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Air Ministry, 2nd October, 1945.

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 Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Allen Edward BROWNE (N.Z.404986), R.N.Z.A.F., 89 Sqn.

This officer has participated in many night fighter sorties. He has consistently displayed the highest standards of keenness and energy and has shown fine qualities as a leader. He has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft and an enemy locomotive. His devotion to duty has been exemplary.

Flight Lieutenant Eric Charles REED (133103), R.A.F.V.R., 79 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Reed has completed many sorties, including attacks against airfields and other defended targets in Burma. During July, 1945, he led every squadron sortie, all of which involved flying through the extremely adverse weather of the monsoon season. This officer has taken part in close support sorties in a most commendable manner, often leading his flight to bomb and machine gun targets which have been only a short distance from our ground forces. His services have been of great value to the squadron.

Flying Officer Peter Richard HUNTING (Can/J.44128), R.C.A.F., 356 Sqn.

In August, 1945, Flying Officer Hunting was bomb aimer in an aircraft detailed to attack Benkoelan airfield in Sumatra. During the bombing run, at low level, intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered. As a result, the navigator was killed. Flying Officer Hunting thereupon assumed the responsibility of navigating the aircraft home. To reach base, a small island, many hundreds of miles over the sea at night had to be flown. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Hunting plotted his way home with great accuracy. His fine work undoubtedly contributed much to the safe return of the aircraft.

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

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander.

Percy Belgrave LUCAS, D.S.O., D.F.C. (100626), R.A.F.V.R., 613 Sqn.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Neill CAMERON, D.F.C. (102585), R.A.F.V.R., 258 Sqn.

Robert Francis Thomas DOE, D.F.C. (41908), R.A.F.O., 10 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

Robert Withington PEARSON, D.F.C. (44804), R.A.F. (Lieutenant The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own, Yorkshire Regiment)), 140 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

John Stewart HAMILTON, D.F.C., A.F.C. (73752), R.A.F.V.R.

Acting Wing Commander.

Arthur Dennis MITCHELL, D.F.C., A.F.C. (33373), R.A.F.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Henry AMBROSE, D.F.C. (156922), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.

Anthony John REEVES, D.F.C. (60099), R.A.F.V.R., 74 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Gerald Grahame TOZER, D.F.C. (108837), R.A.F.V.R., 4 Sqn.

Arthur George WOODS, D.F.C. (12252), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Frank Cyril COOKE, D.F.C. (187363), R.A.F.V.R., 357 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Victor Sidney Henry DUCLOS (79532), R.A.F.V.R., 45 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Ian Norman BAYLES (74327), R.A.F.V.R., 273 Sqn.

Lucien Brett ERCOLANI, D.S.O. (62270), R.A.F.V.R., 159 Sqn.

John Charles PAISH (42520), R.A.F.O., 680 Sqn.

Edward Stanley SMITH, A.F.C. (90093), A.A.F., 264 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

James Hogan CURRIE (104548), R.A.F.V.R., 4 (R.I.A.F.) Sqn.

Sidney Alexander SHARPE (45712), R.A.F., 358 Sqn.

Ronald Edward Goodman SHEWARD (120531), R.A.F.V.R., 266 Sqn.