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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.

Acting Squadron Leader Osgood Villiers HANBURY, D.F.C. (91537), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 260 Squadron.

This officer is an inspiring leader whose courageous example has contributed materially to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. In operations covering the great advance from El Alamein, Squadron Leader Hanbury led formations of aircraft with great skill, attacking and harassing the enemy with destructive effect. In attacks on the enemy's dispositions near Ksar Rhilane and at El Hamma, Squadron Leader Hanbury exhibited great dash. His fearlessness, efficiency and unswerving devotion to duty have been worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Squadron Leader William Cowan OLLASON, D.F.C. (45713), No. 101 Squadron.

This officer has completed much operational flying. He is an ideal leader, whose exceptional skill and unconquerable determination to achieve success have won the confidence of all with whom he has flown. This was amply demonstrated one night in April, 1943, during the return flight from Essen. When nearing the Dutch Coast his aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. A very close burst riddled the fuselage with shrapnel, killing one and dangerously wounding another of the aircraft's crew. The elevator trimmers were severed, and the situation becoming perilous. By superb airmanship, Squadron Leader Ollason retained control of the aircraft and, by wedging the control column with his knee, succeeded in maintaining level flight. In this position he flew the damaged bomber to an airfield in this country where he effected a perfect landing. By his skill, fortitude and determination, this officer was undoubtedly responsible for the return of the aircraft and its crew.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Campbell DUNN, D.F.C. (107276), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 150 Squadron.

In operations in North Africa this officer has completed many sorties. On one occasion he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on an important enemy airfield with great success. Flight Lieutenant Dunn, who has displayed outstanding

tactical ability, has invariably pressed home his attacks with great vigour, setting a most inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth George BICKERS (122345), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron.

This officer has completed 20 operational missions, invariably displaying skill and determination in pressing home his attacks. One night in April, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Bickers captained an aircraft detailed to attack Duisburg. During the homeward flight, whilst over enemy territory, the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. The first burst of fire from the attacker killed the rear gunner, severely wounded the mid-upper gunner and set the rear turret on fire. For twenty minutes the enemy aircraft continued its attacks and only the skilful evading tactics employed by Flight Lieutenant Bickers prevented the bomber from being shot down. The elevator trimming gear was put out of action, the engine controls were damaged, the wireless apparatus and the hydraulic system were rendered unserviceable; many instruments were destroyed while one of the port petrol tanks was pierced, causing its contents to leak away. In spite of the tremendous odds, Flight Lieutenant Bickers, displaying superb airmanship, flew the badly damaged aircraft to an airfield in this country where he effected a successful crash-landing. In the face of a most perilous situation this officer displayed courage, skill and fortitude of a high order.

Flying Officer Michael William KINMOUTH (61982), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

This officer has completed much operational flying at night, displaying great skill, courage and devotion to duty throughout. He has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

966023 Flight Sergeant Alfred GUNN, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft which attacked Essen. On the return flight when nearing the Dutch coast, the aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire, and sustained much damage. The rear gunner was badly wounded but regardless of the imminent danger, Flight Sergeant Gunn went to his comrade's assistance and rendered first aid after extricating him from the turret. Flight Sergeant Gunn then skilfully repaired the