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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Geoffrey Trevor WYNNE-POWELL (90915), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 90 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, involving attacks on targets in the Ruhr and many other important centres. He has displayed great skill throughout and, although his aircraft has been hit by anti-aircraft fire on several occasions, Wing Commander Wynne-Powell has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination. By his personal example of courage and resolution this officer has contributed materially to the high standard of morale of the squadron he commands.

Flight Lieutenant Thornton Vernon CLARKE (Aus.408954), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 622 Squadron.

This officer is a keen, competent and resolute pilot. He has taken part in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on many well defended targets which he has attacked with determination. On several occasions his great skill has been largely responsible for the safe return of his aircraft when damage has been sustained in engagements with fighters. Flight Lieutenant Clarke has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Cyril Horatio HAWKINS (111681), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

In December, 1943, this officer was detailed to attack a target in Northern France. During the operation his aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences. Flight Lieutenant Hawkins was wounded in the foot and the leg. Although suffering greatly he flew the damaged aircraft to base. He displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty. This officer has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed praiseworthy determination.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Richard LEVEN, D.F.M. (115287), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 487 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, Flight Lieutenant Leven has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on airfields, railway junctions, military installations and other targets in enemy occupied territory. On a recent occasion, in an operation against targets in Northern France, his aircraft was badly damaged

when hit by anti-aircraft fire on crossing the enemy coast. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Leven led his section on to the target which was heavily attacked. He afterwards flew back to base where he effected a successful crash-landing. His effort was typical of the determination he has shown throughout his tour.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald William Alexander MACKICHAN (106195), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 3 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties, involving bombing attacks on airfields, other military targets and industrial installations; he has also executed many low level attacks on shipping and has damaged a number of tugs, barges, small merchant ships and minesweepers. He is a gallant leader whose skill and fine fighting qualities have been reflected in the high standard of operational efficiency of the flight he commands.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry William BRISTOW (132734), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, including several attacks on Berlin. He is a first class gunner, whose coolness and resolution in the face of the enemy have set a fine example. On one occasion, whilst over Berlin, his aircraft was attacked by 4 fighters. In the ensuing engagement, Flight Lieutenant Bristow displayed great efficiency. Although his turret became unserviceable, he gave skilful evading directions to his pilot who thus was enabled to out-manoeuvre the attackers. His cool work contributed materially to the successful completion of the sortie. In addition to his work in the air, this officer has rendered yeoman service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant George Henderson LAING (Can/J.22778), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Although engine trouble developed during the outward journey, Flight Lieutenant Laing continued to the target and bombed it. He afterwards flew safely to base although 2 of the aircraft's engines were out of action. Flight Lieutenant Laing has participated in many sorties and has always displayed praiseworthy skill, courage and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Dennis Charles WOODRUFF (156311), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft Flight Lieutenant Woodruff has participated in a large number of sorties, including attacks on such targets as

Berlin, Hamburg and Turin. On one occasion, whilst over Kassal, his aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Although much damage was sustained, Flight Lieutenant Woodruff skilfully manoeuvred his aircraft to enable his gunner to fire a long burst of fire at the attacker which went down in flames. Flight Lieutenant Woodruff then went on to complete a successful attack on the target. This officer has invariably displayed great courage and determination.

Flying Officer Wilfred Thomas HAXBY (135038), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Flying Officer Haxby has taken part in a large number of sorties, including 6 against the capital of the Reich. He is a navigator of exceptional ability, a quality which was well in evidence in a recent sortie against Berlin when his efforts contributed materially to the success obtained. This officer has rendered valuable service.

Flying Officer Robin Herbert KNIGHTS (47835), Royal Air Force No. 101 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ferguson George Donaldson SMITH (133655), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Flying Officer Smith was a member of the crew of an aircraft piloted by Flying Officer Knights detailed to attack the German capital. When nearing the target the aircraft was hit by cannon fire from a fighter. Flying Officer Smith sustained severe injuries, being wounded in the back, the chest and the leg, while 2 of his comrades were mortally wounded. Although the aircraft had sustained damage, Flying Officer Knights, displaying great determination, continued to the target and bombed it. In the meantime, Flying Officer Smith, who had refrained from reporting his injuries, worked heroically in an endeavour to free his trapped comrades from their turrets. Not until it was apparent that they were beyond human assistance would he relax his efforts. His courage, fortitude and determination were worthy of the highest praise. Throughout the return flight, Flying Officer Knights had to exert considerable pressure on the control column to maintain a level flight. Nevertheless, he succeeded in reaching base where he effected a safe landing. He displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order.

