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Air Ministry, 27th June, 1944

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the VICTORIA CROSS on the under-mentioned officer in recognition of most conspicuous bravery —

Pilot Officer Cyril Joe BARTON (168669), R A F V R , 578 Squadron (deceased)

On the night of 30th March, 1944, Pilot Officer Barton was captain and pilot of a Halifax aircraft detailed to attack Nuremberg. When some 70 miles short of the target, the aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. The first burst of fire from the enemy made the intercommunication system useless. One engine was damaged when a Messerschmitt 210 joined the fight. The bomber's machine guns were out of action and the gunners were unable to return the fire.

2 Fighters continued to attack the aircraft as it approached the target area and, in the confusion caused by the failure of the communications system at the height of the battle, a signal was misinterpreted and the navigator, air bomber and wireless operator left the aircraft by parachute.

3 Pilot Officer Barton faced a situation of dire peril. His aircraft was damaged, his navigational team had gone and he could not communicate with the remainder of the crew. If he continued his mission, he would be at the mercy of hostile fighters when silhouetted against the fires in the target area and if he survived, he would have to make a 4½ hours journey home on three engines across heavily-defended territory. Determined to press home his attack at all costs, he flew on and, reaching the target, released the bombs himself.

4 As Pilot Officer Barton turned for home the propeller of the damaged engine, which was vibrating badly, flew off. It was also discovered that two of the petrol tanks had suffered damage and were leaking. Pilot Officer Barton held to his course and, without navigational aids and in spite of strong head winds, successfully avoided the most

dangerous defence areas on his route. Eventually he crossed the English coast only 90 miles north of his base.

5 By this time the petrol supply was nearly exhausted. Before a suitable landing place could be found, the port engines stopped. The aircraft was now too low to be abandoned successfully. Pilot Officer Barton therefore ordered the three remaining members of his crew to take up their crash stations. Then, with only one engine working, he made a gallant attempt to land clear of the houses over which he was flying. The aircraft finally crashed and Pilot Officer Barton lost his life, but his three comrades survived.

6 Pilot Officer Barton had previously taken part in 4 attacks on Berlin and 14 other operational missions. On one of these, two members of his crew were wounded during a determined effort to locate the target despite appalling weather conditions. In gallantly completing his last mission in the face of almost impossible odds, this officer displayed unsurpassed courage and devotion to duty.

Air Ministry, 27th June, 1944

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

Distinguished Service Order

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Curnow SCHERR, D F C (Aus 413671), R A A F

On two occasions in May, 1944, this officer led a section of Mosquito aircraft on daylight sorties over well-defended areas far into Germany. During these 2 flights a number of enemy aircraft were destroyed of which Squadron Leader Scherr shot down 6, he also destroyed 3 on the ground. His successes are a splendid tribute to his great skill, enterprise and fearlessness. This officer has set an example of the highest order.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross

Flight Lieutenant Richard Frank DAVIES, D F C (114736), R A F V R , 627 Sqn

This officer was the navigator of an aircraft detailed for an operation against Munich recently. When nearing the target the aircraft was illuminated in a concentration of searchlights and was

subjected to extremely heavy fire from the ground defences. One engine was hit and rendered useless. Despite this the pilot held to his course. Although almost blinded by the glare of the searchlights, Flight Lieutenant Davies skilfully directed the bombing run and a successful attack was made. Considerable difficulty was experienced in evading the searchlights but, displaying great coolness, Flight Lieutenant Davies gave the necessary directions for the pilot to steer in order to avoid the worst concentrations. As course was set for this country considerable height had been lost but Flight Lieutenant Davies plotted his way home with great skill and his fine work played a worthy part in the safe return of the aircraft. Throughout the sortie, this officer displayed commendable coolness and resolution and proved a tower of strength in difficult circumstances. *

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony HARTE-LOVELACE (42060), R.A.F.O., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed a notable tour of operations during which he has attacked many of the most strongly defended targets in Germany. He has displayed a high standard of skill and gallantry and throughout his determination to make every sortie a success has been most commendable. Recently, Squadron Leader Harte-Lovelace took part in an attack on a target in France. When a considerable distance from his objective one engine became useless. Some height and speed were lost but this did not deter Squadron Leader Harte-Lovelace who went on to bomb his target. This officer is a most able flight commander and he has rendered great service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Flying Officer Bernhorst Hermanus BOTHA (155758), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his third tour of operations during which he has attacked a wide range of targets, including Berlin, Frankfurt and Stuttgart and other well-defended targets in Germany. He has at all times displayed outstanding keenness and his determination to press home his attacks has earned him many successes. Flying Officer Botha has rendered loyal and devoted service and his example has been most inspiring.

