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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 Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader William Hector STRATTON, D.F.C. (40152), Royal Air Force, No. 134 Squadron.
Acting Squadron Leader Ralph McEwan MOTTRAM, D.F.C. (74339), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 140 Squadron.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader William Lloyd BRILL (Aus. 402933), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and throughout has displayed leadership, skill and gallantry of the highest order, whilst his determination to make every sortie a success has been notable. On one occasion, whilst over Berlin, his aircraft sustained damage when fires started in one of the wings and in the fuselage. Although the rudder controls were affected and the compass was unserviceable, Squadron Leader Brill flew the damaged aircraft to base. On another occasion, more recently, his aircraft was hit by shrapnel whilst over the target. One engine was put out of action, some navigational equipment was rendered useless and other damage was sustained. In spite of this and in the face of adverse weather, Squadron Leader Brill flew the aircraft safely home. His record is worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Albert Edward MILLSON, D.F.C. (63420), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 102 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed numerous successful sorties and has set the highest example of skill, courage and devotion to duty. He is an inspiring leader whose iron determination in the face of the heaviest opposition has won great praise. Squadron Leader Millson has completed two tours of operations and his record is most impressive.

Flying Officer Nicholas Joseph MATICH, D.F.M. (N.Z.414658), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed skill and courage of the highest standard.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Charles Kennedy FABIAN, D.F.C. (N.Z.413720), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Oliver Villiers BROOKS (170416), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1339829 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Maurice PINCOTT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

These officers and airmen formed part of the crew in an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf one night in April, 1944. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by cannon fire from a fighter. At the same time a high explosive shell burst just below the bomber and the flying shrapnel wounded 4 members of the crew, 2 of them mortally. The aircraft had sustained severe damage. One engine was set on fire and became useless. The elevators and controls and the flaps were affected, whilst the undercarriage was also damaged. Considerable height was lost but Pilot Officer Brooks regained control at 14,000 feet and course was set for home. The aircraft gradually lost height during the homeward flight and it became necessary to jettison all heavy movable equipment. The English coast was finally crossed at an extremely low level and Pilot Officer Brooks effected a masterly landing. This officer displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination. Flight Lieutenant Fabian and Flight Sergeant Pincott also proved themselves to be cool and valiant members of aircraft crew. In the face of trying circumstances they executed their tasks with skill and coolness and rendered great assistance to their captain and pilot in his endeavours to reach home. Their exemplary conduct and devotion to duty was worthy of high praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Robert Steele TURNBULL, A.F.C., D.F.M. (Can/J.15054), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations. He is a fine leader, whose example of courage and devotion to duty has been worthy of high praise. In addition to his work in the air, Wing Commander Turnbull has displayed great organising ability and has devoted much energy towards the training of other members of the squadron with excellent results. He has rendered much loyal and devoted service.

Acting Wing Commander David Thomas FRENCH (Can/C1617), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination. He has taken part in a large number of sorties against dangerous and difficult targets and the results obtained are an excellent tribute to his fine