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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Edgar JOHNSON, D.F.C. (83267), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 616 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in September, 1941, this officer has participated in many sweeps over enemy territory, during which he has destroyed 2 Messerschmitt 109 F.s and damaged a Focke Wulfe 190. He has also carried out a large number of convoy patrols. Flight Lieutenant Johnson is an exceptional leader and the magnificent example he sets is an inspiration to other pilots.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Philip Gordon EVANS (41914) No. 59 Squadron.

In May, 1942, this officer was captain of a Hudson aircraft engaged in attacking an enemy convoy. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire he pressed home his attacks and seriously damaged 2 merchant vessels which were seen to catch fire. On a previous occasion he succeeded in damaging an enemy merchant vessel. Squadron Leader Evans has displayed great skill and determination in locating and attacking enemy shipping. His courage and powers of leadership are of the highest order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Sidney FORD (Can/J.3712), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 175 Squadron.

This officer has carried out many operational missions, having been engaged in fighter sweeps and in bombing attacks on

land and sea targets. He participated in 2 attacks when 2 minesweepers and an enemy destroyer were sunk and 2 destroyers were damaged. He is a keen and zealous flight commander and leader.

Flying Officer Cyril ANEKSTEIN (87066), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has participated in many raids on the enemy. He was pilot of an aircraft which took part in the mass raid on Cologne. During the run-up to the target, despite severe damage to his aircraft by anti-aircraft fire, he persisted on his course until the bombs had been dropped and then made a skilful return flight to base. During the mass raid on the Ruhr on 1st June, his bomber was damaged severely by an enemy fighter, but he manoeuvred his aircraft cleverly and enabled his gunner to fire at point blank range and destroy the attacking aircraft. He later made a normal landing at base although all landing wheel tyres were punctured and part of the covering of the aircraft wings was shot off. This officer is cool and skilful when in action and sets a high standard of devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Henry George A'COURT (46901), No. 115 Squadron.

This officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Bremen one night in June, 1942. Shortly after passing the Dutch coast the aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. The port wing and the hydraulic system were damaged, and the running of the port engine was impaired. By skilful manoeuvring Pilot Officer A'Court evaded his pursuer and proceeded to Bremen to complete his mission. When approaching the target, his aircraft received further damage by anti-aircraft fire; the starboard wing petrol tanks were also holed which caused an alarming loss of petrol. With calm determination Pilot Officer A'Court decided that there was just a chance that he might be able to reach this country. After a hazardous journey he

reached his base when the engines stopped through lack of petrol and he was compelled to land with the undercarriage retracted. This officer showed fine determination in fulfilling his mission after his aircraft had been so badly damaged, and his skill, courage and presence of mind during the return journey undoubtedly saved the lives of his crew.

Pilot Officer Robert Douglas BOWEN (Can/J. 15064) Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 616 Squadron.

This officer participated in many sorties over enemy territory during which he destroyed 1 enemy aircraft and assisted in the probable destruction of another. He has acted as deputy flight commander and has led the flight on a large number of convoy patrols. Pilot Officer Bowen is an enthusiastic and efficient pilot, whose services are of great value to his squadron.

Pilot Officer William Lloyd BRILL (Aus. 402933), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 Squadron.

One night in May, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the Gnome Rhone works at Gennevilliers. Bad weather was encountered throughout the journey and fine determination was shown in flying through heavy rain squalls. Pilot Officer Brill's aircraft was caught in searchlights, and anti-aircraft fire damaged the hydraulic system and put the rear turret out of action. After making a circuit at 1,500 ft. Pilot Officer Brill carried out an attack at 2,000 ft. and hit the target. The hydraulic pipes, operating the bomb doors, were subsequently damaged and the bomb doors could not be closed. The return journey was made in bad weather. Pilot Officer Brill, thinking that he would probably have to make a crash landing, decided to descend away from his base and he succeeded in making a good landing without flaps and with one wheel damaged. This officer showed splendid courage and determination and has proved to be a resourceful pilot at all times.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

517691 Flight Sergeant Sidney William MERRYWEATHER, No. 174 Squadron. (Since deceased.)

Since November, 1939, this pilot has participated in a number of operational patrols and offensive sorties. When in France, in May, 1940, he destroyed 1 Messerschmitt 109 in combat and another while patrolling over Dunkirk during the evacuation. He damaged another enemy aircraft during the Battle of Britain. Flight Sergeant Merryweather has also taken part in many bombing attacks on factories and enemy aerodromes. His skill and determination are a source of inspiration to his fellow pilots.