Pilot Officer Thor Bjorgvin FJELDSTED (Can/J.19797), R.C.A.F. 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties, including attacks on Berlin, Hanover, Mannheim and many other well-defended targets. He has invariably displayed the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty, and his navigational ability has been a prominent factor in the successes obtained. He has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Pilot Officer Ronald William TUCK (172064), R.A.F.V.R., No. 21 Sqn

This officer has completed many sorties against a variety of targets and has set a fine example of skill, courage and tenacity. On one occasion recently his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. A large hole was torn in the fuselage, part of the mainplane was torn away, whilst the nose of the aircraft was very badly damaged. Great physical exertion was necessary in order to maintain a measure of control but Pilot Officer Tuck held resolutely to his task and succeeded in flying the aircraft to an airfield in this country. He displayed skill, and fortitude of a high order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer George Thomas GRAHAM (Can/J.14729), R.C.A.F. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.80349 Sergeant Leonard Frank MARTIN, R.C.A.F. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In air operations this officer and airman have displayed courage and fortitude of a high order.

Air Ministry, 27th June, 1944.

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

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Thomas PRESTON, D.F.C. (33334), R.A.F., 625 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader Sidney John BEARD, D.F.C. (89597), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Harold GRANT-DALTON, D.F.C. (88036), R.A.F.V.R., 100 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Harold GOLDSTRAW, D.F.C. (51328), R.A.F., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Lee WAKE, D.F.C. (120992), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Flying Officer Richard MASCALL, D.F.C. (143490), R.A.F.V.R., 138 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Group Captain.

Alexander Annan ADAMS (29156), R.A.F., 49 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

John SIMPSON (60796), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Edward John CHIDGEY (131540), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Ronald Charles MACANDREW (68180), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

Barcroft Melrose MATHERS (44634), R.A.F., 156 Sqn.

Arthur James PUTNAM (115310), R.A.F.V.R.

Flight Lieutenants.

Norman Henry FREDMAN (115624), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Cyril Joseph GINDER (82182), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Howell Thomas JOHN (119299), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn

Henry Lawience MCCARTHY (123974), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.

Walter Aisne WILLIAMSON (107159), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Arthur Eric BILLSON (130521), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

Clifford Stanley CHATTEN, D.S.O. (149529), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn

Paul Adrian CUNNINGHAM (135293), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

Michael Pulsford FLOYD (155265), R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.

Douglas Uphill GIBBS (155008), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Ronald Arthur WALKER (149550), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Flying Officers—

Dennis Herbert ACWORTH (141163), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

James BARR (159928), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Alfred Henry BIGNELL (138073), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

James BRNHAM (133804), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

John Arthur BRADWELL (157973), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Percy William BUTTLE (144447), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.

Clyde Frederick Adams CLOTHIER (146833), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Henry Bradfield COOPER (143866), R.A.F.V.R., 192 Sqn.

Kenneth Richard COX (149833), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn

Douglas Louis CRAMP (139688), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Philip Louis Ulric CROSS (133060), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn

Cyril John DUNN (155196), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.

Thomas David HALBERT (160855), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

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Frederick Manuel MIFFLIN (155436), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn

John Taylor MILLER (159773), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

Henry Richard MOSSOP (143942), R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.

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Thomas WILKIE (132875), R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.

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49 Sqn.
Sydney James BUTLER (170462), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
Ronald Mervin CHESWASS (169390), R.A.F.V.R.,
78 Sqn.
Frederick George HAYLER (171167), R.A.F.V.R.,
9 Sqn.
Albert John HORTON (170875), R.A.F.V.R.,
115 Sqn.
Ronald Gilbert JACKSON (169974), R.A.F.V.R.,
149 Sqn.
Francis William McLELLAND (160622), R.A.F.V.R.,
51 Sqn.
Peter James MOYES (160518), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
Jack Richard SANDS (172710), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.
Paul Edward THOMPSON (172099), R.A.F.V.R.,
50 Sqn.
George Alfred TURNBULL (53934), R.A.F., 61 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

Alfred WHITEHOUSE (1214028), R A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeants.

1388773 Colin Lionel ALLIKFR, R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
1130413 Robert APPELYARD, R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.
644725 Herbert BAILEY, R A.F., 149 Sqn.
1319049 William Henry BARKER, R.A.F.V.R.,
44 Sqn.
1475553 Albert Leslie BARTLETT (now Pilot Officer),
R.A.F.V.R., 50 Sqn.
936181 Cyril BENTHAM, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
1604400 Eric Norman BICKLEY, R.A.F.V.R.,
101 Sqn.
1549867 Norman Hugh BOYD, R.A.F.V.R. 138 Sqn.
1281461 Cecil Arthur BRYANT, R.A.F.V.R., 166
Sqn.
1131118 James William CLARK, R.A.F.V.R., 166
Sqn.
1544112 Harry Cunningham CLAYTON, R.A.F.V.R.,
77 Sqn.
1125510 John CLYDE, R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
1601399 William George DAY, R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.
1392217 Kenneth Albert DRURY, R.A.F.V.R., 100
Sqn.
1334200 Jack GOLDING, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
1311296 Arthur Joseph GURR, R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.
1320847 Frank Lewis HIGGINS, R.A.F.V.R., 106
Sqn.
1312264 Benjamin William HILL, R.A.F.V.R., 101
Sqn.
1145051 Norman Joseph HORSLEY, R A.F.V.R., 50
Sqn.
1267383 Patrick Anthony HUGHES, R A.F.V.R., 51
Sqn.
1071301 Abraham Samuel JACKSON, R A.F.V.R., 77
Sqn.
1396487 Basil Lawrence Ivor JOHNSON, R A.F.V.R.,
156 Sqn.
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Sqn.
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50 Sqn.
1326420 William TWORT, R A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
1583038 Dennis Arthur WEST, R.A.F.V.R., 429
Sqn.
1435609 Peter WILD, R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.

