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9th June, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:---

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order: —

Flight Lieutenant Francis Edward Anthony Quinn (84721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. On 13th December, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Quinn was the navigator of a Beaufighter aircraft

Quinn was the navigator of a Beaufighter aircraft which crashed when taking off; one member of the crew sustained injuries which rendered him help-less. Flight Lieutenant Quinn, although dazed and severely burned on his hands, shoulders and arms, managed to extricate himself from the blazing aircraft. Ignoring his injuries and the dan-ger from the possible explosion of the petrol tanks and cannon shells, Flight Lieutenant Quinn rushed back into the flames in an endeavour to assist his companion. This gallant action resulted in the saving of the airman's life. Flight Lieutenant and was burning fiercely. Flight Lieutenant Quinn although suffering from shock and lacerations to his face, gave assistance to the pilot who had been trapped. been trapped.

Air Ministry, 9th June, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander John Napier DAVENFORT. D.F.C. (Aus. 403403), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron. This officer has taken pant in a large number of sorties, including many attacks on shipping, during which much loss has been inflicted on the enemy. Recently he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on an enemy convoy which was escorted by 16 armed ships. In spite of fierce opposing fire a most determined and successful attack was made. Two medium sized merchant vessels and made. Two medium sized merchant vessels and one of the escorting vessels were very severely damaged. Im this well executed operation, Wing Commander Davenport displayed high powers of leadership, great skill and determination which con-tributed materially to the results obtained. This officer has rendered great service and his sterling qualities have impressed all.

Acting Squadron Leader John BAKER, D.F.C. (120393), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of well defended enemy targets. He is a fear-less and devoted member of aircraft crew, whose detormination to have here to reserve the best determination to bomb his targets accurately has won him great success. In the air and on the ground his conduct has been exemplary and he has set the finest example of devotion to duty, never sparing himself in his efforts to strike at the enemy at every opportunity.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas William PECK, D.F.C. (42430), Royal Air Force, No. 627 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed a very large num-ber of sorties and his achievements have won great praise. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution and his example has been most inspiring. On a recent occasion he piloted an aircraft on a sortie against Munich. When over the target his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire whilst illuminated in the searchlights. One engine was rendered useless and a little later the aircraft went out of control. Considerable height was lost but Flight Lieutenant Peck suc-ceeded in regaining control and then, with his usual determination continued his mission which he completed successfully.

he completed successfully. Pilot Officer Richard Robert REED (172568), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 576 Squadron. One night in May, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft to attack a target in Southern France. When nearing the objective the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The inter-communication system was put out of action but, although unable to receive any evading directions, Pilot Officer Reed manoeuvred with much skill. His aircraft which had caught fire to the rear of the fuselage, had sustained extensive damage and went into a steep dive. With the greatest difficulty Pilot Officer Reed succeeded in regaining control. The fire had subsided but the mid-upper and rear tur-rets were out of action, leaving the aircraft defencerets were out of action, leaving the aircraft defenceless. Nevertheless Pilot Officer Reed was deter-mined to bomb the allotted target and went on to make a successful attack. Shortly afterwards another fighter attacked and further damage was sustained. Once more the aircraft was set on fra sustained. Once more the aircraft was set on fire by the enemy's bullets but the flames were ex-tinguished by the flight engineer. The situation was by now most critical. The elevator and rudder trimmers were useless, the control surfaces had sustained damage, the hydraulic system was unserviceable, whilst the rear turret had been almost severed and was hanging loosely below the

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fuselage. To keep the aircraft level it was necessary for two members of the crew to help necessary for two members of the crew to help with the control column and the rudder control. Despite this, Pilot Officer Reed kept to his home-ward course and finally reached base where he landed the crippled aircraft on one wheel. He displayed superb skill, unbeatable courage and determination and his leadership in the face of hazardous circumstances proved most inspiring.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward Nigel BUNTING, D.F.C. (60523), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron. This officer has completed a very large number

of sorties and has displayed a high standard of skill and keenness throughout. He has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft at night, successes which pay a good tribute to his ability and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Phillip REED, D.F.C. (104432), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer is an observer of high merit and his example of courage and resource has been most praiseworthy. He is a very valuable member of aircraft crew and has assisted in the destruction of 11 enemy aircraft at night.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Alexander John MACKIE, D.F.C. (88410), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties and has continued to show the highest qualities of skill and devotion to duty. His successes are an excel-lent tribute to his unwavering determination to make every sortie a success.

