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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
27th January, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

Aus. 5598 Leading Aircraftman Raymond David Moore, Royal Australian Air Force.

When an aircraft crashed into the sea in August, 1941, Leading Aircraftman Moore, in company with other airmen and officers, entered the shark-infested sea in an endeavour to rescue the crew. Although others were forced to return to the beach because of the burning petrol and wreckage which hindered attempts at rescue, Leading Aircraftman Moore, exercising marked determination, succeeded in reaching the main portion of the wreck. He carried on diving into the wreckage in repeated attempts to reach anyone who might have been trapped in the aircraft, and only ceased through extensive and severe petrol burns of the first degree to face and chest which necessitated immediate medical treatment. This airman displayed outstanding courage, determination and devotion to duty as he was fully aware of the danger from sharks which infested these waters and the possibility of major injury from the burning petrol.

*Air Ministry,
27th January, 1942.*

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 Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Edward Philip Patrick GIBBS (32225), No. 130 Squadron.

This officer has been engaged on active operations over a long period and has par-

ticipated in many sorties over France. During a sortie near Calais, in July, 1941, Squadron Leader Gibbs was involved in combat with 4 enemy fighters and shot down 1 and damaged another of the attackers. Since assuming command of No. 130 Squadron, Squadron Leader Gibbs has, by his excellent leadership and devotion to duty, raised the unit to a high standard of operational efficiency. In December, 1941, during a bombing attack on Brest, Squadron Leader Gibbs probably destroyed 1 of 3 Messerschmitt 109s which attempted to intercept our bombers.

Flying Officer Peter John CUNDY (43098), No. 120 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Ronald Roxburgh FABEL (102982), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 120 Squadron.

In January, 1942, Flying Officer Cundy and Pilot Officer Fabel were respectively captain and navigator of a Liberator aircraft on patrol in the Bay of Biscay. A Heinkel 115 floatplane was encountered and at once attacked. By skilful manoeuvring Flying Officer Cundy enabled his gunners to bring effective fire to bear on the enemy aircraft, which broke off the combat and escaped into cloud with one engine on fire. An enemy tanker with a submarine alongside was then sighted. Flying Officer Cundy immediately attacked the submarine with bombs and cannon fire and the submarine disappeared beneath the surface leaving a large patch of oil. The tanker was then bombed and attacked with cannon fire. A second Heinkel floatplane which appeared was engaged and driven off with smoke pouring from it. Flying Officer Cundy then resumed his attack on the tanker with gunfire and scored many further hits.

Acting Warrant Officer Thomas James MYCOCK (754674), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

One night in January, 1942, Warrant Officer Mycock was the captain of an air-