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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.

Wing Commander Gordon Learmonth **RAPHAEL**, D.F.C. (73508), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 85 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Wing Commander Raphael has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft at night. By his inspiring leadership, great skill and untiring efforts, he has contributed in a large measure to the high morale and operational efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Wing Commander Eric Hugh **THOMAS**, D.F.C. (39138).

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has led his wing on numerous sorties over enemy territory, in which 13 enemy aircraft have been destroyed, 1 of them by Wing Commander Thomas. By his gallant leadership and unflinching devotion to duty, this officer has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Paul Yettvart **DAVOUD** (Can/C.325), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 409 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has been engaged in night flying operations for more than a year. He is a skilful pilot whose fine example and inspiring leadership have been worthy of high praise. He has destroyed 1 and probably destroyed another enemy aircraft.

Squadron Leader William James **ALINGTON**, A.F.C. (70006), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 25 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft at night. He is an extremely able flight commander, whose efforts to achieve success in night fighting have been most praiseworthy.

Squadron Leader Frederick Wishart **KELLY** (Can/J.2972), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 412 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of operational sorties, including a number of low level machine gun attacks on ground targets and several fighter bomber attacks. He is a skilful leader whose exceptional judgment and keenness have won the confidence of the squadron he commands.

Squadron Leader Dennis Garland **MALLOY** (Can/C.1072), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 402 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Squadron Leader Malloy has participated in a large number of sorties. He is an outstanding leader, whose skill and devotion to duty have set an example worthy of high praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Collyer **JOHNSTON** (80083), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 56 Squadron (since missing)

This officer has completed many sorties, including a number of low level attacks on tugs, 3 of which he has sunk, barges, locomotives and other targets; in addition he has destroyed an enemy aircraft in combat. He is a first class leader and sets a fine example to all.

Flying Officer Ray Amherst Winchworth **SCOTT** (47501), No. 538 Squadron.

As navigator, Flying Officer Scott has rendered excellent service during night flying operations. His keenness and unflinching devotion to duty, especially in adverse weather, have set an inspiring example.

Pilot Officer Arnold Maurice **HILL** (121333), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 25 Squadron.

This officer is an extremely efficient and confident night fighter. His keenness to engage the enemy whatever the circumstances has set a fine example. He has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft at night.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.70619 Sergeant Edward Eugene **WERTZLER**, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in January, 1943, this airman was the air bomber of an aircraft which attacked the Ruhr. Shortly after leaving the target area the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. Sergeant Wertzler was wounded in the right leg but he resolutely manned his guns, although his turret became unserviceable, until the attacker was eventually shaken off. Meanwhile a fire had broken out in the bomb bay but Sergeant Wertzler put out the flames with extinguishers despite a painful injury to his eye caused by one of the extinguishers exploding accidentally. This airman displayed great courage and initiative in harassing circumstances.

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GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

To be Plt. Offs. on prob. (emergency);—

Wt. Offs.

565240 Victor George Ferrand **COLEMAN** (50690).
28th Aug. 1942.