Flying Officer Phillip KELLY, D.F.C. (130515), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed very many sorties against dangerous and difficult targets. Through-out he has displayed navigational ability of the highest standard which has contributed in a large measure to the successes obtained On a recent highest standard which has contributed in a large measure to the successes obtained. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer Kelly was the navigator of an aircraft which attacked Munich. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire and much searchlight activity, Flying Officer Kelly coolly and skilfully directed his captain to the precise target which was successfully attacked. This officer has invari-ably displayed a high degree of courage and his record is worthy of the greatest praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Rollo KINGSFORD-SMITH (Aus. 381), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many at-tacks against well defended targets. He has dis-played a high degree of skill throughout, and his determination to press home his attacks has won him much success. He is a gallant squadron commander, whose contempt for danger and out-standing ability has been well reflected in the operational efficiency of the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Ian Rose Arthur (41241), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 72 Squadron.

Squadron. In May, 1944, this officer flew the leading aircraft of a formation which engaged a force of 18 enemy fighters 9 of which were shot down without loss. By his skilful and determined leadership, Squadron Leader Arthur played a worthy part in this brilliant success. This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has displayed outstanding devotion to duty. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft,

Acting Squadron Leader Stephen Legh Cockbain (67707), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

In March, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained much damage. One engine was rendered useless, the cupola of the mid-upper turret was shattered and the hydraulic gear was damaged. Despite this, Squaron Leader Cockbain succeeded in evang a second attack and went on to the target to complete his task. This officer to the target to complete his task. This officer

has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed great sklil, leadership and devotion to dutv.

light Lieutenant Cameron McArthur FORBES (121289), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 53 Squadron. Flight

No. 53 Squadron. This officer has completed numerous sorties and has set a fine example of devotion to duty. Within a period of several days recently, Flight Lieutenant Forbes has made 4 attacks on U-boats. In one of these sorties his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and one engine was set on fire. Despite this Flight Lieutenant Forbes pressed home his attack with the greatest determination. This officer has displayed the highest standard of courage and tenacity in his efforts to destroy the courage and tenacity in his efforts to destroy the enemy's under water craft.

Flight Lieutenant John Anthony Sanderson HALL (107269), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Hall is a highly efficient and courageous fighter. He has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed petchle become and depetition to duty. He has notable keenness and devotion to duty. He has shot down 4 hostile aircraft at night.

- Flight Lieutenant Patrick William KEMMIS (118368), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 169
- Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Ronald George WOODMAN (69464), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 169 Squadron. As observer and pilot respectively these officers have participated in many sorties and have set a fine example of skill, perseverance and zeal. They have displayed the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and have destroyed 4 hostile aircraft at night at night.
- Flight Lieutenant John Milton PILCHER (Aus.402880), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Squadron. This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations during which he has participated in several attacks on shipping. Recently he took part in an attack on a convoy of 19 ships, pressing home his attack with ex-ceptional skill and vigour. Some days later, Flight Lieutenant Pilcher participated in an attack on another convoy. In the face of intense oppos-ing fire, he led his section with great skill and gallantry and his brilliant work contributed in good measure to the success achieved. This officer has set an example of the highest order. has set an example of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Francis Robert HARRIS (Can/J.20064), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

Squadron. One night in April, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Montzen. Soon after leaving the target area the aircraft was involved in an encounter with a fighter and sustained much damage. The port inner engine was damaged, two petrol tanks were pierced and the rear turret was rendered unserviceable. A fire started to the rear of the fuselage but, by the prompt action of 2 members of the crew the flames were extin-guished. Nevertheless, the fighter was evaded and Flight Lieutenant Harris, in the face of much difficulty, flew the damaged aircraft to an airfield in this country. His skill, coolness and tenacity set an excellent example. set an excellent example.

