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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 Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Reginald Wilfred REYNOLDS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40259), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 139 Squadron.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader William Walter BLESSING, D.F.C. (Aus.404648), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 105 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Edward Barnes SISMORE, D.F.C. (130208), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 139 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Forrest Martin FISHER (121787), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 105 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1379594 Flight Sergeant Leslie HOGAN, No. 105 Squadron.

On the 27th May, 1943, a force of bombers were detailed to attack targets at Jena, Germany, in daylight. The operation called for a high degree of skill and necessitated a flight over strongly defended areas and difficult terrain. Whilst still a considerable distance from the target, the weather deteriorated and visibility became very poor. Nevertheless, the objective, far away in enemy territory was reached according to plan. In spite of balloon defences, and in the face of fierce anti-aircraft fire, a low level attack was pressed home with great vigour. The success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of the above-named personnel who took part in the operation in various capacities, as members of aircraft crews. Their skill, courage and determination were of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander George Arthur Vere CLAYTON (33109), No. 240 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this officer led a detachment of aircraft on a special operation which demanded great skill and determination. Much of the complete success which was obtained can be attributed to this officer's sterling work. He has invariably displayed qualities of leadership and courage of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gordon Wallace WILLIAMS (118554), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

This officer is an excellent flight commander. He has completed many sorties and has always dis-

played outstanding determination to achieve success. On one occasion, after bombing a troop concentration, he attacked a number of vehicles with gun fire from a low level. On other occasions, he has attacked transport with destructive effect. Flight Lieutenant Williams has displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Leslie Cyril GOSLING (Can/J.9359), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 229 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including attacks on airfields, port installations and industrial targets. In air combat he has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft and damaged others. In one engagement he shot down 2 Junkers 88s which were escorting 2 merchant vessels. This officer has displayed great skill and keenness, setting a fine example.

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Squadron Leader John Leighton BECK, D.F.C. (37785), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 159 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant David William McCORMACK, D.F.C. (Aus.400232), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 615 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Matthias Oxenham DYER (33564), No. 159 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Alan Edward HOUSEMAN (73729), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 2 Squadron.

Major Stephanus Francois DU TOIT (P.102712), South African Air Force, No. 4 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant George KENNING (44526), No. 2 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Paul Gerald LOUIS, D.F.M. (113346), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 615 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Stanley Walker TOWELL, D.F.M. (45544), No. 159 Squadron.

Flying Officer Wilfred Lloyd DOBBIN (Can/J.6011), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Flying Officer Edmund DONOVAN (117677), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 14 Squadron.

Flying Officer George Walter CLARKE-HALL (Aus. 406255), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flying Officer Jack JACKMAN (110812), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 162 Squadron.

Flying Officer Roderick William LAPHORNE (Aus. 401040), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.