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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:—

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Colin George MILSON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.402379), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order this officer has participated in many sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. In February, 1945, Wing Commander Milson led a large formation of aircraft in an attack against a strong enemy naval force in the Ford fjord, Norway. The vessels were at anchor close in to shore. High mountains rise in close proximity to these narrow waters. Nevertheless, Wing Commander Milson, employing good tactics, led his formation into the attack with great determination. Enemy fighter opposition and considerable anti-aircraft fire were encountered but the attack was well pressed home. In this brilliantly executed operation, Wing Commander Milson showed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Edward Peter William HUTTON, D.F.C., A.F.C. (37178), R.A.F.

Wing Commander Hutton has completed a very large number of sorties involving many attacks on enemy shipping. He has consistently displayed outstanding devotion to duty and throughout has shown courage and enthusiasm of a high standard. His efficiency was amply demonstrated in May, 1945, when he led a successful low level attack against enemy shipping in the Baltic, much damage being inflicted on the enemy. Wing Commander Hutton has set a fine example of keenness, determination and gallantry.

Squadron Leader Arthur Graham DECK, D.F.C. (108160), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Deck has completed a large number of sorties including many attacks on enemy shipping. He is a highly skilled and courageous pilot and has set a fine example in pressing home his attacks. His excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. On three occasions in the early part of May, 1945, Squadron Leader Deck participated in sorties against various types of enemy ships. One of the targets was a heavily armed enemy vessel. This officer led his formation in to the attack with great skill. Many hits with rocket projectiles and cannon fire were obtained and the vessel's guns were effectively silenced. He later attacked and set on fire a vessel of the coastal type. This officer has invariably displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Stanley BLOMFIELD, D.F.C. (47767), R.A.F., 260 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Blomfield is a highly skilled and efficient pilot. He has completed a very large number of sorties against a variety of targets and his ability, coupled with great enthusiasm, has contributed materially to the successes obtained. During the Italian campaign, this officer led his squadron in attacks against gun positions, armoured vehicles and enemy occupied headquarters with a high degree of success. Much damage was inflicted on the enemy. Squadron Leader Blomfield is a fine leader whose example has been well reflected in the operational efficiency of his squadron.

Major Thomas Reginald James TAYLOR, D.F.C. (103704V), S.A.A.F., 93 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his third tour of operational duty. On 3 occasions in April, 1945, he led the squadron in harassing attacks on a variety of targets in the battle area. In these well planned and resolutely executed sorties much damage was inflicted on the enemy. The results obtained reflect the greatest credit on the gallant efforts of Major Taylor, whose skill and leadership were of a high order. Since the commencement of the final offensive in the Italian theatre in April, 1945, the squadron commanded by Major Taylor has been responsible for the destruction of a large number of mechanical vehicles, numerous barges and tanks. Many buildings occupied by the enemy, a good number of gun positions and various road and rail bridges have been most effectively attacked. This officer has set an example which has inspired all.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Johannes Morkel FAURE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (143113V), S.A.A.F.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, this officer has participated in many sorties much of the success of which can be attributed to Lieutenant-Colonel Faure's brilliant leadership and great skill. Within a period of a few weeks prior to the cessation of hostilities in the Italian theatre, Lieutenant-Colonel Faure led sections of aircraft in sorties on which some 27 mechanical vehicles, more than 30 buildings occupied by the enemy and various gun positions were destroyed. His coolness and courage in the face of the heaviest opposing fire has set an example which has inspired all.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Hugh Evelyn GOLDIE, D.F.C. (61016), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

This officer is a highly skilled and efficient pilot and captain of aircraft. He has completed many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and his keenness and determination have set a fine example. During a sortie in May,