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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.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Julian SALE (Can/J.9929), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

In air operations, this officer has displayed great skill and achieved many successes against the enemy's most heavily defended objectives. His unconquerable spirit of determination, great gallantry and fortitude have set an example beyond praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Henry WRIGHT (N.Z.414717), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Sydney Colin Rive MACKIE (N.Z.413713), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Harold MATTHEWS (149150), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Wright, and Pilot Officers Mackie and Matthews were pilot, navigator and air bomber respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Mannheim. The operation demanded a high degree of skill and the success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of these members of aircraft crew who executed their task faultlessly. They have taken part in many previous operations and have always displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty of a high order.

Flying Officer Donald Graham BENNETT (80444), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.

As rear gunner, this officer has participated in many sorties and has displayed skill and devotion to duty of a high standard. On a recent occasion he flew in the leading aircraft of a formation detailed to attack troops on the beaches at Messina. During the operation, Flying Officer Bennett was severely wounded in the thigh. Displaying great fortitude he remained at his post and executed his duties until the engagement was concluded. Not until then did Flying Officer Bennett report his injury. His courageous and determined example was highly commendable.

Pilot Officer Robert Reginald George APPLEBY (145692), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 35 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Appleby is a captain of great merit. He has completed many sorties and has executed his tasks with a determination which has won high praise. One night in August, 1943, he took part in an operation against Berlin and accomplished his task with great skill and coolness. Pilot Officer Appleby has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.83451 Flight Sergeant John Frederick SMITH, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 21 Squadron.

In August, 1943, this airman was wireless operator of one of a bomber force which attacked a target in Northern France. When crossing the enemy coast heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Flight Sergeant Smith was struck in the eye by a fragment of shrapnel which remained lodged. Displaying great fortitude and devotion to duty he refused attention until the target had been bombed. During the return flight, Flight Sergeant Smith continued to work at his wireless apparatus executing his duties with skill and coolness. This airman's courage and devotion to duty have been worthy of high praise.

1259020 Sergeant Hassan MEHMED, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 55 Squadron.

Sergeant Mehmed, who has taken part in a very large number of sorties, is a fearless and skilful air gunner. In August, 1943, he was a member of the crew of an aircraft detailed to attack enemy forces on the beaches at Messina. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and Sergeant Mehmed was wounded in the thigh. Despite this, he coolly completed his task and succeeded in securing a number of photographs. His example proved most inspiring.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished service:—

Military Cross.

Pilot Officer Humphrey Rawstone CARMICHAEL, Royal Air Force (*Temporary Captain, 17th Dogra Regiment, Indian Army*).

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The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred upon the personnel indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Air Medal.

Flight Lieutenant R. S. DUNCAN, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant D. A. GREIG, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Flight Sergeant R. A. MARTIN, Royal New Zealand Air Force.