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The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the VICTORIA CROSS on the under-mentioned officer in recognition of most conspicuous bravery:—

Flying Officer Lloyd Allan TRIGG, D.F.C. (N.Z.413515), Royal New Zealand Air Force (missing, believed killed), No. 200 Squadron.

Flying Officer Trigg had rendered outstanding service on convoy escort and anti-submarine duties. He had completed 46 operational sorties and had invariably displayed skill and courage of a very high order.

One day in August, 1943, Flying Officer Trigg undertook, as captain and pilot, a patrol in a Liberator although he had not previously made any operational sorties in that type of aircraft. After searching for 8 hours a surfaced U-boat was sighted.

Flying Officer Trigg immediately prepared to attack. During the approach, the aircraft received many hits from the submarine's anti-aircraft guns and burst into flames, which quickly enveloped the tail.

The moment was critical. Flying Officer Trigg could have broken off the engagement and made a forced landing in the sea. But if he continued the attack, the aircraft would present a "no deflection" target to deadly accurate anti-aircraft fire, and every second spent in the air would increase the extent and intensity of the flames and diminish his chances of survival.

There could have been no hesitation or doubt in his mind. He maintained his course in spite of the already precarious condition of his aircraft and executed a masterly attack. Skimming over the U-boat at less than 50 feet with anti-aircraft fire entering his opened bomb doors, Flying Officer Trigg dropped his bombs on and around the U-boat where they exploded with devastating effect. A short distance further on the Liberator dived into the sea with her gallant captain and crew.

The U-boat sank within 20 minutes and some of her crew were picked up later in a rubber dinghy that had broken loose from the Liberator.

The Battle of the Atlantic has yielded many fine stories of air attacks on underwater craft, but Flying Officer Trigg's exploit stands out as an epic of grim determination and high courage. His was the path of duty that leads to glory.

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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 Wing Commander Douglas Rivers BAGNALL, D.F.C. (40790), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 40 Squadron.

This officer is a most inspiring leader, whose great skill, fearlessness and unswerving devotion to duty have been reflected in the high morale of the squadron, which has obtained many notable successes. One night in September, 1943, Wing Commander Bagnall participated in an attack on the marshalling yards at Battipaglia and his accurate bombing was a feature of his praiseworthy efforts. This officer has rendered magnificent service.

Squadron Leader Derek Harvey DUDER, D.F.C. (70192), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 77 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed many sorties. He has attacked his targets fearlessly and vigorously and thereby has achieved much success. Squadron Leader Duder is an ideal leader, whose example of sustained gallantry and devotion to duty has merited the highest praise.

Squadron Leader Peter Geoffrey POWELL (Can/J. 8817), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Squadron Leader Powell is a navigator whose unerring skill has contributed in a large way to the success achieved on many sorties, including the recent heavy attacks on Peenemunde and Berlin. In addition to his operational tasks, Squadron Leader Powell has rendered yeoman service in the training of other navigators and his excellent work has been reflected in their numerous successes. This gallant officer has set an inspiring example.

Acting Squadron Leader Donald Kenneth ALLPORT, D.F.C. (119516), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

As navigator, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, many of them demanding a high degree of skill and determination. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Allport has executed his tasks with exceptional ability and his faultless