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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.

Squadron Leader Alan Michael MURPHY, D.F.C. (33346), No. 161 Squadron.

On five recent occasions, at night, this officer has carried out operations demanding the highest qualities of skill and organisation. Squadron Leader Murphy has personally organised his flight, and trained his pilots. He has displayed inspiring leadership.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Francis David Stephen SCOTT-MALDEN, D.F.C. (74690), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has led the wing on 44 sorties over Northern France. During these operations 6 enemy aircraft were destroyed 1 of which was shot down by Wing Commander Scott-Malden himself. On 2 occasions, in April, this officer displayed great skill when his force was attacked by superior numbers of enemy aircraft. Throughout, he has displayed great courage and leadership.

Acting Wing Commander Bertie Rex O'Bryen HOARE, D.F.C. (37853), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 23 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in May, 1941, this officer has completed some 38 intruder sorties during which he has destroyed at least 3 and damaged several more enemy aircraft. He has at all times set an inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley Bernard GRANT (33417), No. 249 Squadron.

This officer is an excellent fighter pilot. On one occasion he led a force of fighter aircraft over many miles of sea into Malta. On the same day, after his aircraft had been refuelled, he took off and destroyed a Junkers 88. For the rest of the day he remained at the head of his squadron in a series of fierce battles over the island. He has destroyed at least 4 enemy aircraft and damaged many more.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Leslie NORTH (41608), No. 457 (R.A.A.F.), Squadron (since missing).

This officer has commanded a flight since the squadron was formed. He has performed much valuable work both during the training of the squadron and in its operational activities. Displaying great courage and initiative, Flight Lieutenant North, who previously served with another unit and fought in the Battle of Britain, has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Hugh Anthony Stephen JOHNSTON (88723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

One day in April, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Johnston showed great courage and initiative when, after a prolonged fight against a numerically superior force and having expended all his ammunition, he carried out a series of successful feint attacks on Messerschmitt 109's to allow his squadron colleagues to land safely. Flight Lieutenant Johnston has destroyed at least 3 hostile aircraft and damaged several more.