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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.

Flying Officer Sydney Simon SHULEMSON (Can./J. 12483), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, including several successful attacks on shipping. He is a skillful, courageous and determined leader, whose example has inspired all. In January, 1944, he participated in an attack on a convoy consisting of enemy merchant vessels and 4 armed ships. In the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire, the attack was well pressed home and a medium sized merchant vessel and two merchantmen were hit and set on fire; hits were also obtained on 2 of the escort ships, one of them appearing to blow up. As course was set for home, one member of the formation was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage. Flying Officer Shulemson immediately turned and joined the fight. By skilful and daring tactics he drew away the attacker, thus enabling his comrade to fly clear. Some 18 minutes later, the enemy aircraft was forced to terminate the engagement and Flying Officer Shulemson flew on to base and landed safely in spite of a burst tyre on one of the landing wheels. Throughout the sortie, this officer displayed inspiring leadership, great skill and courage.

Distinguished Service Order.

Pilot Officer Frederick Wootton GALLAGHER (157083), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1101124 Flight Sergeant Charles Edward Dean STEWART, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Brunswick one night in January, 1944. When crossing the enemy coast, one of the aircraft's engines became unserviceable. Despite this, Pilot Officer Gallagher continued his mission. When approaching the target a fighter was sighted. The enemy aircraft was closing in but Pilot Officer Gallagher held to a straight course in order to ensure accurate bombing. When the bombing run was completed, evading action was taken. The fighter continued to attack for a further 25 minutes by which time Pilot Officer Gallagher's aircraft had sustained extensive damage and 2 engines were out of action. Nevertheless, course was set for home. Some time later, the aircraft was subjected to considerable anti-aircraft fire. A shell burst near one of the wings and the port aileron was hit by shrapnel and became jammed. The cowling top cover of

the starboard inner engine was also hit and thereafter hung loose. The aircraft became difficult to control and height was gradually lost. Much movable equipment was jettisoned in an effort to maintain height and the North Sea was crossed. When approaching base, Pilot Officer Gallagher ordered his crew to crash positions. Flight Sergeant Stewart, who had rendered great assistance so far, elected to remain and assist his captain in landing the aircraft. The task was successfully accomplished but, as the aircraft touched down, one of the landing wheels came off. The crew, except Flight Sergeant Stewart, who was slightly hurt, escaped injury. In most difficult circumstances Pilot Officer Gallagher displayed skill, courage and determination of the highest order and Flight Sergeant Stewart's exemplary conduct and devotion to duty were highly commendable.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Kenneth Royce SANDS (Aus.406265), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In the fighting in the Western Desert and in North Africa; this officer completed a large number of successful sorties. Since then, he has participated in very many attacks on a variety of targets in Sicily and Italy and has invariably displayed great skill and determination. In January, 1944, Squadron Leader Sands led the squadron in an attack on a large naval vessel. The attack was pressed home with great determination and several hits were obtained on the vessel. This officer is a most inspiring leader and his determined efforts have been reflected in the fine fighting qualities of the squadron which has obtained many successes. Squadron Leader Sands has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Roy Trevor HUDSON (Aus.402356), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed skill and courage of a high order. In January, 1944, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a large armed merchant vessel in the area of Sibenik harbour. In the face of heavy barrage from the harbour defences and the ship's guns the attack was pressed home with vigour. Hits were obtained on the vessel which caught fire and blazed furiously. By his skilful leadership and determined efforts, this officer contributed materially to the success achieved. In earlier operations in the Western Desert, Flight Lieutenant Hudson took part in many sorties and destroyed one enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Roy Colin ROBERTSON (Aus. 400486), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 450 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In January, 1944, this officer led the squadron in an attack on a medium sized merchant vessel