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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Philip Bennett MOORE, D.F.C. (43290), No. 50 Squadron.

This flight commander is serving on his second tour of operational duty. He is an excellent leader and much of the success obtained by the squadron has been due to his untiring efforts and enthusiasm. He has taken part in attacks on some of the most important military targets in Germany, including both the "1,000" raids on Cologne and Bremen. He has attacked Hamburg twice and on both occasions obtained an excellent photograph. Squadron Leader Moore also led a flight of Lancasters on the very successful daylight raid on Le Creusot. In October, 1942, he was detailed to bomb Genoa and made a most determined attack. Two days later he participated in the daylight attack on Milan. This officer has always shown a high degree of resolution and courage in pressing home his attacks and by his fine example has been a source of inspiration to his flight.

Acting Squadron Leader John Robert PENNINGTON-LEGH, D.F.C. (37826), No. 175 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Pennington-Legh has displayed exceptional leadership and high skill. This has been reflected in the successes achieved by his squadron in the destruction and damaging of enemy ships and aircraft. He has proved himself to be a most courageous and determined fighter.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alan Jeffery ANDREWS, D.F.C. (60748), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 91 Squadron (since reported missing).

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has accomplished much excellent work. He has made nine attacks on enemy shipping, inflicting damage on each occasion. He has also destroyed one enemy aircraft. His courage, determination and initiative have inspired his fellow pilots.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Ralph Van den Bok, D.F.C. (83004), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Gordon Clayton FISHER (Can./J.4690), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

In August, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Van den Bok and Flight Lieutenant Fisher were wireless operator/air gunner and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Saarbrücken. On the return flight the bomber was attacked by enemy aircraft, sustaining much damage. Flight Lieutenant Van den Bok, who was wounded in the leg by a piece of shrapnel, and Flight Lieutenant Fisher displayed outstanding courage, determination and fortitude. Both have completed many sorties and have invariably displayed similar qualities.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Roger Montagu Dickinson HALL (43009), No. 91 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including sweeps, shipping reconnaissances and many air/sea rescue operations. He has always displayed great keenness to engage the enemy.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William ABERCROMBY (44971), No. 50 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many operational sorties and has proved himself to be a thoroughly capable and reliable deputy flight commander. In July, 1942, he was detailed to attack Saarbrücken and after carefully pin pointing the target he came down to below 5,000 feet and scored hits on the objective. Two nights later, when attacking Dusseldorf, his aircraft was caught in a cone of searchlights and attacked by a fighter. With great skill he so manoeuvred his aircraft that his rear gunner was able to shoot down the attacker. In addition Flight Lieutenant Abercromby took part in the daylight raid on Le Creusot and one of the night raids on Genoa. In October, 1942, he flew one of the aircraft detailed to attack Milan in daylight. Although faced with serious opposition he descended to within 100 feet before releasing his incendiaries on the target. His aircraft was hit many times and the rear gunner was mortally wounded. With superb airmanship Flight Lieutenant Abercromby successfully extricated his badly damaged aircraft from the target area and flew it safely back to base. Throughout his operational career this officer has consistently shown exceptionally high courage and leadership.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Burton Durrell MURCHIE (Can./J 15366), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 175 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties, including many low level attacks on shipping and land targets. His keenness to engage the enemy