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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

11th June, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to approve the posthumous award of the GEORGE CROSS to the undermentioned:—

Leading Aircraftman K. M. Gravell (deceased),
Royal Canadian Air Force.

In November, 1941, a training aircraft crashed and immediately burst into flames. Leading Aircraftman Gravell, who was under training as a wireless air gunner, managed to extricate himself from the wreckage and get clear. In spite of the intense shock caused by the loss of one eye and severe burns, suffered at the time of the crash, Leading Aircraftman Gravell's first and only thought was for the welfare of his pilot. The pilot was still in the aircraft and Gravell ignoring his own serious injuries and the fact that his clothes were ablaze attempted to get back to the flaming wreckage to pull him clear. He had barely reached the aircraft when he was dragged away and rolled on the ground to extinguish the flames which had, by this time, completely enveloped his clothing. Leading Aircraftman Gravell subsequently died from his burns. Had he not considered his pilot before his own safety and had he immediately proceeded to extinguish the flames on his own clothing, he would probably not have lost his life.

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award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Sergeant F. B. Lummis, Royal Canadian Air Force.

This airman was engaged in draining petrol from an aircraft in a hangar. As a result of an electric lamp breaking into a petrol can, the petrol was ignited. Sergeant Lummis seized the burning can and after two attempts succeeded in removing it from the hangar. In this act of bravery he showed total disregard for his personal safety and the greatest courage as by the time he got outside he was a mass of flames. He thereby saved twelve aircraft which, at this date, were invaluable to Canada's air training plan.

Mrs. Francis Walsh, Big Springs School, Calgary, Alberta.

An aircraft crashed in the school-yard of Big Springs School and burst into flames. The pilot was instantly killed and the pupil seriously burned and injured. The pupil was endeavouring to pull the pilot from the blazing wreckage, when Mrs. Walsh, who had heard the crash, ran out to the scene of the fire. She displayed great personal courage and coolness in circumstances which were entirely strange to her. In the face of considerable danger from the gasoline fire she ran into the blazing wreckage and dragged out the pupil, rolled him on the ground and extinguished the fire on his person. With the help of her pupils she then carried the injured man to her school house, rendered First Aid and sent for medical assistance. In carrying out this feat Mrs. Walsh received burns about the face and suffered from shock but made no comment whatever regarding her own injuries which were not attended to until after the medical officers who had arrived at the scene of the accident had cared for the injured airman.