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

Acting Squadron Leader Ian Willoughby BAZALGETTE, D.F.C. (1118131), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Squadron (deceased).

On 4th August, 1944, Squadron Leader Bazalgette was "master bomber" of a Pathfinder squadron detailed to mark an important target at Trossy St. Maximin for the main bomber force.

When nearing the target his Lancaster came under heavy anti-aircraft fire. Both starboard engines were put out of action and serious fires broke out in the fuselage and the starboard main-plane. The bomb aimer was badly wounded.

As the deputy "master bomber" had already been shot down, the success of the attack depended on Squadron Leader Bazalgette and this he knew. Despite the appalling conditions in his burning aircraft, he pressed on gallantly to the target, marking and bombing it accurately. That the attack was successful was due to his magnificent effort.

After the bombs had been dropped the Lancaster dived, practically out of control. By expert airmanship and great exertion Squadron Leader Bazalgette regained control. But the port inner engine then failed and the whole of the starboard main-plane became a mass of flames.

Squadron Leader Bazalgette fought bravely to bring his aircraft and crew to safety. The mid-upper gunner was overcome by fumes. Squadron Leader Bazalgette then ordered those of his crew who were able to leave by parachute to do so. He remained at the controls and attempted the almost hopeless task of landing the crippled and blazing aircraft in a last effort to save the wounded bomb aimer and helpless air gunner. With superb skill, and taking great

care to avoid a small French village nearby, he brought the aircraft down safely. Unfortunately, it then exploded and this gallant officer and his two comrades perished.

His heroic sacrifice marked the climax of a long career of operations against the enemy. He always chose the more dangerous and exacting roles. His courage and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*17th August, 1945.*

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

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Flight Lieutenant Terence Gilronan GLASHEEN (Aus.413984), R.A.A.F.

On the night of 16th April, 1945, this officer was navigator of a night fighter which, immediately after take-off, crashed and caught fire. The pilot, although seriously injured, was able to free himself from the remains of the cockpit but fell to the ground, semi-conscious and unable to move. Flight Lieutenant Glasheen was trapped in the cockpit until the perspex nose of the aircraft was burnt away. He was then able to extricate himself from the now blazing aircraft. He was crawling away when he saw the pilot lying, helpless, just in front of the aircraft. Without hesitation and despite the grave danger of exploding petrol tanks and ammunition, he returned and dragged the pilot to safety. Immediately afterwards the remaining petrol tanks blew up, adding to the conflagration and causing the ammunition to explode over the exact spot where the pilot had lain. Flight Lieutenant Glasheen had been so intent on saving the pilot that he was not aware that his own parachute harness, which he was still wearing, was on fire. When the ambulance arrived barbed wire prevented it from reaching the crash but Flight Lieutenant Glasheen detailed and led a stretcher-bearing party, thus enabling the pilot to be taken to the ambulance without delay. Although suffering from burns and shock Flight Lieutenant Glasheen had shown complete disregard of his own safety, and, by his initiative and prompt action, undoubtedly saved the life of the pilot.