1155523 Sergeant Cyril TERRY.

Sergeant Terry made his first operational flight as front gunner of an aircraft which participated in the mass raid on Cologne on 30th May, 1942. On observing one of our bombers being attacked by an enemy aircraft, his clear instructions enabled his captain to manoeuvre the aircraft into a position from which Sergeant Terry was able to open fire at short range. At the first burst, the

enemy aircraft caught fire and entered a curling dive. Shortly afterwards, Sergeant Terry skilfully drove off another enemy aircraft which was attacking one of our bombers. Two nights later this airman was the front gunner of an aircraft operating against the Ruhr. Whilst over Holland, on the return flight, Sergeant Terry observed a Focke Wulfe 190 and shot it down in flames into the sea. By his keen observation, clear thinking and accurate gunnery this airman has destroyed 2 enemy fighters, and probably saved his own and 2 other bombers from destruction.

Air Ministry,

26th June, 1942.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Andrew MCKEE, D.F.C., A.F.C.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Darwen STENNER, D.F.C. (43144), No. 106 Squadron.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander James Johnson BENNETT, D.F.C. (39056), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 144 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Dereck Jack FRENCH, D.F.C. (36129), No. 455 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Ronald Clifford HOCKEY (72993), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Lewis Alan LYNN (40124), No. 107 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Francis William Scott TURNER (37775), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Henry CRIBB (33360), No. 35 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald Frederick Edgar Charles DEAN (42997), No. 77 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Brendan Joseph HOOPER (42227), No. 150 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader George Francis Herbert WEBB (90987), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 140 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Colin Graham ROBERTSON (41210), No. 95 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James CATANACH (Aus. 400364), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Michael Roquier EVANS (60821), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 149 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Russell FROWDE (100551), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Frederick Campbell GALLAHER (63434), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Denis MILLER (N.Z. 402207), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frank PICHEL-JUAN (77950), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard FITCH RATCLIFF (87022), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick SYMMONS, D.F.M. (61469), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Stephen Delaney WATTS (N.Z.404008), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 77 Squadron.

Flying Officer Ronald Lathom BARTLEY (61274), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.

Flying Officer George Wightman GILPIN (89348), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 61 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Hillier LELAND (42850), No. 207 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Desmond BOOKER (63436), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Francis Molyneux CRITCHLEY (Aus. 404574), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 115 Squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Alfred Gerald William LIVINGSTONE (101507), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Rupert Vivian BROAD (115721), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Kenneth CLIMIE (N.Z. 403561), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Andrew JACKSON (114299), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Joseph Porter McCARTHY (Can./J.15104), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Kenneth Roderick MILLER (116052), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Leslie Philip OLIVER (Aus. 402575), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Edward William Donald ROY (47533), No. 207 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur SHAW (47258), No. 115 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Thomas Albert STANLEY (113849), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frank Wright WALTON (119505), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Douglas Louis WIX (102582), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Kevin Sean DODRILL (581086), No. 107 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Reginald John FULBROOK (562690), No. 103 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Stanley Wynston YARKER (563295), No. 103 Squadron.

Acting Warrant Officer Arthur Richardson HUNTER (Can./R.68534), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

751666 Flight Sergeant John AKEHURST, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 138 Squadron.

554000 Flight Sergeant Francis BITHELL, No. 61 Squadron.

1053454 Flight Sergeant William Fleming CALDOW, No. 142 Squadron.

816117 Flight Sergeant Thomas Donald GRANT, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 51 Squadron.

976183 Flight Sergeant Douglas Scott MCGREGOR, No. 61 Squadron.

815198 Flight Sergeant Leslie PARR, Auxiliary Air Force, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

1162829 Flight Sergeant Alan James REA, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

N.Z. 403991 Flight Sergeant Walter Jack RUNCIMAN, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

N.Z. 403040 Flight Sergeant Jack Menzies SMITH, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

975262 Flight Sergeant Alon Seblery SPIRES, No. 12 Squadron.

N.Z. 403997 Flight Sergeant Colin John STIRLING, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 150 Squadron.

1054491 Sergeant George BAYNES, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

925697 Sergeant George Frederick DEWEY, No. 144 Squadron.

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977643 Sergeant Thomas LEITHEAD, No. 51 Squadron.

923519 Sergeant David Alun LLOYD, No. 76 Squadron.

751089 Sergeant Arthur George MASKALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

1061132 Sergeant Thomas MacLauchlan MACKENZIE, No. 214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron.

983174 Sergeant Robert Charles Wallace McMULLAN, No. 115 Squadron.

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