilot Officer Gardiner was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim on two nights in April, 1942. These flights each involved many hours flying time and covered a distance of about 1,350 miles over the North Sea and mountainous country of Norway. Despite intense opposition, Pilot Officer Gardiner pressed home his attacks and returned to base safely. He has displayed outstanding airmanship, courage and devotion to duty which have been an inspiration to other members of the squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Allan GLEN (115232), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 41 Squadron.

This officer has at all times shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and he has played a large part in the squadron's activities during recent months. Besides destroying at least 3 enemy aircraft in combat, Pilot Officer Glen has attacked many targets, causing much damage to the enemy.

Pilot Officer Ian Campbell ORMSTON (Can./J. 5028), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sweeps, convoy patrols and other sorties. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed 1 and assisted in the destruction of another. He has displayed exceptional keenness to engage the enemy.

Pilot Officer Gordon SWEENEY (Aus.404555), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 9 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Anthony Roger TETTENBORN (108048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

As captain and navigator of aircraft respectively, Pilot Officer Sweeney and Flying Officer Tettenborn carried out a low level attack on an aircraft factory at Warnemunde one night in May, 1942. Skilfully avoiding the beams of a large number of searchlights in the target area, Pilot Officer Sweeney pressed home his attack and released his bombs on 2 buildings, around which aircraft on the ground were dispersed, and on 3

nearby sheds. The aircraft was flown so low to ensure accuracy that some of the air crew thought it was on fire as it passed over the smoke and flames caused by the explosions. Little damage was sustained, however, and the aircraft was flown safely to base. Throughout the operation both Pilot Officer Sweeney and Flying Officer Tettenborn displayed perfect teamwork, great skill and undaunted courage.

Acting Warrant Officer Herbert Victor PETERSON (Can.R/60240), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Peterson has completed many operational sorties of which 13 have been as captain of aircraft. One night in April, 1942, he was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. On arrival over the target, despite the intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire which he encountered, he dived to a very low altitude and pressed home his attack. On the following night he carried out another low level attack on the same target. His aircraft sustained severe damage, and one engine was put out of action. With great skill and judgment, Warrant Officer Peterson succeeded in flying his aircraft to an emergency landing ground where he made a safe landing.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.404362 Flight Sergeant Raymond Brown HESSELYN, D.F.M., No. 249 Squadron.

During a period of 4 days' operations in May, 1942, this airman destroyed 5 enemy aircraft bringing his victories to 10. Although fighting at great odds in the heavy raids on Malta, Flight Sergeant Hesselyn never hesitates in his efforts to destroy the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty are outstanding.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1257552 Flight Sergeant Harold Adrian BROWN, No. 35 Squadron.

Sergeant Brown has completed many operational sorties. One night in April, 1942, as captain of an aircraft, he was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. Throughout this flight, of 1,350 miles over the North Sea and mountainous country, he displayed the greatest skill and airmanship. Sergeant Brown pressed home his attack, in the face of intense opposition. He displayed bravery and cool determination.

1257263 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Arthur CLACK, No. 76 Squadron.

This airman has completed many successful sorties including attacks on targets at Berlin, Mannheim, Stuttgart and Stettin. One night in April, 1942, he was the captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. After releasing the bombs his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which caused one engine to fail and the bomb doors could not be closed. He succeeded in returning to base and landed safely with the bomb doors still open. The following night, as his former aircraft was not serviceable Flight Sergeant Clack volunteered to fly another aircraft to attack the naval base again. He delivered his bombs successfully and machine gunned gun emplacements. His courage and determination have been outstanding.

Can./R.58432 Flight Sergeant William Jeremiah PORRITT, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

As an air gunner, Flight Sergeant Porritt has displayed great skill and coolness in combat. During a daylight attack on the German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, his aircraft was attacked by 4 Messerschmitt 109's. Using his guns most effectively, Flight Sergeant Porritt shot down 1 of the attackers in flames, probably destroyed another of them and warded off the remaining 2 until fighter assistance arrived. In the encounter, Flight Sergeant Porritt was wounded in the face and arms. One morning in May, 1942, whilst returning from an operation over Germany, he engaged a Messerschmitt 109 from close range. Following a well directed burst of fire, the enemy aircraft was observed to plunge vertically towards the ground where, a few seconds later, it apparently burst into flames. On both these occasions, this airman undoubtedly saved his aircraft from destruction.

1168914 Flight Sergeant Patrick George ROCHFORD, No. 10 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, Flight Sergeant Rochford was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. On arriving over the target he encountered fierce anti-aircraft fire. Flight Sergeant Rochford dived down to a very low level and pressed home his attack. His aircraft sustained severe damage but he succeeded in returning to base. On the following night he was again detailed to attack the naval base. On the outward journey the rear gunner reported that the guns in the rear turret were unserviceable and beyond his repair. Flight Sergeant Rochford continued on his mission and pressed home his attack from a low level. His second pilot and first wireless operator were seriously wounded and his aircraft was holed in many places. Flight Sergeant Rochford has displayed great courage, perseverance and devotion to duty.

1170186 Sergeant Michael Desmond GRIBBIN, No. 10 Squadron.

Sergeant Gribbin has completed many sorties of which the last 9 have been as captain of aircraft. One night in April, 1942, he was detailed to attack the German naval base at Trondheim. On arrival over the target area he encountered intense anti-aircraft fire. Despite this he dived through the barrage to a low level and dropped his bombs. The following night he repeated the attack with similar determination. He has displayed courage and gallantry of a high standard.

Can./R.78427 Sergeant Frederick Staples HILEY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, this airman was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked

Stuttgart. On the return journey, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Shortly afterwards, it was engaged by a Messerschmitt 110 the fire from which killed the rear gunner and damaged the aircraft. The enemy fighter was driven off and, it is believed, destroyed. Although one of the engines of his aircraft was put out of action, the electrical system destroyed and both the pilot's and navigator's compasses damaged, Sergeant Hiley skilfully flew his damaged aircraft back to this country and landed safely in a field. He displayed great skill, courage and determination.

Can./R.74901 Sergeant William John MAITLAND, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Sergeant Maitland was the captain of an aircraft which attacked Stuttgart one night in May, 1942. Whilst crossing the enemy's coast, on his return, his aircraft was caught in a cone of searchlights and hit by anti-aircraft fire. One engine was set on fire and Sergeant Maitland was wounded on the right side of the chest. Despite this, he kept his aircraft well under control and with the aid of the fire extinguisher, prevented the fire from spreading. Although one engine was useless, he skilfully flew his aircraft to an aerodrome in this country. Throughout, this airman showed great presence of mind and courage.

Air Ministry,

29th May, 1942.

AWARDS OF A FOREIGN DECORATION.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty the KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officers indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the War:—
CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC.

Polonia Restituta—Second Class.

Air Marshal Sir William Sholto DOUGLAS, K.C.B., M.C., D.F.C.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Edmund Charles PEIRSE, K.C.B., D.S.O., A.F.C.

Air Vice-Marshal Trafford Leigh LEIGH-MALLORY, C.B., D.S.O.

Acting Air Vice-Marshal Robert Dickinson OXLAND, O.B.E.

Third Class.

Air Commodore Henry Karslake THOROLD, C.B.E., D.S.C., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Fourth Class.

Acting Wing Commander Hubert Cecil BILES (77082), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Wing Commander William Bourne EVERTON (03244).

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 26th May, 1942 (p. 2290, col. 1), regarding Flight Sergeant D. W. Spiby, for No. 115 Squadron read No. 106 Squadron.

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