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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Walter Scott **SHERK**, D.F.C. (Can./J.16137), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer George Glover **McGLADREY**, (Can./J.6843), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Flying Officer Roy Gordon **MORRISON** (Can./J.9764), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can./R.68061 Sergeant Douglas Glenn **BEBENSEE**, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in April, 1943, Pilot Officer Sherk, Flying Officers McGladrey and Morrison and Sergeant Bebensee were pilot, wireless operator, navigator and flight engineer respectively in an aircraft which attacked Stettin. Whilst over the target area, the bomber was struck by falling incendiary bombs. One of them, which lodged behind the pilot's seat, jammed the aileron and rudder controls. Flames and smoke rapidly filled the cockpit and Pilot Officer Sherk's clothing caught alight. The aircraft began to lose height, diving steeply. Pilot Officer Sherk endeavoured to regain control, whilst Flying Officer McGladrey attempted to subdue the flames. Meanwhile, Sergeant Bebensee struggled to free the locked controls. Just as the situation appeared hopeless, the pilot regained control, and a course was set for home as Flying Officer McGladrey extinguished the fire. Much of the navigational equipment had been lost but Flying Officer Morrison, displaying great skill, was able to plot accurate courses. Sergeant Bebensee, who worked untiringly for three quarters of an hour, succeeded in freeing the controls. Eventually, Pilot Officer Sherk flew the badly damaged bomber back to this country. In circumstances fraught with great danger, these members of the crew displayed great courage, skill and determination.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald Grant **McINNES** (113401), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed a large number of sorties, has invariably displayed great courage and determination. One night in January, 1943, he displayed great tenacity when attacking an airfield in Sicily. Despite heavy fire from the ground

defences, Flight Lieutenant McInnes made several runs over the target before releasing his bombs. On another occasion in February, 1943, during an operation against Palermo, 1 of the propellers of his aircraft flew off. In spite of this, he flew back to base. Flight Lieutenant McInnes has set a fine example.

Flying Officer Edwards Haynes **MARSHALL** (Aus.408858), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 225 Squadron.

In operations in North Africa, this officer has displayed great courage, skill and devotion to duty. On one occasion in the early stages of the campaign, his aircraft was shot down behind enemy lines, but Flying Officer Marshall succeeded in evading capture and re-joined his unit. In May, 1943, he executed a most successful reconnaissance flight which proved of great assistance to our ground forces. The next day he undertook a flight over the same area, obtaining excellent photographs in the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire.

Warrant Officer Edward John James **SPILLER**, (745166), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of hours flying on operations, and has displayed outstanding efficiency and unflinching devotion to duty. During a patrol in May, 1943, his aircraft was attacked by 10 Junkers 88s. For nearly half an hour a running fight ensued and Warrant Officer Spiller displayed great skill and courage in frustrating the attackers. Although his aircraft was damaged he flew it to base, where he effected a masterly landing without the aid of brakes or flaps. Warrant Officer Spiller set a most inspiring example.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer John Brian Godfrey **BAILEY** (48551), No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1550966 Sergeant Stuart Nimmo **SLOAN**, No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1332251 Sergeant George Charles William **PARSLOW**, No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in May, 1943, Flying Officer Bailey and Sergeants Sloan and Parslow were members of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. Shortly after its bombs had been released, the aircraft was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire whilst held by the searchlights. Evasive action was taken by putting the aircraft into a steep dive but this proved ineffective and the bomber was subjected to heavy fire whilst still illuminated. The situation became critical but Sergeant Sloan, displaying superb skill and determination eventually flew clear of the defences