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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 Terence Malcolm BULLOCH, D.F.C. (39373), No. 120 Squadron.

During recent weeks, this officer has carried out a number of successful sorties against enemy submarines, many of them in bad weather. By his exceptional skill and keenness Squadron Leader Bulloch has set a most inspiring example, which is reflected in the high state of efficiency of his squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Jacobus Johannes LE ROUX, D.F.C. (42240), No. 91 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has destroyed a further five enemy aircraft. In addition to his air victories he has attacked shipping and targets on the ground with considerable success. At all times Flight Lieutenant Le Roux has displayed a fine fighting spirit.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Vernon CRAWFORD-COMPTON, D.F.C. (65500), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 611 Squadron.

This officer has led his flight on many operational sorties with great skill and success. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has destroyed a further 5 enemy aircraft bringing his total victories to seven.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer George PEPPER, D.F.C. (104585), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 29 Squadron (since deceased).

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Joseph Henry TOONE, D.F.M. (127791), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 29 Squadron (since deceased).

Flying Officer Pepper and Pilot Officer Toone flying together as pilot and observer have formed a perfect and successful night fighting team. They have destroyed at least 6 enemy aircraft. Their exceptional skill and determination have set a most inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald RANKIN (Aus.402394), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 272 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many operational sorties over France and the Low Countries as well as in the Middle East. He has participated

in low level attacks on roads, airfields and enemy shipping, while in combat he has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft. In November, 1942, he led his flight on an attack on El Aouina airfield and later near Tunis he destroyed one hostile aircraft. The successes achieved by the squadron have been largely due to this officer's fine leadership and skill.

Flying Officer James MARKHAM (68788), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 269 Squadron.

In October, 1942, this officer captained an aircraft engaged in an anti-submarine patrol in the vicinity of an important convoy. Whilst flying at some 4,000 feet, he observed a U-boat, surfaced on the water. Flying Officer Markham immediately dived to attack and achieving almost complete surprise, straddled the submarine with depth charges before it could completely submerge. Excellent photographs were obtained of wreckage and oil patches. This officer has invariably displayed a high standard of skill and great determination.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

917422 Sergeant George Arthur TUCKWELL, No. 272 Squadron.

Sergeant Tuckwell has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on enemy air fields, E boats and shipping. In November, 1942, during a low level attack on the airfield at El Aouina, he set alight 2 enemy aircraft on the ground and damaged others. Some days later, when attacking the same target, he machine-gunned 2 large German aircraft on the ground, setting them on fire; he also silenced an anti-aircraft gun. His squadron commander's aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but Sergeant Tuckwell covered his landing in the face of heavy opposition. His courageous example and fine fighting qualities have inspired his fellow pilots. He has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft in combat.

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GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Plt. Offs. (prob.) confmd. in appts. and to be Flg. Offs. (war subs.):—

G. N. NORTH (46249). 3rd Aug. 1942.

7th Aug. 1942.

L. V. DAVIES, D.F.M. (46306).

A. N. MARSHALL (46303).

9th Aug. 1942.

C. P. O'CONNOR (46516).

R. L. PERRY (46403).

12th Aug. 1942.

A. E. MARSHALL, D.F.M. (47124).

L. E. SMITH (47123).