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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.*

Flying Officer John Colin McIntosh ROSE (Aus. 401249), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 103 Squadron.

This captain of aircraft has taken part in many operational sorties and has shown courage and determination to press home his attacks regardless of the difficulties and opposition encountered. On one occasion, when over enemy territory, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. By skilful tactics he evaded the attacker, at the same time manœuvring his aircraft to enable his gunners to fire and severely damage the enemy aircraft. On two other occasions he has flown his aircraft back to home base and successfully landed with 1 engine out of action. Flying Officer Rose's fine fighting spirit and personal example have been a constant source of inspiration to all his squadron.

Pilot Officer Wallace MARTIN (Aus. 402450), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 107 Squadron.

In September, 1942, this officer navigated the leading aircraft of a section which attacked a whale oil ship off Cherbourg. Although the attack was executed in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, the ship received severe damage and was later seen partially submerged. Pilot Officer Martin's accurate bombing contributed in a large measure to the success obtained. Some days later, he participated in a successful low level bombing attack on a factory. This officer's skilful navigation has resulted in locating 2 dinghies on the sea; in consequence 7 lives were saved. Pilot Officer Martin has displayed skill and determination of a high order.

Pilot Officer Thomas James Lever RUSHTON (108867), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, including many daylight attacks on shipping, aerodromes and industrial targets. In June, 1942, he participated in a night attack on an aerodrome in the Netherlands. In spite of heavy opposing fire and searchlight activity, Pilot Officer Rushton bombed dispersal areas and hangars, causing much damage. Although his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which rendered it difficult to control, he flew it to base safely. This officer has invariably displayed great courage, skill and determination.

### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer George Wyndham Nelson BASSINGTHWAIGHTE (Aus. 404619), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 113 Squadron.

### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus. 406099 Sergeant Walter James McKERRACHER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 113 Squadron.

As pilot and wireless operator/air gunner respectively Flying Officer Bassingthwaight and Sergeant McKerracher flew in the leading aircraft of a section of bombers detailed to attack shipping at Akyab. Whilst over the target area, the aircraft was repeatedly attacked by enemy fighters but, in spite of this, Flying Officer Bassingthwaight executed a most determined attack from a low level. During the engagement Sergeant McKerracher was slightly wounded but he used his gun most effectively. Both these members of air crew have completed numerous sorties and have always displayed fine fighting qualities and great devotion to duty.

### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1308034 Sergeant Stewart James VOLANTE, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in October, 1942, this airman was the bomb aimer of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Heavy cloud obscured the city but, displaying great perseverance in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Sergeant Volante succeeded in identifying the correct target. This airman has completed many sorties and has always displayed high navigational skill, combined with outstanding determination to win through whatever the circumstances.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the under-mentioned airman in the London Gazette as having been commended for brave conduct:—

799899 Corporal G. W. FARMERY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Pit. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

R. H. STEEL (46336). 16th Aug. 1942.

A. SPEAKE (47409). 20th Sept. 1942.

Gp. Cpts. to be Air Cdres. (tempy.). 1st Nov. 1942:—

M. L. TAYLOR, A.F.C.

A. S. G. LEE, M.C.