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

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

Flying Officer Trigg had rendered out-
standing service on convoy escort and anti-
submarine duties. He had completed 46
operational sorties and had invariably dis-
played 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.