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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
13th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the GEORGE CROSS to:—

Flying Officer Roderick Borden Gray (Can/J.13979),  
Royal Canadian Air Force.

One night in August, 1944, this officer was the navigator of a Wellington aircraft which was shot down into the sea by a U-boat in the Atlantic. Flying Officer Gray and 3 other members of the crew managed to extricate themselves from the aircraft. Despite a severe wound in the leg, Flying Officer Gray succeeded in inflating his own dinghy and then assisted his captain, who had also been wounded, into it. Shortly afterwards cries were heard from another member of the crew, who had broken his arm, and Flying Officer Gray also helped him into the dinghy. Knowing that it could not hold more than 2 persons, Flying Officer Gray, although suffering intense pain, refused to get into the dinghy. Assisted by another member of the crew and by an occupant of the dinghy he held on to its side for some hours. The pain from his leg (it is thought that the lower part had been shot off) was increasing in intensity and he was becoming exhausted. He steadfastly refused however, to endanger his comrades by entering the dinghy. He eventually lost consciousness and died. When it became light, his companions realised that he was dead and they were forced to let his body sink. The survivors were rescued later. Flying Officer Gray displayed magnificent courage and unselfish heroism, thus enabling the lives of his comrades to be saved.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and the following awards of the British Empire Medal:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur John Pomeroy Furneaux (118821), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Military Division).

1548341 Corporal Kenneth Berry, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In September, 1944, a High Speed Launch had just been refuelled and was lying alongside a jetty when a violent explosion occurred in the engine room. Much damage was caused; the engine room casing was blown off, both sides of the engine room were blown out and the fore end of the room was enveloped in flames. The launch commenced to flood rapidly. One member of the crew, who was in the engine room, sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh and was pinned down by a large piece of timber. His injured leg was entangled in some electric wire and debris, and fire from the petrol, on top of the water, was spreading rapidly towards him. The craft had, by this time, assumed a list of some 20°. Corporal Berry, who had been blown over by the explosion, quickly realised the seriousness of the situation. Undeterred by the possibility of further explosions, he climbed down into the engine room in an endeavour to extricate his comrade. Finding that he was unable to do so unaided, Corporal Berry went for assistance and was quickly joined by Flight Lieutenant Furneaux who had been standing on the jetty at the time of the explosion. The two rescuers were able finally to extricate the injured airman from his apparently hopeless position and, with the help of others, he was passed to safety. Within 2 minutes of the rescue the whole of the engine room was ablaze. The courage and initiative displayed by Flight Lieutenant Furneaux and Corporal Berry in dangerous circumstances were worthy of high praise.

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Acting Warrant Officer Patrick Maguire (965735),  
Royal Air Force, Royal Air Force Regiment.

Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Military Division).

100239 Acting Sergeant Archibald Brown, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force Regiment.

During an air raid on a forward airfield one evening in October, 1944, an enemy bomb fell very close to a heavy motor vehicle, setting it on fire. The vehicle was laden with an emergency reserve supply of H.E. and A.P. ammunition. The light from the fire was very considerable and invited further attack by the enemy. In view of the danger to which the whole airfield was exposed it