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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.*

Wing Commander Dillon Piers Denis Gerard KELLY (33168), No. 255 Squadron.

Wing Commander Kelly is a skilful and courageous pilot who has achieved much success in fighting operations at night. He has displayed exceptional energy and initiative, setting an excellent example. Wing Commander Kelly has destroyed three enemy aircraft.

Acting Wing Commander Edward Geoffrey Lyall MILLINGTON (25124), No. 225 Squadron.

This officer participated in operations in North Africa and displayed courage, keenness and devotion to duty worthy of high praise. His personal example and skilful leadership have contributed materially to the operational efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Squadron Leader Eric Latham BEVERLEY (44517), No. 13 Squadron.

This officer has completed 29 sorties. He is a most efficient flight commander whose fine qualities and tireless efforts have proved inspiring. In the operations in North Africa he has flown with distinction.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Wray ELLER (110827), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

This officer has participated in 29 sorties invariably displaying keenness and courage of a high order. During the campaign in North Africa he has undertaken many sorties both by day and night, often in difficult circumstances. On one occasion, during a daylight operation in December, 1942, his aircraft was hit and set on fire in an engagement against enemy fighters. Despite this, he effected a skilful forced-landing. Undeterred by a trying experience, Squadron Leader Eller quickly resumed operational flying, executing his tasks with great vigour.

Acting Squadron Leader Ian Garnett MacLAREN (45602), No. 614 Squadron.

In operations in North Africa, this officer took part in a number of successful sorties, many of them in bad weather and over difficult terrain. One night in February, 1943, he was detailed to execute a night bombing attack against enemy transport and troops in the Kasserine Pass. The weather was extremely bad with heavy clouds covering the mountains on either side. Despite this, Squadron Leader MacLaren flew down the

pass and successfully bombed the target. He has invariably displayed great courage and determination.

Flight Lieutenant George Urquhart HILL (Can/C.1075), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 111 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Hill is a skilful leader whose ability has been well in evidence during recent operations. He has participated in many sorties and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Fred ROTHWELL (45337), No. 13 Squadron.

In the campaign in North Africa, this officer has displayed great keenness and determination, setting a fine example. On one occasion, during a bombing attack on Bizerta in daylight, his aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter but, by skilful manoeuvring, he evaded the attacker, having sustained only slight damage to his aircraft. On another occasion, one night in February, 1943, he was detailed to patrol the Kasserine Pass and to bomb any mechanical transport in the vicinity. Whilst searching for objectives and flying at a low level his aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences. A shell, which burst inside the aircraft, broke the rudder and tail trim controls. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Rothwell continued his search and later bombed some transport. He flew the damaged aircraft to an airfield at Maison Blanche where he effected a safe landing at the third attempt.

Flying Officer Trevor Windsor ALLEN (N.Z.413007), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 142 Squadron.

This officer has participated in 28 sorties and has displayed a high standard of efficiency and fine fighting qualities. His determination to press home his attacks from a low level, in the face of heavy fire from the ground defences, has been most praiseworthy.

Flying Officer Edwin Hanlon BROWN (Aus.402724), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 682 Squadron (since deceased).

This officer has completed 62 sorties and has invariably displayed great skill and determination. This was amply demonstrated one day in April, 1943, when he successfully accomplished a reconnaissance flight over Naples and adjacent area in the face of heavy and accurate fire from the ground defences. His keenness and devotion to duty have been worthy of high praise.

Flying Officer Ivan Kenneth CRAWFORD (115189), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 111 Squadron.

This officer has completed much operational flying. He took part in many sorties over Northern France before operating in North Africa, where he has completed a large number of sorties.