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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
24th March, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Aus.400359 Sergeant Maurice Anthony Sullivan, Royal Australian Air Force. (Now missing.)

In November, 1941, an aircraft crashed and burst into flames. Sergeant Sullivan, the rear gunner, got out of his turret. Finding no other member of the crew clear of the crash, he clambered along the blazing wing and despite having burnt his hand, continued into the fuselage to rescue other members of the crew. With the assistance of two soldiers who had since arrived on the scene, he was able to remove to safety a member of the crew who had a broken leg. He returned to the crash and again entering the fuselage succeeded, with the assistance of one of the soldiers, in removing another member of the crew who also had a broken leg. Despite the growing intensity of the fire he entered the fuselage for the third time to make sure that no other member of the crew was present. He noticed through the tangled wreckage that one of the soldiers was working frantically to extricate the navigator who had been trapped in the forward part of the aircraft. He therefore ran round to assist him and together they succeeded in removing the navigator who had serious head injuries. He then helped the two soldiers to remove the remaining three members of the crew and as soon as these had been extricated there was a violent explosion from a bomb. Sergeant Sullivan showed the highest degree of gallantry throughout and his example was undoubtedly a source of inspiration to the other rescuers.

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N.Z.404069 Sergeant James Irvine, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

One night in November, 1941, Sergeant Irvine was wireless operator air gunner in an aircraft which crashed on an aerodrome and burst into flames. Sergeant Irvine was catapulted through the roof and fell some distance away. On recovering from the shock, and realising that he was comparatively uninjured, he dashed to the burning aircraft, entered the cockpit, and extricated the pilot who was unconscious. Sergeant Irvine's prompt and gallant action, in the face of considerable risk and regardless of the shock he had sustained in the crash, undoubtedly saved the life of the pilot. In carrying out the rescue Sergeant Irvine sustained severe burns on his hands and face.

1165459 Corporal John Taylor, G.M., Royal Air Force.

One morning in January, 1942, an aircraft crashed. Corporal Taylor who was on duty in the vicinity, immediately went to the scene of the accident. Just before he reached the aircraft, it burst into flames and, although he was warned that the building on which the aircraft had crashed was a hand grenade store, he unhesitatingly plunged into the flames in an attempt to rescue the crew. First, he extricated one member, whose clothes were burning furiously; he then re-entered the wreckage and dragged out another member. Borrowing another pair of gloves, his own having been burnt off, Corporal Taylor, assisted by another airman, made further attempts to save the remaining