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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:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Frederick Campbell HOPCROFT, D.F.C. (37231), Royal Air Force, No. 57 Squadron.

Wing Commander Hopcroft has rendered valuable service since the commencement of hostilities. He has displayed outstanding skill and zeal and his untiring efforts have been reflected in the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. Wing Commander Hopcroft has undertaken very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of important targets. In July, 1943, he flew the leading aircraft of a bomber force which attacked a switching and transformer station in North Italy. In spite of opposition from the ground defences the target was subjected to a determined attack from a low level. Throughout the operation, Wing Commander Hopcroft displayed inspiring leadership and great skill. Both in the air and on the ground this officer has set an example worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Wing Commander Cecil Gordon Scott ROBINSON, D.F.C. (37892), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 138 Squadron.

This officer is a gallant captain, whose keenness has been outstanding. He completed many sorties whilst serving in the Middle East and, since his return to the United Kingdom he has operated against various important targets both in Germany and Italy. This officer has displayed great courage and leadership and his successes have been worthily earned.

Squadron Leader Hugh Beresford VERITY, D.F.C. (72507), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Verity has undertaken numerous sorties and has displayed great skill and tenacity throughout. He is a courageous captain, whose fine qualities are worthy of great praise.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Harold James DAVIDSON, D.F.C. (Aus. 411444), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 256 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader John Watson ALLAN, D.S.O. (89617), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 256 Squadron.

As observer and pilot respectively, these officers have displayed rare skill in night operations. In two recent nights they have destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, bringing their victories to 13, all of which have been obtained in July, 1943. Their record is outstanding and worthy of the highest praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Benjamin Richard HALL (43938), Royal Air Force, No. 37 Squadron.

In the execution of his many tasks this officer has displayed great skill and tenacity. In operations ranging from El Alamein to Tunisia, Squadron Leader Hall obtained many successes, attacking the enemy's communications and transport with telling effect. On one occasion, during an attack on an important and well defended road junction, his excellent work contributed materially to the success of the operation. A few nights later, when detailed to attack transport in the Hams area, Squadron Leader Hall bombed his target with great determination, afterwards attacking the area with machine-gun fire from a low level. More recently in a raid on an airfield at Vibo Valentia, Squadron Leader Hall played a large part in the success achieved. His untiring and gallant efforts have set an inspiring example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ronald Edward GREEN (121075), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 126 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed a very large number of varied sorties, has led his flight and, on many occasions, the squadron with great skill. He has invariably displayed outstanding keenness and determination and has contributed materially to the successes obtained by the squadron. Flight Lieutenant Green has destroyed 1 and damaged 3 more enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Alexander Mortimer Thomas NOON (88197), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 267 Squadron.

In operations in North Africa this officer participated in a large number of sorties, many of them of a hazardous nature. By his courageous example, inspiring leadership and great skill, Squadron Leader Noon played a large part in the successes obtained.