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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 David Owen CUNLIFFE (87639), No. 5 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, involving long flights over wild and mountainous country during the monsoon season. At Kalewa, he made numerous attacks in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire. On one occasion in September, 1942, he dived from 6,000 to 200 feet, in the face of heavy fire from several enemy gun positions, and silenced one of the guns. Flight Lieutenant Cunliffe has set a most inspiring example.

Flying Officer William Holden ROBINSON, D.F.M. (48464), No. 7 Squadron.

One night in December, 1942, this officer was the engineer of an aircraft detailed to attack Munich. During the return flight the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. The fuselage, tail-planes and port wing were hit by cannon and machine gun fire, and the fuel cock control cables to the port tanks were severed. Displaying great skill and perseverance, Flying Officer Robinson kept the engines functioning while tracing the damaged cables and repairing them sufficiently to ensure an adequate supply of petrol for the remainder of the flight. He then made a thorough search of the interior of the aircraft and extinguished a small fire which was smouldering among the engine covers. Throughout, Flying Officer Robinson displayed great courage and efficiency. He has participated in a large number of sorties and his technical ability has been amply demonstrated on many occasions.

Flying Officer Peter Beresford WRIGHT (119180), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 610 Squadron.

Flying Officer Wright has always displayed great courage and skill, while his keenness and unflagging devotion to duty have set an admirable example.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

532489 Flight Sergeant Robert Curry ROBSON, No. 159 Squadron.

One night in November, 1942, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft which attacked the airfield at Mingaladon. During the action his turret was hit by enemy fire and rendered unserviceable. Flight Sergeant Robson suffered a broken leg but, in spite of this, he dragged himself to the beam gun position where the gunner lay wounded.

Despite his injuries, Flight Sergeant Robson manned the gun until the action was terminated. Throughout, he displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

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**ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Roger Cave PORTEOUS (37867), No. 6 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander James Douglas WARNE, D.F.C. (40447), No. 148 Squadron.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Malcolm Hugh MACFARLANE, D.F.C. (36244), No. 30 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Paul Prendergast DEVENISH (80198), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Heathcote Huia BEALE (N.Z. 41465), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Walter Allan Grenfell CONRAD (Can./J. 5023), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 274 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant George Clinton KEEFER (Can./J. 5022), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 274 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Albert Derek FRECKER (62647), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 252 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William John JOHNSON (115410), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Roy Stuart de Valois le MASURIER (60793), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John William SLADE (101518), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Stevenson STOCKS (Aus. 404319), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 221 Squadron.

Flying Officer Herbert Frank BICKERDIKE (64287), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 462 Squadron.

Flying Officer Godfrey Lionel Percy DUNSTONE (115718), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 69 Squadron.

Flying Officer Arthur Edward MATHER (Aus. 402519), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 104 Squadron.