Flying Officer Michael John NOLAN, D.F.M. (122305), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 487 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. He is a navigator of exceptional ability and his record is one of outstanding success. On a recent occasion he was the navigator of the leading aircraft of a section detailed to attack a target in Northern France. When crossing the enemy coast the aircraft was badly damaged when hit by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot held to his course, however, and was guided to the target by Flying Officer Nolan with his usual accuracy. This officer has displayed exceptional keenness and great devotion to duty.

Flying Officer George James WALLACE (129183), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

As air bomber, Flying Officer Wallace has taken part in attacks on most of the heavily defended targets in Germany. He is possessed of great courage and determination, qualities which have earned him many successes. His fine record is worthy of great praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Nathan SHARD, D.F.M. (155256), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R69999 Flight Sergeant Ross Barrett IRWIN, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg one night in January, 1944. During the operation the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. The astro-dome was shot away, the mid-upper and rear turrets were put out of action and the hydraulic gear was damaged; the port inner propeller blade was also damaged. The fighter made repeated

attacks but Flight Sergeant Irwin, standing with his head protruding through the aperture which had been previously covered by the astro-dome, gave the necessary directions to his pilot who was thus able to out-manoeuvre and eventually evade the attacker. Later, one of the starboard engines had to be feathered. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Shard flew the aircraft back to this country where he landed the bomber safely in spite of badly damaged flaps and burst tyres on two of the landing wheels. This officer and airman displayed great courage, determination and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Norman Allan MARSTON (136912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1672812 Sergeant Douglas William McMILLAM, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer and airman were air bomber and mid-upper gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and damage was sustained. In spite of this, the mission was continued and the target was successfully attacked. On the homeward flight, whilst over the North Sea the petrol supply became exhausted and the aircraft had to be brought down on to the sea. This was skilfully accomplished but the violence of the waves broke the aircraft in two and the dinghy drifted away. Undaunted, Flying Officer Marston and Sergeant McMillam discarded most of their equipment, plunged into the water and swam towards the dinghy. They succeeded in reaching it and, although almost exhausted, scrambled aboard. Although numb with cold and greatly fatigued they struggled valiantly against the violent seas to return to the sinking aircraft but their efforts were in vain. In most distressing circumstances this officer and airman displayed great courage and resolution and their conduct was worthy of the highest praise.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.142144 Flight Sergeant Alexander CLIBBERY, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg one night in January, 1944. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was illuminated by searchlights and afterwards attacked by a fighter. Although the enemy aircraft was evaded the bomber had sustained much damage. Instruments had been shot away, the inter-communication system rendered unserviceable and the oxygen supply destroyed. Despite this, Flight Sergeant Clibbery completed his bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This airman displayed a fine fighting spirit, great determination and devotion to duty.

1315224 Flight Sergeant Tom Noel Heywood FOGATY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked targets in Brunswick one night in January, 1944. Soon after leaving the target area the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter which attacked with much persistence. The bomber was hit in many places by the enemy's bullets. One engine was rendered useless, the front and mid-upper turrets were put out of action and the aircraft became filled with smoke. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Fogaty succeeded in evading the attacker. Although height was gradually lost on the homeward flight, Flight Sergeant Fogaty reached base where he effected a masterly landing. In very trying circumstances, this airman displayed great skill and coolness and set a very inspiring example.

