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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 Wing Commander Donald Clifford Tyndall BENNETT (32065), No. 10 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

III4164 Sergeant Harry WALMSLEY, No. 10 Squadron.

One night in April, 1942, Wing Commander Bennett and Sergeant Walmsley were the captain and second pilot respectively of an aircraft which attacked the German naval base in the Trondheim fiord. In spite of a fierce defensive barrage, the attack was carried out at an extremely low level. The aircraft was hit by shell-fire and, later, burst into flames. Wing Commander Bennett and Sergeant Walmsley were forced to escape by parachute but both landed safely in occupied territory. Both Wing Commander Bennett and Sergeant Walmsley displayed excellent resource and, after escaping from German soldiers and police, they eventually reached Swedish territory after a most arduous and trying journey across snow-clad mountains. Throughout, both Wing Commander Bennett and Sergeant Walmsley displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty of the highest order.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Flight Lieutenant Ralph Maclaren CHRISTIE (Can/C.1278), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Pilot Officer Frank Albert KAY (Can/J.15337), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

In May, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Christie and Pilot Officer Kay each led a force of

bombers in an attack on a large enemy convoy, including armed ships and destroyers off the Dutch coast. The attack, which was delivered in the fading light, was pressed home in the face of a barrage of the utmost intensity. Pilot Officer Kay, who was first to attack, received wounds on the fingers when shrapnel tore through the floor in front of him. Despite this, he flew in, firing his guns, and bombs were released on a ship almost at deck level. Flight Lieutenant Christie followed in and, releasing his bombs from mast height, scored hits on a medium-sized ship. Both aircraft were damaged. That of Flight Lieutenant Christie was hit in the wings, fuselage and tail, causing damage which made the aircraft exceedingly difficult to control. Pilot Officer Kay's aircraft was hit in both engines while he himself received a further wound in the arm. Despite their difficulties, both these officers flew their damaged aircraft back to this country. Some time previously, Flight Lieutenant Christie participated in a daring attack on a convoy off the Dutch coast. In the face of heavy defensive fire, a large ship was bombed from only 20 feet. As the bombs exploded large quantities of debris were hurled in the air and the vessel was set on fire.

*Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Edward Dixon CREW, D.F.C. (74700), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 604 Squadron.

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross in July, 1941, this officer has carried out a large number of operational patrols by night and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. He has now destroyed a total of 8 enemy aircraft at night and damaged a number of others. By his readiness to fly in any weather and his skill and ability in dealing with the enemy at night, he sets a splendid example to the squadron.