Sergeants.

1200823 Victor Henry BLACKWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 106
Sqn.
984297 David CHALMERS, R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.
1604593 Wallace Arthur CLARKE, R A.F.V.R., 51
Sqn.
1685085 Samuel Lawrence COLE, R.A.F.V.R., 166
Sqn.
1142884 Francis Gerard DOWLING, R.A.F.V.R., 207
Sqn.
1117103 Richard Malcolm GALLOWAY, R.A.F.V.R.,
207 Sqn.
1282915 William Gerald Edward GRIFFITHS,
R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.
921981 Michael Harry Gardner KING, R.A.F.V.R.,
619 Sqn.
532060 James MURRAY, R.A.F., 101 Sqn.
1214044 George Frederick PHILLIPSON, R.A.F.V.R.,
10 Sqn.
983597 Evan OWEN, R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.
1361314 John RUSSELL, R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
1603926 John Gordon SERVICE, R.A.F.V.R., 51
Sqn.
539478 John Holyoake TURNER, R.A.F., 9 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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Daniel Thomas CONWAY (Aus.415402), 467
(R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
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Sqn.
Alexander Edward VOWELS (Aus.405782), 463
(R A A.F.) Sqn.
Frank Brian May WILSON (Aus.404368), 463
(R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

William Harry BROOKER (Aus.407982), 463
(R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
Peter Harrison SWAN (Aus.400498), 139 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

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Sqn.
Charles Alfred HAIGH (Aus.421972), 61 Sqn.
Henry Russell MAHON (Aus.413875), 463 (R A.A.F.)
Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

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Sqn.
Charles George TURNBULL (Aus.414279), 619 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

Aus.422122 Lester John BURROWS, 460 (R A.A.F.)
Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Edgar Thompson JONES, D F C.
(Can/J.19171), 103 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Douglas Julian SALE, D.S.O. (Can/J.9929), 35 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

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Bruce Ervin BRETHER (Can/J20078), 419 (R.C.A.F.)
Sqn.
Norman Beverley MORRISON (Can/J.13721), 619
Sqn.
Erwin Earl OSLER, D.F.M. (Can/J.16724), 635
Sqn.
William Douglas RENTON (Can/J 22484), 405
(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
John Cameron TURNBULL (Can/J 21370), 424
(R.C.A.F.), Sqn.
Kenneth Herbert WHITTINGTON (Can/J.19155), 102
Sqn.

Flying Officers.

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Phillip Hamnett TAYLOR (Can/J.14909), 619 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

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Peter Russell GALAN (Can/J.18391), 51 Sqn.
Edward GARGETT (Can/C.18867), 429 Sqn.
Victor Claire HICKS (Can/J.18834), 640 Sqn.
John Phillip HIND (Can/J.19496), 619 Sqn.
James Ian JOHNSTON (Can/J.19259), 619 Sqn.
Hugh Robert KENNEDY (Can/J.19139), 51 Sqn.
Frank Noel PREBBLE (Can/J.19480), 10 Sqn.
John Dennison ROUTLEDGE (Can/J.19988), 405 (R.C.A.F.), Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

Robert Douglas CURTIS (Can/R.92557), 97 Sqn.
John Crabtree DICKINSON (Can/R.128363), 9 Sqn.
James Bruce FINDLAY (Can/R.96333), 97 Sqn.
George Daniels HIRSCHFELD (Can/R.137822), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Alexander Buchanan LESLIE (Can/R.155736), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Wilfred LINDO (Can/R.182122), 76 Sqn.
James Steel MINOGUE (Can/R.69302), 156 Sqn.
Ronald Alvin WESTAD (Can/R.115716), 619 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal**Flight Sergeants.*

Can/R.182223 Harvey Ross ALLIN (now Pilot Officer), 192 Sqn.

Can/R.179322 Malcolm Gerald PRICE, 49 Sqn.
Can/R.151215 Herbert Alexander Basil SALKELD (now Pilot Officer), 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
Can/R.165313 Charles Percy Elwood STEEDSMAN (now Warrant Officer), 61 Sqn.

Sergeant.

Can/R.188973 Neil Cameron FRASER, 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leaders.*

Philip John LAMASON, D.F.C. (NZ.403460), 15 Sqn.
George Alfred PATRICK, D.F.C. (NZ.411442), 109 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Flying Officer.*

Gordon Ballinghall PAGE (NZ.417289), 51 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeant*

NZ.411347 Adrian Leslie Bernard CARSON, 7 Sqn.

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

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 14th January, 1944 (p. 285, col. 1) concerning award of D.S.O. to Flight Lieutenant Robin William John HOOPER (81075), R.A.F.V.R. insert "D.F.C." after surname.

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