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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 Squadron Leader Gordon Hugh EVERITT, D.F.C. (81032), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Medal.

653797 Flight Sergeant Donald Alexander MACDONALD, D.F.M., No. 50 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1101527 Sergeant James Herbert WOLTON, No. 50 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Everitt, Flight Sergeant Macdonald and Sergeant Wolton were captain, wireless operator and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Western Germany one night in October, 1942. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and petrol began to leak from one of the fuel tanks. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Everitt pressed home an accurate bombing attack. In the face of great difficulties, Squadron Leader Everitt, excellently supported by Flight Sergeant Macdonald and Sergeant Wolton, whose wireless and engineering skill were of the greatest assistance, succeeded in flying the damaged aircraft back to this country. In appalling weather, Squadron Leader Everitt effected a masterly emergency landing at an aerodrome at the second attempt. Throughout, this aircraft crew set an example worthy of the highest praise. Subsequently, Squadron Leader Everitt flew with distinction in the attacks on Le Creusot, Genoa and Milan.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant William Dudley WINWARD (43078), No. 68 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Winward has participated in a large number of operational sorties. He has at all times set the highest example of devotion to duty and has shown great keenness to engage the enemy. This officer has been responsible for the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft, 2 of which he shot down at night.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cyril Henry BAIGENT (N.Z.411793), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed many sorties, has invariably displayed the greatest determination to complete his allotted task successfully.

During an operation against a target in Bremen, he flew over the area for a considerable time to identify his objective correctly before releasing his bombs. Although his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, he flew it back to this country and effected a masterly emergency landing. Flight Lieutenant Baigent has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Elmore Hugh McCaffery (Can/J.6661), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties, and has displayed navigational skill of a high order. He has always shown the greatest determination to reach and bomb his target and he has often obtained valuable photographs. His example of courage and devotion to duty have proved inspiring.

Flying Officer Harold Thomas MILES (Can/J.6946), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Flying Officer Miles has completed many sorties. Although his aircraft has often met fierce opposition, he has always endeavoured to press home his attacks with accuracy. His skilful captaincy and courageous conduct has set an inspiring example.

Pilot Officer Robert RAWLINGS (116058), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

One night in October, 1942, this officer captained an aircraft which was one of a formation detailed to attack objectives in Genoa. He found the city partially obscured by low cloud but, despite the mountainous nature of the country, he descended to 1,500 ft. to release his bombs. Pilot Officer Rawlings, who has completed numerous sorties, has at all times displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.86893 Flight Sergeant Alexander Morgan HALKETT, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

This airman has completed numerous sorties and has displayed great efficiency, combined with outstanding determination to complete his tasks successfully. He is a confident captain and a fine leader.

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