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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 Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Harry BROADHURST, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

This officer has organised and led his wing with conspicuous gallantry and success. During a heavy engagement over Bethune, in June, 1941, Group Captain Broadhurst's aircraft was hit by a cannon shell which, besides making a large hole in the port wing, put the port wing guns out of action and also damaged the aileron thus making control difficult. A second shell hit the side of the fuselage, causing havoc in the cockpit. Group Captain Broadhurst received many small wounds in the arm and legs and only recovered from the effects of the shell-fire at 1,000 feet over the target area. Nevertheless, he flew the aircraft back to England. Within a few days, Group Captain Broadhurst was again leading the wing in action over Northern France. On the return journey, he was attacked by a force of 6 Messerschmitt 109s but, by brilliant tactics, Group Captain Broadhurst fought them off and, it is believed, destroyed 2 of them before the engagement was terminated some 15 miles north of Gravelines. Although his aircraft was damaged by the enemy's fire, Group Captain Broadhurst flew it safely back to this country. Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order in June, he has

destroyed 8 and probably destroyed a further 4 enemy aircraft. He has set an example worthy of the highest traditions of the service.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Eustace Sweeting BARNES (78523), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

This officer has performed splendid work whilst commanding the squadron. Attacks on enemy shipping in the Benghazi and Tripoli area have been attended with magnificent results and much of the successes obtained can be attributed to this officer's skill and courage. Wing Commander Barnes has also led attacks on road transports and various targets in Sicily and Italy whereby considerable damage has been inflicted on the enemy. His leadership and personal example, especially during a difficult phase of operations, have had a most beneficial effect on the morale of his flying crews. Wing Commander Barnes has carried out 35 operational missions.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Everest George EDMUNDS (N.Z.403312), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 18 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1001649 Sergeant Sigurd Edgar HEDIN, No. 18 Squadron.

In November, 1941, Flight Lieutenant Edmunds and Sergeant Hedin were the pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft which carried out an attack on shipping east of Tripoli. In spite of extremely unfavourable flying conditions Flight Lieutenant Edmunds persisted in his mission and, ably assisted by