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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:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Hubert Mortimer STYLES (33146), No. 407 Squadron.

This officer has displayed rare powers of leadership and organising ability. As commander of the squadron he has played a large part in raising it to its present high standard of operational efficiency. The squadron has been responsible for destroying or severely damaging many thousands of tons of enemy shipping. Wing Commander Styles has himself contributed materially to the splendid achievements, carrying out his attacks from low altitudes and in the face of intense anti-aircraft opposition. This officer has set a magnificent example of courageous leadership and determination.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Oswald James Milman BARRON, D.F.C. (33217), No. 220 Squadron.

Since July, 1941, this officer has participated in several determined attacks on enemy shipping. He has also attacked 2 oil factories on the Norwegian coast; direct hits were obtained on the factory buildings in

each instance. On another occasion, Squadron Leader Barron carried out a sortie against an enemy aerodrome in Denmark. Although his aircraft was severely damaged by fire from the ground defences, he released heavy bombs on an aircraft dispersal area. In October, 1941, Squadron Leader Barron participated in a very successful exploit against shipping at Aalesund. Skilfully manoeuvring his aircraft, he reconnoitred the position and then attacked the largest ship which subsequently sank. He then flew over the harbour and enabled his gunners to machine gun anti-aircraft positions, 2 of which were silenced. This officer has displayed great leadership and his determination in the face of the enemy is most praiseworthy.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer William Howard Hall HOLLAND (81648), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

One night in October, 1941, whilst engaged on a reconnaissance flight over Norwegian waters, this officer observed an enemy escorted convoy. He attacked the largest vessel and obtained 2 direct hits. In spite of heavy opposing fire, he pressed home his attack at such low altitude that his aircraft actually struck one of the ship's masts. Later in October, Flying Officer Holland participated in a highly successful exploit at Aalesund, obtaining a direct hit on a vessel and, afterwards flew over the town and machine-gunned German barracks.