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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.

Squadron Leader Alan Michael MURPHY, D.F.C. (33346), No. 161 Squadron.

On five recent occasions, at night, this officer has carried out operations demanding the highest qualities of skill and organisation. Squadron Leader Murphy has personally organised his flight, and trained his pilots. He has displayed inspiring leadership.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Francis David Stephen SCOTT-MALDEN, D.F.C. (74690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has led the wing on 44 sorties over Northern France. During these operations 6 enemy aircraft were destroyed 1 of which was shot down by Wing Commander Scott-Malden himself. On 2 occasions, in April, this officer displayed great skill when his force was attacked by superior numbers of enemy aircraft. Throughout, he has displayed great courage and leadership.

Acting Wing Commander Bertie Rex O'Bryen HOARE, D.F.C. (37853), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 23 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in May, 1941, this officer has completed some 38 intruder sorties during which he has destroyed at least 3 and damaged several more enemy aircraft. He has at all times set an inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley Bernard GRANT (33417), No. 249 Squadron.

This officer is an excellent fighter pilot. On one occasion he led a force of fighter aircraft over many miles of sea into Malta. On the same day, after his aircraft had been refuelled, he took off and destroyed a Junkers 88. For the rest of the day he remained at the head of his squadron in a series of fierce battles over the island. He has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft and damaged many more.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Leslie NORTH (41608), No. 457 (R.A.A.F.), Squadron (since missing).

This officer has commanded a flight since the squadron was formed. He has performed much valuable work both during the training of the squadron and in its operational activities. Displaying great courage and initiative, Flight Lieutenant North, who previously served with another unit and fought in the Battle of Britain, has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh Anthony Stephen JOHNSTON (88723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

One day in April, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Johnston showed great courage and initiative when, after a prolonged fight against a numerically superior force and having expended all his ammunition, he carried out a series of successful feint attacks on Messerschmitt 109's to allow his squadron colleagues to land safely. Flight Lieutenant Johnston has destroyed at least 3 hostile aircraft and damaged several more.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Walter Alan LAURIE (61221), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 222 Squadron.

This officer has completed over 70 sorties over Northern France. He has at all times displayed great courage, determination and leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Guy LOCKHART (112728), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

This officer recently completed 3 operations involving much preparation and difficult organisation. Flight Lieutenant Lockhart worked hard to achieve success and surmounted many difficulties with great skill and initiative.

Flying Officer George Andrew Forsyth BUCHANAN (60080), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great determination in his encounters with raiding aircraft. One day in April, 1942, he shot down a Junkers 87 and damaged another in 1 combat. Having expended all his ammunition, he carried out a series of feint attacks on Messerschmitt 109's and drove them away from some of his comrades who were coming in to land their aircraft.

Pilot Officer Lyndon Poynton GRIFFITH (N.Z.40968), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Griffith has participated in 70 sorties over Northern France. He has always shown the greatest keenness and enthusiasm, setting a fine example to his colleagues. He has led his flight on several occasions.

Pilot Officer Peter Alfred NASH (113759), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 249 Squadron (since deceased).

Whilst operating from Malta, this officer has shot down 10 raiding aircraft. Six of these he destroyed within a period of 3 days. Pilot Officer Nash, who has displayed high courage and devotion to duty, has destroyed at least 12, and damaged several more enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Ernest Franklyn PAIGE (Can/J.6007), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

In May, 1942, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft which participated in an attack on a convoy off the enemy coast. Regardless of a fierce defensive barrage which, in the full light of the morning, was extremely accurate, Pilot Officer Paige pressed home his attack. Although he was seriously wounded by a splinter from a shell which smashed through the instrument panel, this officer courageously flew his aircraft back to base. Some few nights earlier, Pilot Officer Paige made a successful attack on a large enemy vessel from a height of only 75 feet.

Pilot Officer James Elvidge PECK (103471), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

This officer is a courageous and resourceful leader who always presses home his attacks with the greatest determination. He has

destroyed at least 3 and damaged many more hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Leslie SCORER (119879), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 602 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed 71 sorties over Northern France, is a courageous and determined pilot. He has destroyed at least 1 and damaged several more hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Reade Franklin TILLEY (Can/J.15011), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 126 Squadron.

This officer is a most determined pilot who has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft. On 3 occasions, by making feint attacks after having expended all his ammunition, he has successfully driven off enemy fighters which attempted to machine-gun our aircraft as they landed. He has displayed great gallantry.

Pilot Officer Philip Herbert WATSON (Aus. 402267), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 457 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer is a most capable leader who displays great coolness and courage in action. He has participated in over 40 sorties and his inspiring example has proved a great source of encouragement to other members of his flight.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Arthur John GARWELL (65503), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Warrant Officer Frank Skipwith KIRKE, D.F.M. (N.Z.39864), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

778173 Sergeant Laurence Laver DANDO, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

999623 Sergeant James WATSON, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

On 17th April, 1942, Flying Officer Garwell, Warrant Officer Kirke and Sergeants Dando and Watson were members of the crew of a Lancaster aircraft which took part in the daring daylight attack on Augsburg, involving a flight of some 1,000 miles across enemy territory. Soon after crossing the enemy's coast their aircraft was damaged in a running fight with 25 to 30 enemy fighters. Despite this they pressed on until the target area was reached. In the face of fierce and accurate anti-aircraft fire which further damaged the bomber and set it on fire the bombs were released on the objective. The task accomplished, it was necessary to make a forced landing in a field some 2 miles from the target. In the most harassing circumstances this very gallant crew displayed great fortitude and skill which has set a magnificent example.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1052236 Flight Sergeant Charles Alexander LIVINGSTONE, No. 608 Squadron.

This airman has completed 28 operational sorties. Many of these have been carried

out in extremely adverse weather. In the last few months, Flight Sergeant Livingstone has achieved much success in his attacks on enemy shipping. He has succeeded in scoring hits on no less than 3 heavily escorted vessels. As captain of aircraft, he has shown a strong sense of responsibility, great courage and devotion to duty.

N.Z.403990 Flight Sergeant Anthony Ridley ROBSON, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Robson has completed 32 sorties over enemy occupied territory. From the start he has shown both courage and determination in his desire to engage the enemy. He has destroyed 1 and probably destroyed another hostile aircraft.

Aus.402500 Sergeant Adrian Philip GOLDSMITH, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 126 Squadron.

This pilot has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft. On one occasion he dived through a strong enemy fighter screen to destroy a bomber. When engaged by the fighters he shot one of them down.

AMENDMENTS.

In notification of 26th May 1942 (p. 2290, col. 1) concerning Flight Sergeant J. C. BECK for 937628 *read* 637628, and for 791016 Flight Sergeant Fred TAYLOR, R.A.F.V.R., *read* 971016 Flight Sergeant Fred TAYLOR.

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