Flying Officer Lorenzo John BATEMAN (Can/C22661), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage in the course of his attacks on the enemy. Recently he executed a most determined attack on a U-boat. Despite intense opposing fire, the attack was pressed home with great skill and resulted in the destruc-tion of the vessel. This officer has completed many sorties and has set an excellent example of keenness and devotion to duty. keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John Paul Wargrave CAIRNS (124540), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 488 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Squadron. As observer, Flying Officer Cairns has displayed high qualities of skill. He has taken part in very many sorties during which he has assisted in the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft at night; he has also played his part well in the destruction of 6 locomotives. This officer has set a fine example • of courage and determination.

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Officer Roy Hamilton CANNELL (Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. (130462), Flying

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron. This officer has displayed high qualities of skill and devotion to duty. He has completed a very large number of sorties, including many success-ful attacks on shinping. In May, 1044, Flying large number of sorties, including many success-ful attacks on shipping. In May, 1944, Flying Officer Cannell took part in an attack on a large well armed convoy. In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, he pressed home his attack with great accuracy and obtained a hit on a medium sized merchantman. He displayed a high degree of courage and tenacity throughout.

Flying Officer Ronald Spencer MALLETT (158594), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 141 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and his record is worthy of the greatest praise. He is an extremely efficient and deter-mined member of aircraft crew and has assisted in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer Ian Hamilton MASSON (127828), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Now on his second tour of operations this officer has taken part in several attacks on enemy ship-ping and has displayed courage and skill of a high order. In May, 1944, Flying Officer Masson participated in an attack on a large and heavily armed convoy. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire, this officer pressed home his attack with the greatest resolution. His aircraft was repeatedly hit and sustained much damage but he flew it back to base where he effected a successful crashlanding. His determination on this occasion was typical of that he has shown throughout his tour. landing.

typical of that he has shown throughout his tour. Flying Officer Leonard Joseph SUMPTER, D.F.M. (149045), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, this officer has participated in many sor-ties, and has continued to display high qualities of courage and devotion to duty. He is a skilful bomb aimer whose determination to ensure accu-racy in the face of the heaviest opposition has been most commendable. He has set a fine example to all.

Pilot Officer Ronald James AuckLand (169582). Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 6 No, 61

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 6r Squadron. This officer has completed very many sorties, including eleven attacks on the capital of the German Reich. He is an intrepid and skilful pilot whose determination to achieve success has been most commendable. One night in May, 1944, after an attack on Toulouse, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained much damage. The rudder control was severed, the elevator trimming tabs were shot away, the bomb doors could not be closed and the fuselage was pierced in many places. The aircraft became extremely difficult to control but Pilot Officer Auckland flew it back to this country. He dis-played skill, courage and determination of a high order. order.

Pilot Officer Alfred George EDGAR (172180), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron. One night in May, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft to attack a target in Belgium. On the homeward flight the aircraft was inter-cepted by a fighter and sustained much damage in the ensuing fight. The ailcron controls and the trimming tabs were severed, whilst a fire hocke the ensuing fight. The aileron controls and the trimming tabs were severed, whilst a fire broke out in the fuselage. The flames were extin-guished but the aircraft was difficult to control. To keep the aircraft level it was necessary for Pilot Officer Edgar and another member of the crew to apply their full weight against the control column. In this manner the aircraft was flown for 2 hours until an airfield was reached where Pilot Officer Edgar executed a masterly landing. This officer displayed great skill and resolution in the face of heavy odds the face of heavy odds.

the face of neavy odds. Pilot Officer Ronald James LONE (173055), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 626 Squadron. This officer has completed many sorties, includ-ing seven attacks on Berlin. He has displayed notable skill and set a fine example in pressing home his attacks. On a recent occasion he suc-cessfully bombed the railway junction at Aulnoye. On the homeward flight the aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire and Pilot Officer Lone sus-tained multiple wounds. In spite of his injuries,

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this gallant pilot insisted on remaining at the con-trols, whilst another member of the crew attended to his injuries as much as possible. Although in Pilot Officer Lone succeeded in reaching an air-field where he landed the aircraft safely. This officer displayed high qualities of skill, courage and endurance and his example was beyond praise.

