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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:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander John Randall Daniel BRAHAM, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40667), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 141 Squadron.

This officer is a fearless and determined leader, whose impressive qualities have inspired the squadron he commands. Wing Commander Braham has destroyed 11 enemy aircraft, whilst his more recent achievements include a damaging attack on a U-boat and another attack on a motor torpedo boat which was set on fire. His fine fighting spirit and keenness have set a praiseworthy example.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Peter Malam BROTHERS, D.F.C. (37668), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

This officer has displayed outstanding keenness and efficiency. Within recent months he has led a wing in many operations and, by his skilful work and personal example, has contributed in a large measure to the high standard of operational efficiency of the formation. He has displayed great devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald Joseph Cowan GRANT, D.F.C., D.F.M. (NZ.391352), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 485 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed exceptional keenness, a fine fighting spirit and great devotion to duty. He has destroyed at least 8 enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Richard RATTEN (Aus.405111), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 453 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has led the squadron and often the wing with great skill. He has rendered excellent service, setting a most praiseworthy example. Squadron Leader Ratten has destroyed 1 and shared in the destruction of another enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Joseph William Ernest HOLMES (114291), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 263 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many operations during which attacks have been made on such targets as airfields, gun positions and military instal-

lations. Flight Lieutenant Holmes is a first class leader, whose skill and courage have set an excellent example.

Flying Officer James Patrick COYNE (Can/J.15233), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 263 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, involving low level attacks on airfields, dock installations and rail communications. His courageous leadership, tenacity and keenness have been inspiring.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Ernest George REDMAN (125567), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1176846 Flight Sergeant George Arthur COZENS, No. 149 Squadron.

One night in May, 1943, Flying Officer Redman and Flight Sergeant Cozens were navigator and pilot respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. Whilst over the target area, the bomber was hit by falling incendiary bombs. The navigator's cabin was wrecked, the front turret was rendered unserviceable, while an oil tank was pierced and much equipment was damaged. The aircraft went out of control and lost considerable height before Flight Sergeant Cozens succeeded in regaining control. Some moveable equipment was jettisoned and a little height was gained as course was set for base. Displaying great skill, Flight Sergeant Cozens flew the damaged bomber to this country and accomplished a safe landing in the face of many difficulties. Throughout the return flight, Flying Officer Redman gave his pilot valuable assistance, plotting an accurate course in spite of extremely adverse circumstances. These members of aircraft crew displayed skill and courage of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1258829 Flight Sergeant Maurice Archer COLLINS, No. 226 Squadron.

In air operations this airman displayed courage and fortitude in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

1271045 Flight Sergeant Charles Oliver Alfred LAWRENCE, No. 12 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this airman was the captain and pilot of an aircraft engaged on an operation. During the flight the bomber was raked by gun fire from an enemy fighter which badly wounded the rear and mid-upper gunners. Flight Sergeant Lawrence dived steeply to evade the attacker and, when levelling out, the port aileron broke off. The