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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Roy Gilbert DUTTON, D.F.C. (39072), R.A.F.O., 512 Sqn.

This officer was detailed to lead the glider train comprising well over 400 tug and glider combinations which conveyed members of the airborne division concerned to a point between Weser and Emmerich in March, 1945. Keenly aware of the responsibility entrusted to him, Wing Commander Dutton led this great force with skill and good judgment to the battle area. First to reach the zone, his tug glider combination was subjected to heavy fire but Wing Commander Dutton flew straight and steady to the landing zone several miles behind the enemy's lines. Only when sure that the glider could reach the objective would he give the order to release. This officer displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Lieutenant Colonel Pierre Simond JOUBERT, A.F.C. (129204V), S.A.A.F., 271 Sqn.

This officer has a fine operational record. He has displayed the highest qualities of skill, courage and leadership and his example has been well reflected in the efficiency of the squadron he commands. Lieutenant Colonel Joubert has taken part in three airborne operations, including the Rhine crossing. In these undertakings his work has been outstanding. In addition to his work in the air against the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Joubert has rendered yeoman service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Alexander CLARKE (42193), R.A.F., 512 Sqn.

As flight commander, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including thirty-one bombing missions during which he has attacked a wide range of enemy targets. He has displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order and his determination to press home his attacks in the face of intense opposition has set a fine example.

Acting Squadron Leader Rex Donald DANIELL, A.F.C. (43701), R.A.F., 233 Sqn.

This officer is a highly efficient flight commander, whose great keenness for air operations, coupled with fine qualities of courage and resolution has

set a worthy example. He has participated in a very large number of sorties, including the Arnhem and the Rhine crossing airborne operation. The skill with which he executed his allotted task in these operations was an important factor in the success achieved.

Acting Squadron Leader John Thomas REED (Can/C.1646), R.C.A.F., 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Reed has displayed noteworthy skill, courage, and resource in action against the enemy. In the airborne operations against Arnhem he led his flight with the greatest resolution in the face of extremely heavy opposition. Later, Squadron Leader Reed flew with much distinction in the operations in support of the Rhine crossing. His work won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant James William ATKIN (125995), R.A.F.V.R., 575 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties and has also taken part in various airborne operations, including the recent Rhine crossing. He has at all times proved to be a keen and courageous captain and has pressed home his attacks regardless of enemy opposition. On one occasion, his aircraft was hit by enemy fire and an engine was rendered unserviceable. Undeterred, he went on to the dropping zone and afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to this country where he made a safe landing. His example has been an inspiration to all.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Edmund CHARLTON, D.F.M. (51327), R.A.F., 575 Sqn.

This officer is a most devoted and efficient member of aircraft crew. As navigator he has participated in a very large number of varied sorties and throughout his ability, coupled with the greatest determination has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained. Since joining his present squadron, Flight Lieutenant Charlton has participated in a number of airborne operations, including the mission against Arnhem and the operation in support of the Rhine crossing. His skilful work on these occasions was most commendable.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Alfred DAVIS (129232), R.A.F.V.R., 512 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a good number of sorties, including many bombing attacks on enemy targets in the Middle East and numerous supply dropping missions to our ground forces. Whilst serving with this squadron, Flight Lieutenant Davis has taken part in three large airborne operations during which he displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Rupert Cortis HYNÉ (Aus.420201), R.A.A.F., 233 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Hyné has participated in a large number of varied sorties. He has at all times displayed a high degree of skill, coupled with great determination and devotion to duty. This officer has also taken part in several airborne operations and his fine work has won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant Peter William SMITH (62314), R.A.F.V.R., 48 Sqn.

This officer's operational record is one of long and gallant endeavour. In the early stages of the war he took part in many attacks on enemy shipping. Later in another theatre of war Flight Lieutenant Smith executed many varied sorties. Since joining his present squadron, he has undertaken many missions including the airborne operation in support of the Rhine crossing. This officer has set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Jack WILLIAMS, A.F.C. (124667), R.A.F.V.R., 512 Sqn.

This officer has a fine record of operational flying. In the early phases of the war he took part in very many bombing missions against targets in Germany. His navigational ability was well proved throughout. Since joining his present squadron, Flight Lieutenant Williams has taken part in many varied sorties, including several airborne operations. His consistent good work, together with his exceptional keenness and determination has set a very fine example.

Flying Officer Frederick John ANDREWS (Can./J.19906), R.C.A.F., 437 Sqn.

This officer has completed two tours of operational duty. He is a highly skilled navigator whose exceptional ability has played a good part in the successes obtained. Cool, devoted and resolute, Flying Officer Andrews has proved himself to be a most valuable member of aircraft crew.

Flying Officer John MacEachern BYRNES (Can./J.28308), R.C.A.F., 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer's gallant work in all the airborne operations to which the squadron has been committed has won much praise. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage showing the greatest resolution to make every sortie a success.

