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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 Squadron Leader Robert Ellis Evan MORROW (Can./C.1238), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 402 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many operational sorties. His brilliant leadership and skill have contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency and fighting spirit of his squadron. On one occasion he led the squadron in a low-level attack on five enemy destroyers; one of them was believed to have been sunk while the remainder were damaged. Squadron Leader Morrow has destroyed one and assisted in the destruction of another hostile aircraft.

Pilot Officer Thomas Edward White HOWES (Aus. 404906), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Howes was the navigator of an aircraft which attacked a concentration of enemy vehicles and motor transport in the Ras El Kanyis area one night in June, 1942. Whilst attacking at 2,000 feet, a burst from the guns of a hostile aircraft caused a complete failure of all lighting and rendered the inter-communication system unserviceable, while the interior became full of smoke. Using the handle of his illuminated compass as a torch, Pilot Officer Howes went aft to ascertain the damage. He found the second pilot and the wireless operator, both of whom were wounded, and assisted them to the cabin. Flames from an electric resistance were spreading up the walls of the cabin but Pilot Officer Howes eventually extinguished them by disconnecting the accumulators. Making his way to the rear turret, which was on fire, he found the rear gunner severely wounded and with his clothing alight. He extinguished the gunner's burning clothing; then, with some slight assistance, he succeeded in extricating him from the turret. It was then seen that the gunner's left leg had been severed. Pilot Officer Howes gave him an injection of morphia and endeavoured to apply a tourniquet. In the most harassing circumstances this officer displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Douglas Oscar ROHDE (108001), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Saarbrücken. The target area was obscured by heavy cloud but Pilot Officer Rohde, determined to release his

bombs over the target, immediately flew down through the cloud. In spite of considerable opposition from the ground defences, he eventually located the target and pressed home his attack from 3,000 feet. This officer also took part in an attack on Hamburg during which he showed great skill and determination. Pilot Officer Rohde has completed numerous sorties, mainly against heavily defended targets, and has set a fine example.

### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z. 404467 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Raymond Albert PETERS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 175 Squadron.

This section leader has displayed great energy and initiative in all his work. In attacks on shipping he has sunk a merchant ship and an E-boat at night; he has also destroyed one, and probably destroyed two other enemy aircraft.

529573 Sergeant Albert John NEWTON, No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron.

This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft which carried out an attack on Essen in daylight. Whilst flying near the Dutch coast, his aircraft was intercepted by two enemy fighters. The enemy made successive attacks from astern. During the third attack Sergeant Newton, who had vigorously defended his aircraft throughout, was wounded in the feet. Despite this, he continued to engage the enemy, and, following an accurate burst from his guns, one of the fighters went into a steep dive and was not seen again. The remaining fighter closed in for another attack but Sergeant Newton, although in considerable pain, met it with resolute fire. The attacker broke away and terminated the engagement. By his courage and devotion to duty this airman contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft.

Can./R.83374 Sergeant Claude WEAVER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 185 Squadron.

In combats over Malta this gallant airman destroyed five German fighters and assisted in the destruction of a bomber, all within one week. He has set a courageous and inspiring example.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services:—

### *Military Cross.*

Flying Officer Norman Lee BAUGH (43524).

Pilot Officer Edmund Douglas CROSSLEY (N.Z. 402465), Royal New Zealand Air Force.