



FOURTH SUPPLEMENT
TO
The London Gazette
Of FRIDAY, the 3rd of DECEMBER, 1943
Published by Authority

Registered as a newspaper

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1943

Air Ministry, 7th December, 1943.

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.

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Norman BARGATE, D.F.C. (84980), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 223 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Henry James KING, D.F.M. (111328), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 223 Squadron.

In October, 1943, Squadron Leader King and Flight Lieutenant Bargate were pilot and observer respectively of the leading aircraft of a bomber force detailed to attack a target. When nearing the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained serious damage. Flight Lieutenant Bargate was wounded in the neck and face. Although bleeding profusely and temporarily blinded in one eye, he guided his pilot to the objective and bombed it. Afterwards, Squadron Leader King, although almost overcome by fumes from the petrol which streamed from the pierced tanks, battled on through intensive anti-aircraft fire to reach our own lines. These officers displayed outstanding courage and determination, setting an example of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Charles COOPER (104361), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Cooper has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed great skill and devotion to duty. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great vigour, often in the face of heavy opposition. Squadron Leader Cooper is a confident and courageous captain and his example has proved inspiring.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Graham DECK (108160), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including several successful attacks on shipping. On one occasion, Flight Lieutenant Deck took part in an attack on a number of caïques, 17 of which were hit; he has also attacked a medium sized motor vessel and 2 armed trawlers with damaging effect. On a recent occasion over Cos, Flight Lieutenant Deck, together with his leader attacked 4 Junkers 87s, 3 of which they shot down. Later, during another engagement, Flight Lieutenant Deck assisted in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft. He is a most skilful, courageous and resolute fighter.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James MONTGOMERY (149203), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer is an outstanding captain whose example of courage and devotion to duty has been worthy of high praise. Flight Lieutenant Montgomery has participated in very many sorties and throughout his efforts have been featured by great determination to achieve success. He has rendered excellent service.

Pilot Officer Casimir Marmaduke BOUNEVILLE (142534), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on roads, airfields and on shipping. On one occasion he took part in an attack on shipping off the Tunisian coast. During the action a large motor vessel and an F. boat were destroyed. On other occasions, Pilot Officer Bouneville has attacked two large motor vessels, and F. boat and a schooner with damaging effect. In air combat, he has assisted in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft. This officer has displayed great skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer David Earl WARNE (Can/R.102093), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 227 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Warne has completed a very large number of sorties, including several successful attacks on shipping. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination, often in the face of heavy opposition, and his achievements have been worthy of great praise.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

636850 Sergeant Hendrick John VAN DER POL, Royal Air Force, No. 38 Squadron.

This airman has completed a large number of sorties, involving anti-submarine patrols, reconnaissance and bombing attacks. In August, 1943, Sergeant Van Der Pol attacked a medium sized ship, obtaining a hit. On another occasion in October, 1943, he successfully attacked a larger vessel, obtaining hits which caused its destruction. This airman has set a fine example of courage and determination.

Air Ministry, 7th November, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Pilot Officer Robert Christian DUNSTAN (Aus.419018), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander John Anthony SLATER, D.F.C. (39807), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 103 Squadron.