Aus.417298 Flight Sergeant Phillip Kenneth ROSS GERICKE, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

As rear gunner, Flight Sergeant Gericke has participated in very many sorties against important enemy targets. He is a cool, confident and resolute gunner and his skill has, on more than 1 occasion, contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. On 1 occasion, in an attack on Kassel, his aircraft was attacked by a

Junkers 88. Although his reflector sight was hit by a bullet and rendered useless, Flight Sergeant Gericke coolly withheld his fire until the attacker came into close range then, with a well placed burst of fire, shot the enemy aircraft down. His determination and efficiency have set an excellent example.

1316474 Flight Sergeant Raymond Percival HAYLES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

As wireless operator, this airman has participated in many attacks on targets in Germany, including such well defended targets as industrial centres in the Ruhr. He is a cool and efficient member of aircraft crew, whose unflinching devotion to duty has been highly commendable. On 1 occasion his aircraft sustained much damage in an engagement with a fighter. At times, on the homeward journey the aircraft was almost out of control but Flight Sergeant Hayles coolly worked at his wireless apparatus, obtaining fixes which greatly assisted his pilot to reach base. His efficient first aid to 2 of his comrades who had been wounded in the fight was a timely factor in saving their lives. His exemplary conduct in harassing circumstances was worthy of great praise.

Can/R.181818 Sergeant Richard Edward QUALLE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg one night in January, 1944. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Sergeant Qualle sustained many cuts by flying splinters when the glass surround of his turret was shattered by bullets which also put 1 of his guns out of action. Although dazzled by searchlights, Sergeant Qualle coolly brought his remaining guns to bear on the attacker which was seen to burst into flames. Despite intense cold and the lack of oxygen he refused to leave his turret throughout the homeward flight. On this, his first operational flight, this airman displayed determination, fortitude and devotion to duty of a high order.

1459209 Sergeant Raymond Loraine URWIN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 622 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this airman was the navigator of an aircraft which attacked Berlin. On the homeward flight, the aircraft was hit by cannon shells from a fighter. Sergeant Urwin was wounded in the neck and the shoulder. In spite of his injuries he insisted on fulfilling his duties and, although deprived of some of his equipment, he navigated the aircraft safely to base. This airman set a fine example of courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 15th February, 1944.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Ekanayane Eward AMERASEKERA (155926), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lionel Goldsmith BERRY (161033), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 106 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Richard BLOTT (160590), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Laurence BOULTER (155960), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Reginald James BREWER (159673), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Sharp CAMPBELL (162614), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Vernon CLARK (53565), Royal Air Force, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leonard Arthur COXILL (156325), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Alexander Barclay CRAIG (155932), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Stanley Noel CUNNINGTON (159706), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Anthony Logan CURRIE (155488), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alexander Herbert GIBSON (149691), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert GOLDSTRAW (160515), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald HALPERIN (162792), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Douglas HARRIS (161745), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Joseph Clifford HARRIS-WARD (158284), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Wilfred Henry HOLDEN (53224), Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alfred Samuel John HOLDER (160621), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Logan HOWELL (155929), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Louis Cedric HOWELL (160123), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Herbert ISAAC (155898), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Haydn Ernest JONES (161087), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Peter Frank JARVIS (158550), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Brian KING (161415), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Edward LOCKEY (149473), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Whiteside MCCONNELL (158915), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Andrew MAITLAND (155912), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry MARSDEN (157952), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Richard Joseph Ernest MARTIN (149823), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert Edward Anderson MATTHEWS (156039), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kingsley MOUNTNEY (159504), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Arthur NEVE (155997), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Albert Edward NEWMAN (159101), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer David Ramsey OLIVER (159440), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederick Harold QUICK (162609), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Thomas RASHBROOK (155904), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer John Oliver ROLLAND (158794), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Allan Sharp RUSSELL (159436), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Jack Samuel SALISBURY (156712), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harry Thornton SHEWAN (158664), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Aubrey Clinton SMYTHE (157754), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan Walter SOLE (149697), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 196 Squadron.

