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Acting Flight Lieutenant Harry Deane MACDONALD (Can./J.15467), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 403 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer, who has participated in a very large number of sorties, is an excellent flight commander. In addition to destroying 5 enemy aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Macdonald has damaged 3 locomotives and executed vigorous attacks on other targets. He has invariably displayed outstanding keenness.

Pilot Officer Ernest Victor DOMONE (137317) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 409 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this officer was a member of the crew of an aircraft engaged on an offensive operation. During the flight the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and Pilot Officer Domone was seriously wounded in the thigh. Despite intense pain and loss of blood, Pilot Officer Domone reassured his pilot and gave him a course for base. This officer displayed courage and fortitude of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Richard Valentine MCINTYRE (26143), No. 100 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.411381 Flight Sergeant James Darcy William RENNO, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 100 Squadron.

One night in May, 1943, Wing Commander McIntyre and Flight Sergeant Renno were captain and wireless operator/air gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Bochum. When nearing the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Two engines were put out of action, while other equipment was damaged. Despite this, Wing Commander McIntyre continued to the target and bombed it. Not until the task was accomplished did Flight Sergeant Renno inform his captain that he had been wounded in the stomach and thigh. Although the aircraft was difficult to control, Wing Commander McIntyre skilfully flew the aircraft back to this country on 2 engines and effected a crash-landing at an airfield. Despite his injuries, Flight Sergeant Renno worked his wireless apparatus on the return flight, obtaining bearings which were of great assistance. Both these members of aircraft crew displayed great courage and determination.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Frank Edward LEWIS (Can./J 10317), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

544755 Sergeant Thomas Ingham BODDY, No. 7 Squadron.

In air operations, these members of aircraft crew have displayed exemplary conduct and gallantry worthy of the highest praise.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (flying).

1344057 Sergeant John Patrick McGARRY, No. 70 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this airman was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy landing ground. During the operation the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was severely wounded, while Sergeant McGarry was wounded in the leg. Despite his injury, this airman helped to remove the wounded pilot from the cockpit and afterwards rendered efficient first aid. Meanwhile, another member of the crew took over the control and Sergeant McGarry, displaying great fortitude, continued his navigational duties. In addition, throughout the return flight, he tended his injured pilot. When base was reached the pilot took over the controls to attempt a landing. Sergeant McGarry was given permission to leave by parachute but elected to stay with his pilot and a successful crash-landing was made near the airfield. In perilous circumstances, Sergeant McGarry displayed courage, fortitude and coolness worthy of the highest praise.

1070296 Sergeant Thomas Parker PETRIE, No. 70 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, this airman was the pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy landing ground. In the run up the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but Sergeant Petrie held course and a stick of bombs was re-

leased. Almost immediately the aircraft was again hit which caused it to dive steeply. Sergeant Petrie was severely wounded, his foot being practically severed, while other members of the crew were slightly wounded. Despite his injuries, Sergeant Petrie skilfully regained control of his aircraft, circled and released the remaining bombs over the target area. Course having been set for home, the injured pilot was removed from his seat and given first aid, while another member of the crew kept the aircraft on its course to base. When the airfield was reached, Sergeant Petrie who, throughout the return flight, though in considerable pain and faint through loss of blood had remained in command as captain, gave the crew permission to leave by parachute. They elected to remain, however, confident in his ability to effect a landing. By strapping him in the pilot's seat and tying his uninjured foot to the rudder bar, Sergeant Petrie was able to take over the controls. When approaching land, at a height of 300 feet, the petrol supply ran out but a successful crash-landing was made. This gallant airman displayed great courage and fortitude in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1322681 Sergeant Francis Cyril COMPTON, No. 10 Squadron.

One night in May, 1943, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Duisburg. During the operation his aircraft was attacked and damaged by an enemy fighter. Sergeant Compton resolutely returned fire and, following an accurate burst, the enemy aircraft stalled and then fell towards the ground, disappearing out of sight through the clouds. Half-an-hour later, the bomber was again attacked by enemy fighters. In the ensuing action Sergeant Compton coolly and skilfully used his guns while giving his captain directions which enabled him to evade the attackers. The following night during an operation against Bochum his aircraft which had been damaged by anti-aircraft fire, was attacked by 2 enemy aircraft. Displaying great skill and determination, Sergeant Compton shot 1 of them down. Although his guns were rendered useless, he gave his captain a commentary which enabled him to evade the remaining fighter. On both occasions this airman displayed great courage and determination and contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft.

Aus.408569 Sergeant Alexander Douglas FINLAYSON, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 199 Squadron.

One night in May, 1943, this airman was the rear gunner of an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. On the return flight, the aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. Sergeant Finlayson coolly withheld his fire until the attacker came into close range and then, with a well directed burst, shot the enemy aircraft down. His skill and vigilance have been an inspiring example.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Ottawa, 4th June, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased on the advice of Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the publication of the name of the undermentioned officer in the London Gazette as having been commended for brave conduct:—
Squadron Leader E. W. COWAN, Royal Canadian Air Force.

AMENDMENTS.

In notification of 2nd June, 1943, Birthday Honours list (p. 2420, col. 1), regarding Air Vice-Marshal R. V. GODDARD, *Delete* Royal New Zealand Air Force. (p. 2461, col. 1) Pilot Officers, *Delete* A. D. BEBBINGTON (141140), R.A.F.V.R. (missing) (p. 2465, col. 1) Sergeants, *Delete* 920641 I. DAVIES.

Air Ministry, 4th June, 1943.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Gp. Capt. (war subs):—

Air Cdre. (tempy.) R. M. FOSTER, D.F.C. 20th Apr. 1943.

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) G. H. VASSE. 26th Apr. 1943.

The undermentioned are granted the rank of Wg. Cdr. (war subs):—

Gp. Capt. (tempy.) R. C. JONAS. 12th Apr. 1943.