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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 Flight Lieutenant James Edgar JOHNSON, D.F.C. (83267), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 616 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in September, 1941, this officer has participated in many sweeps over enemy territory, during which he has destroyed 2 Messerschmitt 109 F.s and damaged a Focke Wulfe 190. He has also carried out a large number of convoy patrols. Flight Lieutenant Johnson is an exceptional leader and the magnificent example he sets is an inspiration to other pilots.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Philip Gordon EVANS (41914) No. 59 Squadron.

In May, 1942, this officer was captain of a Hudson aircraft engaged in attacking an enemy convoy. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire he pressed home his attacks and seriously damaged 2 merchant vessels which were seen to catch fire. On a previous occasion he succeeded in damaging an enemy merchant vessel. Squadron Leader Evans has displayed great skill and determination in locating and attacking enemy shipping. His courage and powers of leadership are of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Sidney FORD (Can/J.3712), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 175 Squadron.

This officer has carried out many operational missions, having been engaged in fighter sweeps and in bombing attacks on

land and sea targets. He participated in 2 attacks when 2 minesweepers and an enemy destroyer were sunk and 2 destroyers were damaged. He is a keen and zealous flight commander and leader.

Flying Officer Cyril ANEKSTEIN (87066), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has participated in many raids on the enemy. He was pilot of an aircraft which took part in the mass raid on Cologne. During the run-up to the target, despite severe damage to his aircraft by anti-aircraft fire, he persisted on his course until the bombs had been dropped and then made a skilful return flight to base. During the mass raid on the Ruhr on 1st June, his bomber was damaged severely by an enemy fighter, but he manoeuvred his aircraft cleverly and enabled his gunner to fire at point blank range and destroy the attacking aircraft. He later made a normal landing at base although all landing wheel tyres were punctured and part of the covering of the aircraft wings was shot off. This officer is cool and skilful when in action and sets a high standard of devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Henry George A'COURT (46901), No. 115 Squadron.

This officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Bremen one night in June, 1942. Shortly after passing the Dutch coast the aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. The port wing and the hydraulic system were damaged, and the running of the port engine was impaired. By skilful manoeuvring Pilot Officer A'Court evaded his pursuer and proceeded to Bremen to complete his mission. When approaching the target, his aircraft received further damage by anti-aircraft fire; the starboard wing petrol tanks were also holed which caused an alarming loss of petrol. With calm determination Pilot Officer A'Court decided that there was just a chance that he might be able to reach this country. After a hazardous journey he