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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:—

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader George Kemp GILROY, D.F.C. (90481), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 609 Squadron.

Since this officer was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in July, 1940, he has destroyed an additional 7 enemy aircraft and damaged a further 2, making a total of 10 destroyed and 4 damaged. Under his command his squadron has met with considerable success in the destruction of enemy aircraft. He is a first class fighter pilot and an excellent leader.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Patrick Henry WOODRUFF (39806), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

On 17th May, 1942, this officer led a formation of bomber aircraft in the attack on the German cruiser "Prince Eugen." Despite interference from enemy fighters, Wing Commander Woodruff accomplished his task in a skilful and determined manner. Throughout, he showed great leadership and determination. He has commanded the squadron since May, 1941, and, by his personal example, has contributed largely to its high standard of operational efficiency.

Squadron Leader Camille Enright MALFROY (90019), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 66 Squadron.

This officer is a most efficient and courageous fighter pilot, whose example has contributed materially to the high morale and fighting spirit of the personnel with whom he has served. He has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft and damaged several others.

Acting Squadron Leader John Swire DINSDALE (40999), No. 42 Squadron.

On 17th May, 1942, this officer led a formation of Beaufort aircraft in an attack on the "Prince Eugen." Despite heavy fire from the cruiser and accompanying destroyers, a most determined attack was carried out. Squadron Leader Dinsdale has completed many operational sorties, including an attack on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the English Channel. His leadership and skill are of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Victor Howard EKINS (63073), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 501 Squadron.

This officer has carried out many offensive sweeps and reconnaissances, including attacks on shipping and ground targets in enemy territory, and has damaged 3 enemy aircraft. He is a skilful and gallant officer, whose indomitable spirit and cheerful courage have been an inspiration to his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Alfred NEWBERY (60104), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 118 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of operational sorties over enemy territory. These sorties have included fighter sweeps, successful low level attacks against ground targets and ships at sea, and bomber escort flights. He has at all times shown the greatest keenness and enthusiasm for operational flying.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Dennis Arthur PARKINS (102961), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

One night in June, 1942, this officer was the captain of an aircraft which participated in a bombing attack on Essen. Despite unfavourable weather, industrial haze and smoke, and in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Parkins made repeated runs over his target to ensure accurate bombing. His aircraft was extensively damaged but, displaying fine airmanship, he flew it safely back to base. This officer showed great determination and devotion to duty