Flying Officer Frederick Arthur PRIOR (56203), R.A.F., 575 Sqn.

Flying Officer Prior has completed three tours of operational duty, two of them as wireless operator in Sunderland aircraft. Since joining this squadron, he has participated in many varied sorties including several airborne operations. He is a most efficient wireless operator whose ability and fine spirit of co-operation have made him a most reliable crew member.

Flying Officer Robert Sydney PURKIS (Can./J.38089), R.C.A.F., 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has served in the squadron since its formation and he has displayed the highest standard of keenness and determination and has proved a most valuable asset. Flying Officer Purkis has taken part in several airborne operations and his skilful and devoted efforts contributed materially to the successes achieved.

Flying Officer James Ellis SEARY (Can./J.24116), 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has shown a high degree of skill in operations against the enemy. He has undertaken very many sorties and throughout has displayed exceptional keenness. He flew with much distinction in the operation in support of the Rhine crossing. His coolness and courage on this occasion was typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour of duty.

Flying Officer Gavin Stevenson WRIGHT (183793), R.A.F.V.R., 233 Sqn.

As pilot and captain of aircraft, Flying Officer Wright has displayed a high degree of skill. He has participated in very many sorties, including several airborne operations. Ever ready to undertake the most hazardous of missions, Flying Officer Wright has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty in face of the enemy.

Pilot Officer Norman Arthur Edgar MILLS (189470), R.A.F.V.R., 233 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Mills has set a fine example of devotion to duty, covering a long period of operational flying. As pilot and captain of aircraft

he has taken part in a large number of sorties. In an operation in support of the Rhine crossing, Pilot Officer Mills displayed the highest standard of skill, great courage and resolution.

Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) Harry FARRAR (657701), R.A.F., 271 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Farrar has taken part in several airborne missions, including the operations against Arnheim and in support of the Rhine crossing. He has proved himself to be a competent tug pilot, whose keenness and devotion to duty has set an excellent example.

Warrant Officer James Henry GOLTON (916040), R.A.F.V.R., 48 Sqn.

As wireless operator, Warrant Officer Golton has taken part in a large number of varied sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping; he has also participated in several airborne operations. Throughout he has shown the highest standard of skill, together with fine qualities of resolution and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1222742 Flight Sergeant George William JACKSON, R.A.F.V.R., 575 Sqn.

Since joining this squadron, Flight Sergeant Jackson has taken part in several airborne operations and has displayed keenness and devotion to duty of a high standard. He is a wireless operator of high merit.

1542476 Flight Sergeant Robert SEDDON, R.A.F.V.R., 575 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Seddon is an extremely able navigator. He has participated in numerous sorties, including the airborne operations against Arnheim and in support of the Rhine crossing. Cool and determined under enemy fire, Flight Sergeant Seddon has proved himself to be a most dependable crew member.

Air Ministry, 8th June, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant.

John Williams BARLING, D.F.C. (122396), R.A.F.V.R., 224 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

William Harry Reynolds JONES (89824), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

Norman WILLIAMSON (110637), R.A.F.V.R., 119 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Robert John FOWLER (111221), R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

George GRAY (128543), R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

Norman Bradley MERRINGTON (86681), R.A.F.V.R., 224 Sqn.

Richard Henry TAYLOR (141793), R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn., with effect from 27th January, 1944.

Peter Anthony TOWNSHEND (115062), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

John Arthur Morrell WEATHERILL (142862), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Jack Charles WEBB (144623), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Adrian Lambert WILLIAMS (67690), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Patrick John TUHILL (157283), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Dennis Hosea BENISTON (160716), R.A.F.V.R., 224 Sqn.

Philip Clive KILMISTER (142358), R.A.F.V.R., 235 Sqn.

Henry John RICHARDSON (187121), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

Antony Geoffrey SHINGLES (187104), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Charles Dennis SMITH (184378), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Warrant Officers.

Harry DIPPLE (932488), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.
 Sidney Walter KING (1383916), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.
 Joseph George Howard MURPHY (1319226), R.A.F.V.R., 144 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

1391155 George William TURNER, R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader.

Walter Kenneth WATTS (Aus.400827), 3 Sqn., with effect from 5th April, 1944.

Flying Officer.

Lawrence Alfred SEYMOUR (Aus.402208), 18 Sqn., with effect from 15th May, 1944.

Pilot Officer.

Neville William Barton BRADY (Aus.414372), 215 Sqn., with effect from 10th June, 1944.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Flight Lieutenant.

John Douglas Wier CAMPBELL (Can/J.15297), 119 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

James Herbert SMITH (Can/J.92992), 612 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenants.

Ronald BRIGGS (329082V), 249 Sqn., with effect from 9th August, 1944.

Bernabie Jan Gerritt KEYTER (206067V), 2 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 21st January, 1944.

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