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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Guy Penrose GIBSON, D.F.C. (39438), No. 106 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed many sorties, including a daylight raid on Danzig and an attack at Gdynia. In the recent attack on Le Creusot, Wing Commander Gibson bombed and machine-gunned the transformer station nearby from 500 feet. On 22nd October, 1942, he participated in the attack on Genoa and, two days later, he led his squadron in a daylight sortie against Milan. On both occasions, Wing Commander Gibson flew with great distinction. He is a most skilful and courageous leader whose keenness has set a most inspiring example.

Acting Wing Commander Kenneth Phillips SMALES, D.F.C. (39764), No. 44 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed a large number of sorties, has displayed outstanding skill and leadership. He has at all times shown the greatest determination to reach and bomb his objective. On the night of 22nd October, 1942, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Genoa. Despite engine trouble, which developed on the outward flight, he continued his mission and, displaying fine airmanship, reached his objective and bombed it. Engine trouble persisted on the return journey but he flew the aircraft back to base safely. His great courage and fine qualities have set an example worthy of the highest praise.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Duncan YULE, D.F.C. (33502), No. 66 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in February this year, Squadron Leader Yule has displayed untiring devotion to duty, fine fighting spirit and excellent leadership which have been an example of the highest order. He has participated in many operational sorties and in the combined operations at Dieppe. He has destroyed several and damaged a number of other enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Alfred DEVERILL, D.F.C., D.F.M. (45546), No. 97 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has taken part in 30 sorties, including many attacks on targets in the Ruhr area. In the daylight attack on the transformer station near Le Creusot, Flight Lieutenant Deverill bombed his objective from a height of 500 feet. He also participated in the recent raids on Milan and Genoa. This officer has invariably endeavoured to press home his attacks with great vigour.

Flying Officer Edward Robert BUTLER, D.F.C. (107923), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

As navigator Flying Officer Butler has taken part in many successful sorties against the most heavily defended areas in Germany, including the daylight attack on Augsburg. Recently he participated in the daylight attacks on Le Creusot and Milan and a night attack on Genoa. His navigational standard has always been exceptional whilst his keenness and courage have materially assisted in the successes achieved by his squadron.

Pilot Officer Maurice Edward WALSH, D.F.C. (126780), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties, including attacks on Duisburg, Hamburg, Essen and, more recently, in the raids on Le Creusot, Genoa and Milan. On the last occasion he accomplished fine work and secured some excellent photographs. This officer has always endeavoured to press home his attacks regardless of the opposition.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander John Mackenzie SOUTHWELL (34132), No. 9 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties, including attacks on many of the enemy's highly defended targets both in Germany and German-occupied territory. Throughout, he has displayed great determination to achieve success. In the raids on Le Creusot, Milan and Genoa, Wing Commander Southwell flew with distinction. He has at all times displayed great devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Neil Carne GREEN (104438) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties. Throughout, he has displayed great efficiency, combined with exceptional determination to complete his task successfully. In the raids on Le Creusot, Genoa and Milan he accomplished much good work. He is a skilful and determined pilot.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Henry Gift COLDBECK (N.Z.405235), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 69 Squadron.

This officer has performed outstanding work in Malta and the successes achieved against enemy shipping lately are largely due to his courage and skill in locating enemy convoys. On many occasions he has flown low over heavily defended areas and the resulting excellent information has been of invaluable assistance. On one occasion, although attacked by 3 enemy fighters, he flew over Palermo at 5,000 feet and located a large enemy tanker destined for North Africa. Flight Lieutenant Coldbeck is a resolute and fearless pilot whose exceptional skill has been invaluable in obtaining reports of enemy shipping movements and the dispositions of aircraft.