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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 John Fraser Grant JENKINS, D.F.C. (72517), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Henry Paul BRANCKER, D.F.C. (84026), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

In December, 1941, a low level attack was made on the enemy aerodrome at Herdla. Despite the difficult contour of the Norwegian coastline, the exact target was skilfully located and, according to plan, was heavily and accurately bombed. Hits were scored on both runways, the wireless station and on several aircraft on the ground. The skilful and courageous leadership of Wing Commander Jenkins, so ably assisted by his observer, Flying Officer Brancker, both of whom devoted much forethought to the planning of the flight, was largely responsible for the complete success achieved.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Timothy John Wilder WILLIAMS, D.F.C. (N.Z.401797), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 109 Squadron.

In November, 1941, this officer was the captain of an aircraft carrying out an important operational mission. During the flight, his aircraft was attacked by some 8 enemy fighters and sustained severe damage. The front turret was put out of action, the wireless transmitter was hit and other damage was inflicted. Despite this, by his

skill and initiative, Pilot Officer Williams succeeded in damaging one of the enemy aircraft and completed his allotted task. This officer has shown exceptional coolness in the face of danger.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader John Seymour SHERWOOD, D.F.C. (39132), No. 97 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant John Goodsir MACKID (41042), No. 97 Squadron.

In December, 1941, Squadron Leader Sherwood and Flight Lieutenant Mackid participated as leaders of formations of aircraft, in a daylight attack on the battle cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at Brest. Extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and opposition from enemy fighters was encountered but, although Squadron Leader Sherwood's aircraft was hit several times by shellfire, he skilfully kept his formation together and finally an accurate run was made over the target. Flight Lieutenant Mackid admirably supported Squadron Leader Sherwood and pressed home a successful attack with great determination. Throughout the operation, which demanded a high degree of skill and courage, both these officers played a conspicuous part and contributed materially to the success obtained.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer George Corbett BAYLEY (113343), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur George MACLEOD (81062), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 7 Squadron.

During the past month, Pilot Officer Bayley and Flying Officer MacLeod, as pilot and navigator respectively, have carried out several attacks on the enemy warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst at Brest. Despite arduous conditions and fierce opposing fire

from enemy defences, the flights have been successfully accomplished although on the last 3 occasions Pilot Officer Bayley's aircraft has been damaged by enemy action. Throughout these missions, which have entailed a high degree of navigational skill and expert knowledge, Flying Officer MacLeod has fulfilled his duties with conspicuous success. Pilot Officer Bayley and Flying Officer MacLeod have always displayed great courage, skill and determination throughout the many sorties in which they have taken part.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey Harold RANGER (60082), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 250 Squadron (since deceased).

This officer has displayed courageous leadership and a fine fighting spirit. One day in December, 1941, during an engagement against a superior number of enemy aircraft, Pilot Officer Ranger destroyed a Junkers 88 and a Messerschmitt 109. The following day, his squadron formed part of a bomber escort in an attack on Derna. When the formation was attacked by enemy fighters, Pilot Officer Ranger shot down one of them. Two days later, over Tobruk, his section encountered a

formation of enemy fighters and bombers and, in the ensuing combat, Pilot Officer Ranger shot down a Messerschmitt 109F.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

745249 Flight Sergeant Charlton HAW, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 81 Squadron.

This airman has been employed on operational flying since June, 1940. He fought in the Battle of Britain and since then he has participated in numerous convoy patrols and in escorts to bomber aircraft on daylight raids. He has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. Flight Sergeant Haw has displayed admirable qualities as a fighter pilot.

CAN/R.54030 Sergeant Paul Emile MORIN, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 76 Squadron.

This airman has carried out numerous operational sorties, including attacks on important enemy industrial centres and dockyards. He participated in 2 recent daylight raids on the enemy warships at Brest and showed great skill on both occasions. Sergeant Morin is a most determined and resolute pilot.

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