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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 Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Bertie Rex O'Bryen HOARE, D.F.C. (37853), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 23 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous operational sorties over enemy occupied territory during which he has destroyed six enemy aircraft. Since Wing Commander Hoare assumed command, the squadron has destroyed at least seven enemy aircraft, and damaged others, a result reflecting the greatest credit on this officer's excellent leadership. He has inspired confidence in those under his command.

Acting Squadron Leader John Randall Daniel BRAHAM, D.F.C. (40667), No. 29 Squadron.

Since being awarded a bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Braham has destroyed a further four enemy aircraft, bringing his total victories to ten. On one occasion his aircraft sustained much damage and one engine was put out of action when at an altitude of only 150 feet. Nevertheless, displaying great courage and determination he completed the return journey and made a safe landing on a small emergency landing ground. Squadron Leader Braham has led both his flight and his squadron with courage and resolute determination.

Acting Squadron Leader William Guy LOCKHART, D.F.C. (112728), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Lockhart has participated in many operational sorties and the successes gained can be attributed largely to his careful organisation and planning. He has, at all times, displayed courage, skill and fortitude which have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack ROSE (41472).

This officer has been engaged on operational flying since September, 1939. During May, 1940, whilst serving with a fighter squadron in France, he destroyed three enemy aircraft. Since being posted to his present unit he has led squadrons in 15 sweeps over France. He has displayed courage and devotion to duty and rendered valuable assistance to allied wing commanders.

Flight Lieutenant Henry JACOBS (78685), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Jacobs has rendered valuable services as chief signals instructor and has been instrumental in the destruction of two enemy air-

craft. He has displayed keenness and devotion to duty and has proved a source of inspiration to other navigators.

Pilot Officer Harry MALKIN (Can/J.15521), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in September, 1942, Pilot Officer Malkin, as captain of a Halifax aircraft, was detailed to attack a target at Frankfurt. When 80 miles away from the target area, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy night fighter and much damage was sustained. Pilot Officer Malkin, although wounded in the leg by splinters from an explosive cannon shell, took evasive action and enabled his air gunners to return fire which caused the enemy aircraft to break away. Pilot Officer Malkin set course for home and, although suffering much pain, brought his aircraft back to base safely where he made a masterly landing.

Pilot Officer Edward Duerden NEAL (115171), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

This officer has completed many operational sorties. In August, 1942, whilst on patrol duties, he intercepted two enemy aircraft destroying one and damaging the other. On another occasion, when patrolling in the Bay of Biscay, he intercepted three enemy aircraft and destroyed two of them. Pilot Officer Neal has at all times shown great courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1172588 Flight Sergeant John Oswald DALLEY, No. 69 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Dalley has completed a large number of operational sorties. In September, 1942, after locating an important enemy convoy in the Mediterranean, his aircraft developed engine trouble. Displaying great courage and fortitude, whilst faced with the grave risk of having to alight in the sea with little prospect of being rescued, he elected to fly his aircraft for approximately 400 miles over sea direct to his base. Throughout, Flight Sergeant Dalley has shown the greatest determination and enthusiasm.

1386531 Sergeant James Christopher BALDWIN.

One night in September, 1942, Sergeant Baldwin, who was engaged on his first operational sortie as captain of a bomber aircraft, was detailed to attack targets in the Ruhr. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire he succeeded in locating and bombing his target. Immediately afterwards his aircraft was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire; the aircraft was thrown almost on to its back, the wireless set was rendered unserviceable and one engine was damaged. The bomber was rapidly becoming uncontrollable, when it was hit again and all the pyrotechnics were set on fire. Nevertheless, displaying great courage and fortitude, Sergeant Baldwin regained control, set