Pilot Officer George Aytoun SPARK (155494), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Lawrence John STOW (155514), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Andrew Duff TODD (157749), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Franklin Hare TRITTON (158719), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 100 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Brown WARWICK (156612), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Henry Wager Dixon WATTS (159708), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Alan WASHBROOK (157197), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Donald Frank WEBB (159100), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold WILTSHIRE (161279), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

- Pilot Officer William Frederick George WOODLEY (158416), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer James Robert WORTHINGTON (156272), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Douglas Frederick HODGE (755931), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Sidney HODGES (1310848), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Eric Leonard JONES (1431252), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Trevor Percy JUPP (1383975), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Grant MUCKART (549273), Royal Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Edgar John NORTON (1337546), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer James Matthew THOMAS, D.F.M. (798547), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Ernest Mark WEBB (1217078), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Burney Edgar Richard WHITEHOUSE (1200847), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 199 Squadron.
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- Acting Warrant Officer John Herbert MASON (1216353), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.
- Acting Warrant Officer Richard Bradley SMITH (1270242), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron (since deceased).
- Acting Warrant Officer William Harold SWAIN (1380813), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- 972388 Flight Sergeant William Norman ROBERTS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.
- 1390490 Flight Sergeant Leonard John RUSSELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.
- 1234489 Flight Sergeant Charles SAUNDERS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.
- 1337746 Flight Sergeant Granville Sidney SHARPE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.
- 1579737 Flight Sergeant Leonard Howard STANDLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.
- 1480507 Flight Sergeant Samuel Brown STEVENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.
- 1166079 Flight Sergeant John Alfred THOMAS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.
- 1315309 Flight Sergeant William Ronald TUCKER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.
- 1063420 Flight Sergeant Frank Joseph TUDOR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
- 1388544 Flight Sergeant Derek Robinson TULLOCH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
- 1288666 Flight Sergeant John Graham WALTERS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
- 1330747 Flight Sergeant Albert Norman WEBBER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.
- 1575276 Flight Sergeant Guy Huitson WOOD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron.
- 1316566 Flight Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) Edwin Lewis WRIGHT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.
- 1479621 Flight Sergeant George YOUNG, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.
- 1609983 Sergeant Douglas Robert ALEXANDER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
- 1319430 Sergeant Edward Charles BENHAM, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron.
- 532595 Sergeant Charles Henry BROWN, Royal Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.
- 1554282 Sergeant George BOAG, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- 1631361 Sergeant Harold James COPLAND, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.
- 1079712 Sergeant William DICKIE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
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- 1377112 Sergeant Vivian Benjamin HAZELL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- 1199374 Sergeant Stanley Colin HEMSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.
- 1341935 Sergeant Charles HOGG, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.
- 1054033 Sergeant Robert Crichton JUDGE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- 1403691 Sergeant William Cecil John KENNY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
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- 638687 Sergeant David John Dickson KING, Royal Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.
- 1382720 Sergeant Robert Harold LOCK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 192 Squadron.
- 1804046 Sergeant William Henry LYSSINGTON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 625 Squadron.
- 1815866 Sergeant Thomas MATTHEWS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron.
- 1347553 Sergeant Eric Nicholson MAVILLE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.
- 544389 Sergeant John Sandiford MITCHELL, Royal Air Force, No. 51 Squadron.
- 1076653 Sergeant Walter Alexander NAPIER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- 1018088 Sergeant Ferris Arthur NEWTON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.
- 658210 Sergeant Samuel Joseph PEEK, Royal Air Force, No. 97 Squadron (since deceased).
- 1349762 Sergeant James RENWICK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.
- 910744 Sergeant Arthur Albert REED, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.
- 1129081 Sergeant Robert William SAIGAR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.
