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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 Group Captain Kenneth Brian Boyd  
CROSS, D.F.C.

Since the commencement of operations in the Libyan campaign, this officer has displayed inspiring courage and leadership. In spite of his onerous duties on the ground, Group Captain Cross has constantly participated in the air operations and his indomitable courage and skill have contributed materially to the fighting efficiency of the force he commands.

Acting Wing Commander Frederick Ernest  
ROSIER. (37425).

This officer has commanded a fighter wing since the commencement of the operations in Libya. Both in the air and on the ground, his courage and efficiency have been inspiring throughout. On one occasion, when one of our fighter wings was being attacked by a large number of enemy aircraft, Wing Commander Rosier joined in the engagement. When breaking clear he observed one of our pilots who had been forced to land in enemy territory and, in an attempt to rescue him, Wing Commander Rosier landed his aircraft. He was unable to take off again owing to the close proximity of enemy forces. Nevertheless, both pilots eventually got away and, after many narrow escapes, succeeded in regaining base after a period of 3 days. Wing Commander Rosier is an outstanding fighter pilot and leader.

#### *Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Howard Clive  
MAYERS, D.F.C. (77976), Royal Air Force  
Volunteer Reserve, No. 94 Squadron.

This officer has led his wing on a large number of sorties during the Libyan campaign. His mastery of tactics and skilful planning of operations have contributed largely to the many successes obtained. One day in December, 1941, during a machine gun attack against an enemy column, Wing Commander Mayers observed a member of his formation shot down by anti-aircraft fire. When the attack was concluded, he skilfully landed near the crashed aircraft and, although enemy vehicles were approaching, coolly waited for his comrade to reach him. Putting him in the seat, Wing Commander Mayers clambered in on top of him and took off as the enemy neared the aircraft. He finally flew safely to base. This officer has always shown great courage and leadership. He has destroyed at least 11 enemy aircraft.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Vaughan Bowerman  
CORBETT (Can/C.299), Royal Canadian Air Force,  
No. 402 Squadron.

This officer has led his squadron on numerous bomber escorts over enemy occupied territory in France. Throughout, he has displayed great skill and leadership which have undoubtedly played a large part in the splendid protection afforded to the bomber formations. During these operations, Squadron Leader Corbett has destroyed at least 1 enemy aircraft and damaged several others. He has also participated in numerous low flying attacks on enemy territory during which his tactical ability and fine fighting spirit have proved an inspiration. This officer, who fought in the Battle of Britain, has always displayed the greatest keenness.