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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain John Emilius FAUQUIER, D.S.O., D.F.C., Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron with notable success during the past nine months. He has frequently taken part in sorties against distant and well defended targets, including several attacks on the German capital. He is a forceful and gallant leader, whose outstanding ability and unswerving devotion to duty have been reflected in the fine operational work performed by the whole squadron. Group Captain Fauquier has set an example of the highest order.

Acting Squadron Leader Harold Brownlow MARTIN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (68795), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 617 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed numerous sorties and has continued to set the highest example of courage and devotion to duty. He is a brilliant and fearless leader, whose iron determination in the face of the fiercest opposition has won great praise. One night in February, 1944, Squadron Leader Martin captained an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Southern France. During the run up to the target his aircraft was repeatedly hit. One member of the crew was killed and another one was wounded. Squadron Leader Martin pressed home his attack, however, and afterwards flew the damaged bomber to an airfield where he effected a masterly landing in difficult circumstances. He displayed great skill and resolution throughout.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Charles Victor Douglas WILLIS, D.F.C. (33354), Royal Air Force, No. 192 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them demanding skill of a high degree. His appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him, his ingenuity and his determination to complete his allotted task have contributed in a large measure to the success of the operations in which he has taken part. He is a fine leader, whose example of courage and devotion to duty has been worthy of the greatest praise.

Squadron Leader Lloyd Higgs ENO, D.F.C. (49006), Royal Air Force, No. 51 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations and his continued good work has won great praise. In recent operations, Squadron Leader Eno has attacked many targets, including Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, Magdeburg and Berlin. He has at all times displayed great

courage and determination and his example has impressed all. In addition to his work in the air, Squadron Leader Eno has rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Squadron Leader Anthony Dockray PHILLIPS, D.F.C. (70539), Royal Air Force, No. 248 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of which have demanded a high degree of skill and resolution. Recently, Squadron Leader Phillips flew the leading aircraft of a formation which attacked an enemy naval force escorted by fighters. In the fight a U-boat and a surface vessel were hit, while 3 of the escorting aircraft were shot down, one of them by Squadron Leader Phillips. This officer displayed fine qualities of leadership throughout and pressed home his attack with great determination. He played a good part in the success achieved. He has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Edward Leach PORTER, D.F.C. (113389), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 9 Squadron.

One night in March, 1944, this officer participated in an attack on a target in Southern France. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to Wing Commander Porter's brilliant leadership and exceptional ability. This officer, who has completed a very large number of sorties, has displayed great courage, keenness, and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ivan WHITTAKER, D.F.C. (51704), Royal Air Force, No. 617 Squadron.

In February, 1944, this officer was the flight engineer of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Southern France. Whilst over the target the aircraft was repeatedly hit and sustained much damage. Flight Lieutenant Whittaker was wounded in both legs but, in spite of this he coolly made a detailed examination of the aircraft and gave his captain a full report of the damage sustained. He displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty and his efforts were of much assistance to his captain who flew the damaged bomber to an airfield where a safe landing was effected.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer John David COTTER (168678), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 640 Squadron.

This officer has proved himself to be a most capable and resolute captain of aircraft. He has participated in a large number of attacks on well-defended targets, including several against Berlin and Hamburg. One night in February, 1944, Pilot Officer Cotter took part in an attack on Schweinfurt. On the outward flight engine trouble developed but, despite this, Pilot Officer Cotter continued to the target and bombed it and afterwards flew the aircraft back to this country where he made a safe landing at an airfield near the coast. His determination to complete his mission successfully was highly commendable.