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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:—

One day in December, 1941, a strong force of bomber aircraft carried out a determined attack on the German warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at Brest. The operation was carried out in the face of extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and determined attacks by enemy fighters. Nevertheless the air crews engaged pressed home their attacks to the utmost and succeeded in scoring hits on their objectives. Several enemy aircraft were shot down. The success of the operation, which demanded the highest degree of skill and courage, reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of the following officers and airmen who participated in various capacities as leaders and members of aircraft crews:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Basil Vernon ROBINSON, D.F.C. (34089), No. 35 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Henry Rudolph GRAHAM, D.S.O. (32009), No. 7 Squadron.

Wing Commander Patrick Bruce Bine OGILVIE, D.S.O. (36025), No. 15 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander David Oswald YOUNG, A.F.C. (70764), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 76 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Frederick David WEBSTER (43127), No. 10 Squadron.

Flying Officer Peter James Somerville BOGGIS (42457), No. 15 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cyril Ashley VERNIEUX (39142), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 15 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Norman Leslie TAYLER (565003), No. 7 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

580825 Flight Sergeant Richard Henry HARDY, No. 15 Squadron.

1151582 Sergeant Edward Ernest DE JOUX, No. 7 Squadron.

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Acting Squadron Leader Archibald Douglas McNeill BOYD (72461), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alexander Joseph GLEGG (84021), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Boyd and Flight Lieutenant Glegg have flown together in numerous night operational sorties. Squadron Leader Boyd is a skilful and determined pilot and he has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Glegg, by his great skill as an observer, has largely assisted his pilot in the successes achieved. Both these officers have shown exceptional keenness and devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard John Kitchener HOGG (41702), No. 115 Squadron.

One night in December, 1941, this officer was detailed to attack a target at Brest. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and searchlight opposition, Squadron Leader Hogg made several determined attacks even after his aircraft had been hit several times by shell-fire. During the attack he courageously attempted to draw the enemy fire from another aircraft, which was caught in a heavy barrage, by making close circuits of the fire zone. This officer has completed 55 operational sorties, including 16 in Libya and Greece. He has at all times shown great courage and resource.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur John Heneage FINCH (39937), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 217 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Arthur Harold ALDRIDGE (89819), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 217 Squadron.

One day in December, 1941, Flight Lieutenant Finch and Pilot Officer Aldridge participated in an attack on an enemy convoy of 8 ships escorted by 2 armed vessels off the Dutch coast. Skilfully approaching the largest ship, Flight Lieutenant Finch flew in to the attack at an extremely low level. Evading the ship's defensive fire, he machine-gunned the bridge and, flying across the vessel at mast height, released a stick of 4 bombs; it is estimated that 3 direct hits were obtained. Pilot Officer Aldridge

followed his leader's example with great determination and, as the target vessel was obscured amidships by the smoke caused by the explosions of his leader's bombs, he skilfully aimed his bombs nearer the bows of the ship and obtained several hits. In accomplishing this, Pilot Officer Aldridge flew so low that the wing tip of his aircraft was severed by the bracing wires of a mast. Throughout, both these officers showed great courage, combined with rare skill and judgment.

Flying Officer Dennis PASSMORE (77682), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 42 Squadron.

In November, 1941, this officer was the leader of a formation of aircraft detailed to attack shipping off the Danish coast. Owing to adverse weather conditions, the aircraft were unable to keep formation but Flying Officer Passmore succeeded in locating the target, a supply ship escorted by 5 destroyers and, in spite of heavy opposition, carried out a determined low level bombing attack. A few days later, he attacked a medium-sized supply vessel in convoy off the Norwegian coast and, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire which damaged his aircraft, he succeeded in scoring a direct hit on the vessel with one of his bombs.

#### AMENDMENT.

In notification of 6th January, 1942 (p. 122, col. 1) for 404216 Sergeant John James PLUNKETT, read AUS.404216 Sergeant John James PLUNKETT, Royal Australian Air Force.

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