Pilot Officer Cecil Harold OGDEN (54597), Royal Air

ilot Officer Cecil Harold OGDEN (54597), Royal Air Force, No. 103 Squadron. This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Karlsruhe one night in April, 1944. When nearing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The engagement ended with the destruction of the enemy aircraft but the bomber had sustained severe damage. Despite this, Pilot Officer Ogden completed his bombing run. The aircraft became very difficult to control but course was set for home. Eventually the enemy coast was crossed but, when a few miles from the English shore the odds became too heavy and Pilot Officer Ogden was compelled to bring the Pilot Officer Ogden was compelled to bring the aircraft down on to the sea. All the engines had the task ceased to function but he accomplished successfully, and some time later all the crew were rescued. In the most trying circumstances this officer displayed superb captaincy, excep-tional gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Alan Barker Lloyd WINSTANLEY (170661), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 514 Squadron. This officer has completed a notable tour of operations during which he has attacked Berlin on 7 occasions. In one sortie against this target his aircraft was attacked by a fighter when proving aircraft was attacked by a fighter when nearing the objective. Pilot Officer Winstanley skilfully evaded the attacker, however, and afterwards made a successful bombing run. Soon afterwards evaded the attacker, however, and afterwards made a successful bombing run. Soon afterwards the aircraft was struck by bullets from another fighter. One engine was damaged, whilst the mid-upper turret was put out of action but Pilot Officer Winstanley out-manœuvred the attacker and afterwards flew safely to base. This officer has invariably displayed commendable skill, courage and devotion to duty courage and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Second Class Jack Hewitson HAYES (Can/R.140172), Royal Canadian Air Force,

Arrant Officer Second Class Jack Hewitson HAYES (Can/R.140772), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 254 Squadron. Warrant Officer Hayes has completed numerous sorties and has displayed a high standard of effi-ciency throughout. His fine fighting spirit was well illustrated on a recent occasion when, single-handed, he engaged a force of 6 enemy aircraft x of which he shot down. He has set an inspiring I of which he shot down. He has set an inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Kossuth John NEWMAN (N.Z.401286), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 684 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1336789 Flight Sergeant Raymond Kenneth SMITH, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 684 Squadron.

Squadron. As pilot and navigator respectively, this officer and airman have completed many sorties, includ-ing successful reconnaissances over various far distant targets. They have displayed great skill, fortitude and devotion to duty and have set an example which has impressed all.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Wallace Gordon ShadForth (61040), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, (61040), Royal A No. 115 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1853807 Sergeant Alfred Joseph VEALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron. 1370487 Sergeant Robert Walker Thomas WEIR, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron. This officer and these airmen were pilot, flight engineer and wireless operator (air) respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Karlsruhe one night in April, 1944. Early on the outward flight some navigational equipment became use-less. This did not deter Flight Lieutenant Shadforth who continued to the target and executed a successful attack. On the return flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sus-tained much damage. The throttle connections

of the 2 outer engines were severed, a portion of the starboard elevator was shot away, the oxygen supply was affected and 3 members of the crew, including Sergeant Weir, were wounded. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Shadforth evaded the attacker and set course for home Mean. while, Sergeant Veale went to the assistance of the rear gunner who was trapped in his turret. the rear gunner who was trapped in his turret. Despite the lack of oxygen, he worked strenuously to hack away the doors of the turret in order to extricate his wounded comrade to whom he rendered efficient first aid. Despite his injuries, Sergeant Weir remained at his post fully deter-mined to assist his pilot in every way in his endeavours to reach home. Eventually, Flight Lieutenant Shadforth reached base where he effected a masterly landing. This officer displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution. Sergeants Veale and Weir also proved themselves to be brave, resolute and devoted members of be brave, resolute and devoted members of to aircraft crew.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1343284 Flight Sergeant Alexander James Duguid, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

