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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:—

In various capacities, as members of aircraft crew the following personnel have displayed great determination in attacks against targets in enemy occupied territory:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Flight Lieutenant Jeffery Peter Meuriss HAYDON (Aus. 402352) Royal Australian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Ivan Henry DAVIES (Aus. 400528) Royal Australian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Lorne Edward KROFF (Can/J.7931) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- 952445 Flight Sergeant Robert BROWN, No. 78 Squadron.
- Can/R.61629 Flight Sergeant Arthur Edward FAY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.
- 1282540 Sergeant Albert Abraham BEBER, No. 158 Squadron.
- 1153359 Sergeant George DAFT, No. 35 Squadron.
- Can/R.60726 Sergeant Melville Hemis Joseph DALPHOND, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 1018963 Sergeant Cedric Charles Fox, No. 158 Squadron.
- 1379633 Sergeant John Lewis GRIFFITHS, No. 102 Squadron.
- Aus. 405053 Sergeant Edmund Thomas HEAP, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 102 Squadron.
- Can/R.98963 Sergeant William Holt LEDFORD, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- Can/R.84592 Sergeant Earl George PRICE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.
- 1255623 Sergeant Donald George SOUTHWELL, No. 35 Squadron.
- 993644 Sergeant Harold WILLIAMS, No. 149 Squadron.
- 1304749 Sergeant Jack Andrew WINTERBOTTOM, No. 78 Squadron.

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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.

Wing Commander Douglas Henry Sherwood RUSHER (33143), No. 162 Squadron.

Wing Commander Rusher has participated in 40 sorties, many of them of a hazardous nature. He is a gallant leader who has at all times displayed great keenness to undertake the most difficult tasks. During the battle at El Alamein he flew with great distinction. On another occasion, although engaged on a special mission, he bombed an airfield in Crete, destroying 5 aircraft on the ground. Much of the success achieved by his squadron, which has an outstanding record, can be attributed to Wing Commander Rusher's inspiring leadership, courageous example and great skill.

Acting Wing Commander John Charles SCOTT (Can/C.835) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 413 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of operational missions, involving arduous flights over the Atlantic, Arctic, Indian Oceans and the Mediterranean. He is a brilliant captain and navigator, whose determination to complete his allotted task, whatever the circumstances has been outstanding. During a flight in December, 1942, his aircraft became defective and he was forced to return to base. Within a quarter of an hour he took off in another aircraft. After locating his objective he flew over the area for more than an hour to secure information. His courageous example has won the admiration of all.

Acting Wing Commander Cathcart Michael WIGHT-BOYCOTT (72005), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 29 Squadron.

Since July, 1941, Wing Commander Wight-Boycott has completed much operational flying by night. He was appointed to command his squadron in September, 1942. In January, 1943, during an enemy air attack, he displayed outstanding skill and keenness and destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. Wing Commander Wight-Boycott's exceptional personal feat and the fine performance of his squadron was in keeping with his reputation for outstanding enthusiasm and thoroughness.