- 1029608 Sergeant David Bone SCOTT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.
- 1810802 Sergeant George Henry SIMS, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
- 1050242 Sergeant James SOUTHWORTH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.
- 527668 Sergeant William Samuel Henry STRONG, Royal Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.
- 1699853 Sergeant Herbert TURNHAM, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.
- 1390803 Sergeant Terence TYLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
- 1092612 Sergeant Alan Charles WALES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Flying Officer Cecil Edward Metcalfe AGG (Aus. 415211), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer John FORSYTH (Aus. 405352), No. 106 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Rhodes MASON (Aus. 401240), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer John Edward Clarence RADCLIFFE (Aus. 408931), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer Noel Stanton ROSE (Aus. 402402), No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer Frank Elgar WITMER (Aus. 400896), No. 49 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Keith Omond BARNES (Aus. 409370), No. 49 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Leslie Allan DEVERIDGE (Aus. 420922), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer George Phillip GEORGE (Aus. 413369), No. 49 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Jack Pierce HUTCHINSON (Aus. 416501), No. 626 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer John Loftus HILLS (Aus. 415253), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Cyril Roy KROEMER (Aus. 416380), No. 625 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Clifford Wadoux STRINGER (Aus. 414098), No. 156 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Douglas Reginald TOOVEY (Aus. 416632), No. 50 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer Robert Spenser YELL (Aus. 413471), No. 12 Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Pattinson HAYTON (Aus. 405074), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) Owen Milton MOORE (Aus. 412018), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Warrant Officer Francis Gerald MURPHY
(Aus.405051), No. 35 Squadron.
Acting Warrant Officer Victor Archibald Maudsley
HEDGES (Aus.24163), No. 156 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.420088 Flight Sergeant Reginald Charles
WATERSON, No. 101 Squadron.
Aus.413053 Flight Sergeant Reginald Stanley
WEBSTER, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Henry Cyril Cameron BANKS
(Can/J.12855), No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Flying Officer William Blaise Burke CLOUTIER
(Can/J.10313), No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Flying Officer Billy Alfred CRADDOCK (Can/J.17793),
No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Flying Officer Gordon Robert DRIMMIE
(Can/J.16306), No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Flying Officer Henry William KEANE, D.F.M.
(Can/J.16135), No. 619 Squadron.
Flying Officer Thomas Murray MITCHELL
(Can/J.20394), No. 139 Squadron.
Flying Officer Cornelius MASSEY (Can/J.11113),
No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Flying Officer Lorne Thomas FRITCHARD
(Can/J.14783), No. 50 Squadron.
Flying Officer David Hope SIMPSON (Can/J.14578),
No. 50 Squadron.
Flying Officer Ernest Francis WHEELER
(Can/J.22570), No. 199 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Joseph Frederick Carol BROWN
(Can/J.18143), No. 50 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Charles Martin COUTLEE (Can/J.18986),
No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Pilot Officer Lloyd Gerrard COBURN (Can/J.18127),
No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Pilot Officer Aubur Maurice DAVIDSON (Can/J.19161),
No. 51 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Frederick* Edward JOHNSTON
(Can/C.18596), No. 35 Squadron.
Pilot Officer Kenneth Robert MIDDLEMISS
(Can/J.19034), No. 12 Squadron.
Pilot Officer John McINTOSH (Can/J.18198),
No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Pilot Officer Francis David MAYOU (Can/J.18381),
No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Warrant Officer Alfred Clayton FARMER
(Can/R.134906), No. 12 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Earnest Stewart HAWKES
(Can/R.109508), No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
Warrant Officer Edward Thomas McLEOD
(Can/R.99253), No. 50 Squadron.
Warrant Officer Willmer Alexander MARTIN
(Can/R.102411), No. 218 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.136237 Flight Sergeant John Edward
MORIARTY, No. 97 Squadron.
Can/R.128227 Flight Sergeant Homer Delbert
WEAVER, No. 76 Squadron.
Can/R.71968 Sergeant Gordon IRELAND, No. 35
Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry
and devotion to duty in the execution of air
operations.

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington.
15th February, 1944.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve
the following awards in recognition of gallantry dis-
played in flying operations against the enemy in the
South Pacific area:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Mortimer Tuke VANDERPUMP
(N.Z.40994), No. 16 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.43151 Flight Sergeant Patrick Andrew TILYARD,
No. 16 (N.Z.) Squadron.
N.Z.42417 Flight Sergeant Ernest Charles LAURIE,
No. 16 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Air Ministry, 15th February, 1944.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for
the wearing of the undermentioned decoration con-
ferred upon the officer indicated in recognition of
valuable services rendered in connection with the
war:—

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CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

Military Cross, 1939.

Flying Officer Ernest Derek EYLES (116703), Royal
Air Force.

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