Recently this airman piloted an aircraft to attack the Torre Dam, a reservoir which supplied hydro-electric power to the whole of the Pescara Plain. Pressing home his attack with great skill, Flight Sergeant Duguid released his bombs on the centre shure rates causing great damage to Flight Sergeant Duguid released his bombs on the centre sluice gates, causing great damage to the dam thus releasing the water which burst through the gates and poured into the plain. Afterwards, several tidal waves were seen rush-ing down the river valley towards the town of Pescara. His achievement was worthy of the greatest praise. Flight Sergeant Duguid has taken part in many sorties and has invariably displayed exceptional keenness and determination.

947962 Flight Sergeant Neil Donaldson Forbes, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 502 Squadron.

As flight engineer this airman has taken part As flight engineer this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties and has proved himself to be a skilful and valiant member of aircraft crew. One night in May, 1944, he took part in a sortie during which his aircraft was involved in an encounter with 7 Junkers 88s. In the fight the wireless operator was mortally wounded. Flight Sergeant Forbes promptly gave all the assistance possible to comfort his unwounded. Flight Sergeant Forbes promptly gave all the assistance possible to comfort his un-fortunate comrade. He afterwards made a thorough investigation of the aircraft to assess the damage sustained. Not until this task was completed did his captain discover that Flight Sergeant Forbes had concealed the fact that he had been wounded in the thigh and hand and was in considerable pain. Despite this, he insisted on remaining at his post and fulfilled his engineer-ing duties until the aircraft was safely landed at base. On a previous occasion, Flight Sergeant ing duties until the aircraft was sately landed at base. On a previous occasion, Flight Sergeant Forbes greatly distinguished himself when he rescued 2 of his comrades from the burning wreckage of his aircraft which had crashed and caught fire. His conduct has been in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

1278822 Acting Flight Sergeant Trevor Arthur LLOYD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 550 Squadron.

1323565 Sergeant Reginald Leonard George Moore, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 550 550

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 550 Squadron. These airmen were pilot and wireless operator (air) of an aircraft detailed to attack a military target one night in May, 1944. Shortly after the target had been bombed the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and soon afterwards was attacked by a fighter. Extensive damage was sustained and the aircraft, which was on fire, dived steeply out of control. The situation was critical. but Flight Sergeant Lloyd, with the assistance of another member of the crew, suc-ceeded in regaining control. Meanwhile, Sergeant assistance of another member of the crew, suc-ceeded in regaining control. Meanwhile, Sergeant Moore fought hard to subdue the flames in the rear of the aircraft and finally extinguished them. Afterwards, he rendered first aid to the navigator who was suffering severely from burns. It was extremely difficult to keep the aircraft flying but, despite the odds, Flight Sergeant Lloyd succeeded in reaching an airfield near the coast where he effected a successful crash-landing. He displayed the highest qualities of skill, courage and leader-ship throughout. Sergeant Moore also proved

himself to be a valiant and resolute member of aircraft crew, rendering invaluable assistance to his pilot in his endeavours to fly the aircraft home.

home. 1861016 Sergeant Ronald David CHANDLER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron. This airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Schweinfurt one night in April, 1944. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was engaged by a fighter. Early in the fight, Sergeant Chandler sustained a fractured leg when struck by a bullet. In spite of this he fought with great skill and finally his accurate bursts of fire drove off the enemy aircraft. Although in great pain and suffering acutely from the cold and loss of blood he remained at his post until he was certain that the engagement was ter-minated. He afterwards collapsed. This airman displayed a high degree of courage and resolution in defending his aircraft in difficult circumstances. Can/RIO7427 Sergeant Robert Alexander EDIE,

