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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.*

Flying Officer Edward Anzac DUPLEX (Aus.400142), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 160 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties, several of them in daylight. On one occasion his aircraft was severely damaged when subjected to a series of attacks by an enemy fighter. Two engines were hit, the hydraulics damaged and the turrets rendered unserviceable. Other damage was sustained, making the aircraft extremely difficult to control. In spite of this, Flying Officer Duplex flew it to base and landed it safely. On another occasion, engine trouble developed on the outward flight of his mission, compelling him to return to base. On the return flight, however, he successfully attacked an alternative target. Throughout his operational career, Flying Officer Duplex has displayed outstanding determination and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Henry TILSON, (Can/J.7343), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

As captain of aircraft, Flying Officer Tilson has taken part in many sorties. Whatever the odds he has always endeavoured to press home his attacks with determination. In November, 1942, he participated in an attack on Genoa, securing a photograph of the target. Some days later, he took part in a successful raid on Turin. Flying Officer Tilson has set a courageous example.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.402206 Flight Sergeant Alwyn Metcalf LATELY, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 38 Squadron.

This airman has completed numerous sorties as pilot. Throughout, his high skill and unflinching devotion to duty have been worthy of high praise. In September, 1942, at night, he attacked an enemy merchant ship, escorted by a destroyer. Despite intense opposing fire, Flight Sergeant Lately flew in at an extremely low level. Hits were obtained on the merchant vessel causing two large explosions. Although his aircraft was hit by a shell, which burst in the cabin, wounding the navigator and wireless operator, Flight Sergeant Lately manoeuvred it to safety. On the return journey, after handing over the controls to the second pilot, he dressed the wounds of his comrades. When base was reached he accomplished a difficult landing in safety.

1332209 Sergeant Derek Colin FOWLER, No. 38 Squadron.

One night in October, 1942, this airman captained an aircraft which attacked a convoy consist-

ing of a merchant ship, a tanker and 2 escorting destroyers. In spite of a thick smoke screen, which completely enshrouded the convoy, Sergeant Fowler remained over the target area until, for a few moments, the smoke cleared and the tanker became visible. He immediately flew in to close range and attacked with telling effect. A violent explosion occurred and it was subsequently learned that the tanker was on fire. This airman has completed many sorties and has always displayed outstanding zeal and determination.

956988 Sergeant Albert SHAYSHUTT, No. 10 Squadron.

In November, 1942, this airman was the flight engineer of an aircraft which attacked Stuttgart. On the return journey, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained much damage. Sergeant Shayshutt was wounded in the left thigh, groin and in the right leg. Although bleeding profusely and in great pain he refused to leave his post and continued his duties until the English coast was crossed. Here, his captain informed the crew that he intended to attempt to land the damaged aircraft alone and ordered them to prepare to leave by parachute. Sergeant Shayshutt insisted on staying with his captain and, despite his sufferings, rendered valuable assistance. When the aircraft was eventually landed safely, Sergeant Shayshutt was delirious and too weak to move through loss of blood. By his courage, fortitude and devotion to duty this airman set an example worthy of the highest praise.

1377121 Sergeant Francis James Lyle WYATT, No. 462 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This airman has completed numerous sorties. Whilst operating from this country he took part in the attack on the Renault Works, near Paris, and in the raids on Cologne and the Ruhr when a thousand of our bombers attacked these targets. In the Middle East he has continued his good work. One night in October, 1942, he captained an aircraft which attacked Tobruk. Immediately after releasing his bombs a heavy shell burst under one of the wings. It was then observed that one of the bombs was hung up. In the circumstances, Sergeant Wyatt decided not to re-open the bomb doors, thus lessening the risk of losing height and speed. Although 1 engine began over-heating he continued his course and eventually made a safe landing at an advanced landing field. Sergeant Wyatt has invariably set a courageous and inspiring example.

1315669 Sergeant Douglas Patrick OLIVER, No. 103 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt. When nearing the target area, the aircraft was intercepted by 2 enemy fighters. One of them attacked from the rear but Sergeant