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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 2nd April, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the GEORGE CROSS to:—

1115314 Sergeant Graham Leslie Parish, Royal Air Force.

Sergeant Parish was the navigator of an aircraft during a delivery flight from the United Kingdom to the Middle East Command. Shortly after taking off from an airfield in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan one morning in September, 1942, the port engine failed and the pilot attempted to return and land on the airfield. Owing to the rough nature of the ground, full use could not be made of the brakes. The aircraft struck a building on the airfield and immediately burst into flames. All of the crew with the exception of Sergeant Parish and a passenger, whose legs were both broken, succeeded in getting free of the blazing bomber. At the time of the crash Sergeant Parish was at the astro-hatch and the passenger was at the emergency door which is in the floor of the fuselage. This door was unusable as the undercarriage had collapsed and the fuselage was resting on the ground. The fire, which completely destroyed the bomber, was so intense that no assistance could be given to the navigator or the passenger. When the blaze subsided Sergeant Parish's body was found leaning against the rear gun turret and the passenger was beside him with his arm over the airman's shoulder. As the passenger could not walk, owing to his broken legs, it is clear that Sergeant Parish has carried him from the emergency door to the rear turret, a distance of eight yards, in the hope that both could escape through the turret. Undoubtedly both were overcome and burned to death in the attempt. Sergeant Parish could have made his escape through the astro-hatch but his unselfish desire to assist the passenger cost him his life. He displayed gallantry of the highest order.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Flying Officer Henry David Link (Can/J.11848), Royal Canadian Air Force.

In January, 1943, Flying Officer Link was the rear gunner of an aircraft which crashed a few miles away from an airfield and caught fire. Although thrown clear of the wreckage, this officer sustained injuries to his back and was badly cut about the head and face. Disregard-

ing his injuries and the danger from exploding ammunition, petrol tanks and oxygen bottles, Flying Officer Link immediately proceeded to assist other members of the crew who were trapped in the blazing wreckage. By his heroic efforts he succeeded in releasing two of his companions and it was not until the flames became too fierce that he abandoned his rescue efforts. Flying Officer Link displayed great courage and fortitude.

1207444 Sergeant Arthur Leslie Eastwick, Royal Air Force.

In November, 1942, Sergeant Eastwick was the wireless operator of an aircraft which crashed and burst into flames. He managed to get clear of the burning bomber but, finding that the bomb aimer was injured and trapped, Sergeant Eastwick re-entered the blazing aircraft. By this time the flares and petrol tanks were exploding. Despite this and the danger from the ammunition which was liable to explode at any moment, Sergeant Eastwick successfully extricated the bomb aimer and then assisted in the rescue of the rear gunner, who was also injured. Sergeant Eastwick set a magnificent example of courage, determination and devotion to duty.

929506 Corporal Glyn Rees, Royal Air Force.

In June, 1942, an aircraft crashed and the petrol caught fire. Corporal Rees, on being informed that the rear gunner was still in the aircraft, immediately went to the rescue although fully aware that it was loaded with bombs. He searched the interior of the aircraft although, in fact, the rear gunner had been thrown clear and killed. On another occasion in November, 1942, when a fire occurred in the wing of an aircraft and caused an explosion, Corporal Rees obtained a fire extinguisher, jumped on the wing, and succeeded in putting out the flames which were around the petrol tanks. His gallant action saved a valuable aircraft. Finally, in December, 1942, whilst he was engaged with a party in refuelling an aircraft, an attack was made by enemy fighter bombers. In the midst of a hail of cannon and machine-gun fire Corporal Rees started the engine and drove the bowser away from the aircraft he was refuelling. This airman has at all times displayed courage, initiative and a high standard of devotion to duty.

1279182 Aircraftman 2nd Class Victor Marsh, Royal Air Force.

One morning in December, 1942, Aircraftman Marsh was engaged on a routine inspection of a marine craft refueller, when an explosion occurred in the engine room. One of his companions was severely burned and blinded. Disregarding the flames Aircraftman Marsh made his way into the engine room and after several attempts he succeeded in dragging the airman to safety. He then returned to the engine room and closed all port