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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 Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Derek GLASER (82178) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 234 Squadron.

This officer has participated in 51 sorties. His excellent leadership, keenness and determination have set a worthy example.

Pilot Officer Robert Joseph George GREEN (109084) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, this officer was captain of an aircraft which attacked Hamburg. On the return flight, near Bremen, his aeroplane was held in a cone of searchlights. Displaying great resource, Pilot Officer Green dived his aircraft down the searchlight beams from 13,000 to only 50 feet, thus enabling his front gunner to extinguish 2 of the lights. During the dive, the aircraft was hit by shell fire. Pilot Officer Green was wounded in the thigh, while the front gunner and the wireless operator received wounds in the arm and hand respectively. Despite great pain and the difficulty of controlling his damaged aircraft, Pilot Officer Green skilfully flew it through a continuous barrage of anti-aircraft fire and searchlights until the coast was reached. Handing over the controls to the second pilot, he continued to direct his crew although in a state of collapse. By his skill, courage and fortitude, Pilot Officer Green was mainly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and its crew.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1119534 Sergeant Harold BATES.

One night in July, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. On the outward flight, when over the Dutch coast, the bomber was intercepted by 2 aircraft. One of them, approaching from the rear, opened fire from some 300 yards. Sergeant Bates, being uncertain of its identity, allowed it to come closer before replying with 2 short bursts. The attacking aircraft then closed in to extremely short range but Sergeant Bates, having then identified it as Junkers 88, delivered a devastating burst at its engines. The enemy aeroplane burst into flames and spun down towards the ground on fire. Following the impact, it could be seen still burning for some minutes. The other aircraft attempted only 1 attack from ahead. It then broke away and was not seen again. In this, his first operational flight, Sergeant Bates displayed great coolness and set an excellent example.

1385008 Sergeant George Percy LACE, No. 106 Squadron.

One night in July, 1942, this airman was the captain of a Lancaster bomber detailed to attack

Dusseldorf. On the outward journey, whilst over the Dutch coast, considerable trouble developed in the fuel system. Despite this, Sergeant Lace flew on to the target which was bombed successfully in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire. Shortly after leaving the target area, one of the starboard engines failed and later, when the Dutch coast had been reached, the other engine failed. With both starboard engines out of action, Sergeant Lace flew on but, when still some 50 miles from base and at a height of 3,000 feet, both port engines failed. Orders were given to abandon the aircraft by parachute. Sergeant Lace and his second pilot, however, remained in the aircraft in an endeavour to save it. They managed to obtain a flow of petrol sufficient to re-start the port engines and eventually reached an aerodrome in this country where, in spite of poor visibility and in the face of other difficulties, Sergeant Lace executed a masterly landing without causing any damage to his aircraft. Throughout, this airman displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

AMENDMENTS.

In notification of 7th April, 1942 (p. 1556, col. 2), regarding Captain A. L. THRACKWRAY, South African Air Force for THRACKWRAY read THRACKWRAY, (p. 1557, col. 2) regarding Air Sergeant DE VILLIER, South African Air Force for W. L. DE VILLIER read W. v. L. DE VILLIERS and for 10083 Air Sergeant R. C. LOCKHART, South African Air Force read Can/R.10083 Sergeant R. C. LOCKHART, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Ministry, 25th August, 1942.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Air Mshl. Sir Bertine E. SUTTON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is appointed Air Member for Personnel on the Air Council, vice Air Vice-Mshl. (Actg. Air Mshl.) P. BABINGTON, C.B., M.C., A.F.C. 17th Aug. 1942.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency):—
Wt. Offs.

518508 Basil Dorian Brett LEWIS, D.F.M. (49276). 16th May 1942.

581309 William SERVICE (49268). 19th June 1942.

580315 George Miller DONALDSON (49277). 22nd June 1942.

580713 Albert James DRAKE (49292). 26th June 1942.

Tempy. Wt. Offs.

561725 Herbert Lionel COX (48058). 13th Nov. 1941.

581076 Frederick Alan ABBOTT, D.F.M. (49213). 7th May 1942.

564056 Alfred Kenneth HEATON (49295). 8th June 1942.

581389 Sidney HUSKINSON (49300). 18th June 1942.