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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 Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Oscar Hoffman COEN (62244), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron.

Since December, 1941, this officer has participated in many operational sorties over enemy occupied territory, during which he has destroyed one enemy aircraft, assisted in the destruction of another and damaged several more. Flight Lieutenant Coen has at all times displayed courage, devotion to duty and leadership of a high order.

Pilot Officer William James GREGORY, D.F.M. (115577), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has taken part in the destruction of six enemy aircraft at night. He has shown great skill and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Charles Bruce MORTON (109912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Wilhelmshaven. When nearing the target area, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. The port petrol tank was pierced and both gun turrets were put out of action, while the automatic pilot and the inter-communication system were rendered unserviceable. Undeterred, Pilot Officer Morton, although himself slightly wounded in the left leg and suffering pain, flew on to the target, which he bombed successfully. He then skilfully flew his damaged aircraft back to base and, in spite of a burst tyre, made a successful landing without further damage. Throughout this officer displayed great tenacity, endurance and courage.

Acting Flying Officer Donald Philip MacINTYRE (Can/J.5998), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron,

Pilot Officer Ian HEWITT (119344), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, Flying Officer MacIntyre and Pilot Officer Hewitt were captain and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to carry out a low level attack on the German naval base at Trondheim. The target was located and, in face of intense opposition from the enemy's ground defences, the attack was pressed home with great

coolness and determination from a low level. During this operation the aircraft was hit. The outer portion of the wing caught fire and the fuselage and cockpit were filled with smoke. Soon the aircraft was well alight and as it became uncontrollable Flying Officer MacIntyre decided to descend on to a lake to which he was directed by Pilot Officer Hewitt. This he achieved by a feat of superb airmanship. The crew then manned their dinghy and made their way to the side of the lake. After a perilous journey and suffering great hardships, Flying Officer MacIntyre and his crew eventually reached England. The greatest credit is due to both these officers for their calm efficiency and courageous devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.67064 Flight Sergeant Thomas Oswald McILQUHAM, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 102 Squadron.

One night in May, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. His aircraft was attacked by a Focke Wulfe 190. Sergeant McIlquham waited until the fighter was within short range and then opened fire. Upon a second attack being made, he fired a long burst, which sent the enemy aircraft spinning to the ground. Later the same night, Flight Sergeant McIlquham destroyed another Focke Wulfe 190. One night in June he was rear gunner of a bomber detailed to attack Bremen. His aircraft was attacked by a Messerschmitt 109. He fired two bursts and the enemy aircraft broke away and fell out of control with the engine on fire. Flight Sergeant McIlquham is a cool and skilful air gunner, whose courage and determination are an inspiration to his squadron.

785018 Flight Sergeant Patrick Alfred SCHADE, No. 126 Squadron.

This airman has always shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy. He has destroyed at least 11 hostile aircraft. On three occasions he destroyed two aircraft in one sortie. By his zeal and courage he has set a magnificent example to the squadron.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander James Hardy MARKS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39670), No. 35 Squadron.