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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.

Flight Lieutenant Derrick John D'ALTON (77206), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in numerous operational missions, many of them in the Middle East. As gunnery officer his work has been outstanding, while his keenness to participate in operations whenever possible has set an excellent example. On one occasion, over Benghazi, his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters. Two of the bomber's engines were put out of action, while the hydraulic and the intercommunication gear were rendered unserviceable. Displaying great coolness, Flight Lieutenant D'Alton gave his captain evading directions which enabled him to fly clear of the attackers. On the homeward flight, about an hour later, the aircraft was attacked by another enemy fighter. Once more, Flight Lieutenant D'Alton's commentary on the attacker's movements enabled his pilot to evade the fighter and fly on to base. This officer has always displayed great technical skill. He has suggested tactics in gunnery and formation flying which have been adopted and have resulted in the destruction of at least 7 enemy fighters.

Flight Lieutenant Phillip Addington WILLATT (42037), No. 178 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Willatt has completed many sorties, including a number of attacks on targets in Germany, Norway and Northern France. He has invariably displayed the greatest determination to press home his attack whatever the opposition. One day in October, 1942, he flew the leading aircraft of a bomber formation detailed to attack an enemy convoy. When nearing the target, an enemy fighter force was encountered and beaten off, 1 of the fighters being shot down. Flight Lieutenant Willatt led his formation in to attack the convoy but, in the run-up, his bombs failed to release. Unperturbed, he made a second and then a third run over the target before he released his bombs successfully. His courageous example and outstanding devotion to duty have been worthy of high praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Humphrey JONES (80625), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

In February, 1943, this officer was the navigator of the leading aircraft of a bomber force detailed to attack Bremen. Whilst over the city, just as the bombs were released, his aircraft was

subjected to heavy and concentrated fire from the ground defences. Flight Lieutenant Jones was wounded in the cheek but, although in obvious pain, continued his navigational duties, setting courses for the homeward flight. By the time the coast was reached, Flight Lieutenant Jones had lost much blood but he refused to leave his post until the aircraft was landed at base. This officer has participated in 41 sorties and has invariably displayed great courage, skill and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Scott TANNAHILL (63847), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, a number of them with his present squadron. He has attacked Tobruk and Benghazi several times and always pressed home his bombing with great determination. As well as operations against Tripoli, Sousse and Naples, Flight Lieutenant Tannahill has completed many sorties against shipping in the Mediterranean. On 1 occasion he attacked shipping in the harbour at Suda Bay with good results.

Flying Officer Andrew Patrick MILLAR (88865), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 20 Squadron.

This officer has undertaken 31 operational missions, including many reconnaissances over the enemy's forward positions. These were invariably over dense jungle country and, to obtain information, Flying Officer Millar had to fly at tree top height, thus being exposed to enemy small arms fire at short range. In addition he has completed a number of general photographic reconnaissances which involved flying for long periods over the enemy's positions. This officer, who has displayed great courage and determination, has often obtained valuable information.

Pilot Officer Elliss Trevor WARE (123618), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in February, 1943, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Lorient. During the outward flight, whilst crossing the French coast, one of the starboard engines failed. Despite this, Pilot Officer Ware continued his mission. When nearing the target area one of the port engines showed signs of over-heating, but he flew on to the target and bombed it. Afterwards, Pilot Officer Ware flew the bomber back to base on 3 engines, having skilfully controlled the over-heated engine. This officer displayed great skill and determination in completing his task successfully under difficult circumstances.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Lindsay Johnston DRUMMOND (N.Z. 413043), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.