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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Dudley Henderson BURNSIDE, D.F.C. (37464), No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Reginald James HAYHURST (128419), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in March, 1943, Wing Commander Burnside and Pilot Officer Hayhurst were captain and bomb aimer of an aircraft detailed to attack Essen. When nearing the target area, the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire. One of the crew was killed and another severely wounded, while the aircraft sustained damage. The aileron control was affected and the windscreen de-icing glycol tank burst drenching Pilot Officer Hayhurst and filling the forward part of the bomber with suffocating fumes. Despite this, Pilot Officer Hayhurst directed his captain to the target which was successfully bombed and a good photograph obtained. The aircraft was held by searchlights for a few minutes but Wing Commander Burnside skilfully evaded the defences and set course for home. On the return flight the aircraft encountered enemy fighters but, each time, he shook them off. Displaying fine airmanship he flew the damaged aircraft back to an airfield in this country. In a very trying situation both these members of aircraft crew displayed courage and determination of a high order.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Frederick Desmond HUGHES, D.F.C. (74706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Lawrence DIXON (116698), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, Squadron Leader Hughes and Flying Officer Dixon have flown together on many night sorties in operations in North Africa. During these flights they have destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. Squadron Leader Hughes and Flying Officer Dixon have displayed great skill and keenness, setting a praiseworthy example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard Mansfield PINKHAM (42765), No. 150 Squadron.

This officer has completed 56 sorties during which he has attacked targets in Germany, Italy and Tunisia. He has at all times pressed home his mission with the utmost courage and determination and has obtained many excellent photographs. Squadron Leader Pinkham has invariably displayed exceptional skill and keenness, and has contributed materially to the many successes achieved by his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Currie BUCHANAN (N.Z.412199), Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Buchanan has flown on 37 long-range reconnaissance missions over enemy-occupied territory, including sorties to Rotterdam, Wilhelmshaven, Cologne, Essen, Bremen and objectives in Norway and Tunisia. On one occasion he descended in very bad weather to within a hundred feet to obtain photographs. This officer's great eagerness to fly on operations has been a magnificent example.

Flying Officer Ruari Ian Lambert CHISHOLM (117694), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

This officer is a gallant and determined captain of aircraft. One day in August, 1942, while flying on an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. Flying Officer Chisholm inflicted considerable damage on the attacker and drove it off. In October, 1942, he was detailed to bomb Kiel and whilst over the target area was attacked by a Focke Wulf 190. Flying Officer Chisholm displayed masterly evasive tactics which enabled him to avoid the enemy and complete his mission. On all occasions this officer's steadiness and resolution have been an inspiration to his crew.

Flying Officer Jack ETHELLS (113395), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 142 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft Flying Officer Ethells has consistently shown skill and determination, pressing home his attacks from a low level regardless of the heaviest ground defences. In October, 1942, this officer was detailed to take part in an attack on Cologne. He persisted in his task in the face of intense opposition and successfully bombed the target, afterwards flying his aircraft safely back to base although one engine was badly damaged. Flying Officer Ethells by his outstanding devotion to duty, both in the air and on the ground, has set a high standard to his crew resulting in many successful achievements.