- Can/RI07427 Sergeant Robert Alexander EDIE, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 635 Squadron. One night in April, 1944, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Friedrichshafen. When nearing the target area the aircraft was attacked by 2 Junkers 88s. Coolly and skilfully, Sergeant Edie gave the necessary evading directions to his pilot and then brought his guns to bear on the attackers, one of which was shot down and the other driven off. Some time later he drove off another fighter off. Some time later he drove off another fighter which attempted to close in. His good shooting, coolness and co-operation played a worthy part in the success of the operation. This airman has completed n.any sorties against well defended targets.
- Can/R.207740 Sergeant Duance Harris WRIGHT, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Can/R.207226 Sergeant Walter John Zюмко, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. These airmen were rear and mid-upper gunners respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Belgium one night in February, 1944. On the outward flight the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage but this did not deter the pilot from continuing his mission. Whilst over the target area the bomber was attacked by an enemy aircraft. Sergeants Wright and Ziomko used their guns to great effect, how-ever, and the attacker was seen to fall towards the ground and is believed to have been des-troyed. IA little later, these resolute gunners fought off three more fighters, whilst their skilful directions to their pilot enabled him to evade yet another fighter. Sergeants Wright and Ziomko proved themselves to be fearless members yet another fighter. Sergeants Wright and Ziomko proved themselves to be fearless members of aircraft crew and defended their aircraft with great skill and determination.

Air Ministry, 9th June, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Duncan Charles Ruthven MACDONALD, A.F.C. (37017), Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Acting Wing Commander John Richard Hensman GAYNER (90399), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 153 Squadron.
- Acting Squadron Leader John ARNSBY (89635), Royal Air Force. Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.
- Acting Squadron Leader John Laurence Hillel BERLANDINA (46778), Royal Air Force, No. 114 Squadron.
- Squadron. Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Frederick Frank CLARKE (119507), Royal Air Force Volunteer Re-serve, No. 223 Squadron. Flight Lieutenant David OWEN (118421), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Patrick Ernest RAPSON (129737), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron.
- Squadron.
- Squadron. Acting Flight Lieutenant Percival James JORDEN (47631), Royal Air Force, No. 18 Squadron. Flying Officer Cyril Stanley HUNTON (141735), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 274 Squadron. Flying Officer John Fergus KING (127145), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

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Flying Officer John Walker ROBB (159092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron. Flying Officer John Harry TAPPENDEN (129738), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37

No. 37 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frank Edward WHITE (172583), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 23 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1142154 Flight Sergeant James Castlereigh BAILLIE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

1212455 Flight Sergeant Ronald Francis MANNING, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

1381885 Flight Sergeant Stuart SUMMERSBEE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 37 Squadron.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Douglas Mackenzie DAVIDSON (Aus.402321). No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Raymond Gorshon GolDBERG (Aus.407422). No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron. Flying Officer Hector Roy HannaFord (Aus.407427), No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron. Pilot Officer Lionel Charles Robert MORRIS (Aus.404252), No. 72 Squadron. Warrant Officer Bobby BUNTING (Aus.409075), No. 93 Squadron.

93 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Walter Lock (Can/J.8948), No. 225 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William Evan WALKER (Can/J.8757), No. 114 Squadron. Flying Officer James Walter BORDEN (Can/J17932),

No. 18 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant David Acting Franklin LIVINGSTONE (N.Z.403966), No. 111 Squadron.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Service Order.

Servaas van Breda THERON, Major D.F.C. (P.102649V), No. 250 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Major Stewart Alexander FINNEY (103700V), No. 2. (S.A.A.F.) Squadron. Major Donald Ord (203126V), No. 21 (S.A.A.F.)

Squadron.

Captain Leslie DAWSON-SQUIBB (205725V), No. 4

Captain Leslie DAWSON-SQUIBB (205/257), IN. 4 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron. Captain Walter Frederick GRIFFIN (102293V), No 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron. Captain Gordon Benjamin LIPAWSKY (103347V), No. 1 (S.A.A.F.) Squadrom. Captain James Henry Scott (205807V), No. 12 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron. Lieutenant Swithin Ridge HODGES (2673V), No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

.(S.A.A.F.) Squadron. Lieutenant Sydney James No. 1 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron. James RICHARDS (207270V),

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

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