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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 Patrick Geraint JAMESON, D.F.C. (37813).

Since December, 1942, this officer has led the wing on 21 sorties in which 13 enemy aircraft have been destroyed. Early in February, 1943, over France, the wing was attacked by some 60 enemy fighters. During the combat, Wing Commander Jameson was attacked by 8 of the enemy aircraft but he fought his way clear and eventually led the wing back to base without loss. Some days later, whilst acting as escort to a force of bombers, the wing engaged a large formation of enemy fighters and shot down 7 of them, 2 being destroyed by Wing Commander Jameson. By his inspiring leadership and fine fighting qualities, this officer has won the complete confidence of all with whom he has flown. Wing Commander Jameson has destroyed 9 enemy aircraft, 2 of them at night.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald Ernest KINGABY, D.F.M. (112406), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 122 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Kingaby has taken part in more than 300 operational missions, a large number of which have been over enemy territory. Recently, he has led his wing in several engagements during which considerable losses have been inflicted on the enemy. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to Squadron Leader Kingaby's great skill and inspiring leadership. Since being awarded a second bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal he has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, bringing his victories to 21.

### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Henry MAGGS (79357), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 605 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed a large number of operational missions, is a skilful and determined air gunner. During a long career he has displayed exceptional keenness and unswerving devotion to duty. He has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer Anthony John HEMELIK (106043), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

Flying Officer Hemelik is a navigator/bomb aimer of high merit. Whatever the opposition he never releases his bombs until he is satisfied that the objectives are truly in his sights. Several times he has made a number of runs over the target to ensure accuracy of aim. On 3 occasions,

when ordered to release flares to illuminate the bombing by other aircraft of Tobruk, then most heavily defended, he accomplished his task in what was judged the best of many such operations. In the battle area, Flying Officer Hemelik has taken part in many sorties. His untiring efforts and great courage have proved most inspiring.

Flying Officer Richard Frederick SCOTT-KIDDIE (127057), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 162 Squadron.

Flying Officer Scott-Kiddie, who is an air gunner in a bomber aircraft, has displayed great courage and coolness in the face of the enemy. On 4 occasions, when his aircraft has been attacked by enemy fighters, his concise commentary on the enemy's movements have enabled his pilot to take the necessary evading action. On 3 of these encounters his good shooting has damaged the attacking aircraft.

Flying Officer William Michael WHITAMORE (102107), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 601 Squadron.

This officer is a keen and determined fighter who has destroyed 4 and damaged several more enemy aircraft. His fine leadership and excellent example have been worthy of high praise.

### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.413051 Sergeant William Alexander FRASER, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 221 Squadron.

This airman, who has flown on numerous sorties, is the pilot of a torpedo carrying aircraft. One night in February, 1943, at night, he attacked a tanker of medium size off the Italian coast, releasing his torpedoes from a position almost head on. Sergeant Fraser so skilfully executed his attack that, not only was the vessel set on fire, but neither of its escorting destroyers succeeded in firing a single shot before he flew clear. Some nights later, he was detailed to attack another tanker. This time considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered from the vessel's 2 escorting destroyers. His aircraft was damaged and the rear gunner wounded. In spite of this, Sergeant Fraser released a torpedo which hit the tanker amidships. He has displayed great courage, skill and initiative.

*Air Ministry, 9th March, 1943.*

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### AIR FORCE ACT.

It is proposed to amend the Rules of Procedure (Air Force), 1933, made under Section 70 of the Air Force Act.

Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained in accordance with the Rules Publication Act, 1893, from the Under-Secretary of State, Air Ministry, London, W.C.2.