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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 Wing Commander Irving Stanley SMITH, D.F.C. (43048), No. 151 Squadron.

One night in February, 1942, this officer accomplished excellent work during an engagement with hostile aircraft which attempted to attack a convoy. He destroyed 1 and damaged another of the raiding aircraft. During a patrol one night in June, 1942, Wing Commander Smith destroyed 2 and probably destroyed a third enemy aircraft. In all his combats, he has displayed great judgment, skill and courage. He is a most efficient flight commander and a fine leader.

Flying Officer Arthur Harold ALDRIDGE, D.F.C. (89819), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 217 Squadron.

Flying Officer Aldridge has attacked shipping on several occasions and, in spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire, he has achieved much success. During 3 attacks in June, in the Mediterranean, he hit an Italian warship, an enemy ship which later sank, and disabled another. On the last occasion, Flying Officer Aldridge defied an extremely heavy barrage.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Alec Ernest COOK (74329), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

This officer has led his section on numerous fighter escorts. In June, 1942, when escorting one of our convoys he shot down a Junkers 88, which attempted to attack. He also took part in a fighter escort during a recent air attack on an Italian naval force. Squadron Leader Cook is a courageous and determined leader.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur James BRADLEY (41547), No. 202 Squadron.

In May, 1942, this officer was the captain of a flying boat which during an operational flight in the Mediterranean area, was attacked by 2 hostile fighters. Flight Lieutenant Bradley and his fellow pilot were both seriously wounded by the enemy's opening fire. In spite of his grave injuries, Flight Lieutenant Bradley remained at the controls and, although his vision was almost obscured by blood, he succeeded in bringing his aircraft down safely on the sea before he fainted. After a short time, he regained consciousness and resumed command. He gave detailed orders to his crew to make the flying boat as seaworthy as possible. Fully aware that his crew needed guidance, Flight Lieutenant

Bradley refused morphia to alleviate his injuries until a rescue was effected some 2 hours later. This officer displayed great courage, leadership and devotion to duty in very difficult circumstances.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bernard INGHAM (112519), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties. He is an extremely efficient and reliable leader whose work has proved most valuable. During an attack on the warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at sea, Flight Lieutenant Ingham shot down an enemy fighter which was attacking one of our aircraft. He has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Yates POWELL (45714), No. 202 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational flying hours. He is a keen and efficient captain who has displayed great initiative and resource in the course of his tasks. In May, 1942, he made a skilful and successful attack on an enemy U-boat. During the same month he twice brought his flying boat down on to the sea and effected rescues. In the first instance, he rescued the crew of a Hudson aircraft who were afloat in their dinghy and on the second occasion, he rescued a dangerously wounded pilot. Flight Lieutenant Powell has set an inspiring example.

Flying Officer William Joseph STEVENS (Can./1,5104), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 217 Squadron.

Flying Officer Stevens has led his section in attacks on enemy shipping with great determination. In June, 1942, he participated in an attack on an Italian warship scoring a hit; he also hit a merchant vessel which subsequently sank. Some time afterwards he attacked and disabled another enemy vessel. On each occasion, Flying Officer Stevens flew through a heavy barrage to accomplish his task.

Warrant Officer Francis Emslie HOGG (NZ. 391383), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As an observer, Warrant Officer Hogg has completed a large number of operational sorties against targets in Germany. He has participated in numerous operations, against enemy aerodromes in Northern France, Holland and Belgium. He has always displayed great courage, while his persistence and skill in bombing enemy aerodromes at night have been most marked.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1377223-Sergeant Leslie Robert COLQUHOUN.

During the passage of our convoys to Malta, Sergeant Colquhoun carried out valuable reconnaissance flights to obtain information regarding the disposition of the Italian naval force. Twice in one day, he completed flights of more than 600