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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 Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Douglas ANDREW (129330), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

One night in August, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed for an operation against Berlin. Whilst over the city the aircraft was attacked by 3 fighters. Displaying superb airmanship, Flight Lieutenant Andrew out-maneuvred the attackers thus enabling his gunners to engage the enemy aircraft to good effect. After a protracted fight one of the attackers was shot down while the other two were driven off. Flight Lieutenant Andrew then executed a most determined bombing attack and secured an excellent photograph. This officer displayed great courage, skill and tenacity throughout.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Herbert James BARLEY (110068), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Milan one night in August, 1943. During the flight the bomber was attacked by a fighter. After an engagement lasting for 15 minutes the enemy aircraft was driven off but the bomber had sustained much damage. One engine was useless while a second one became defective, causing the aircraft to lose height. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Barley flew on and succeeded in reaching North Africa where he effected a safe landing at an airfield. This officer displayed great skill and resolution in most difficult circumstances. He has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked a wide variety of enemy targets.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Hugh COCHRANE (Can/J.17277), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 218 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Cochrane is a most efficient captain who has completed many sorties. He has always endeavoured to press home his attacks and his example of determination and devotion to duty has been worthy of high praise. One night in September, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Cochrane took part in an attack on Mannheim. When nearing the target his aircraft was hit. The port wing tip was extensively damaged but Flight Lieutenant Cochrane completed his bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged bomber to base.

Flying Officer Kenneth Fraser DACRE (126951), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 605 Squadron.

Flying Officer Dacre is a most determined pilot, whose keenness has set a highly commendable example. He has undertaken many sorties over

enemy territory and has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft; he has also destroyed 1 and damaged 13 more locomotives, 8 of them during 1 sortie.

Flying Officer Lawrence William PILGRIM (122092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in many sorties and has displayed skill and determination of a high standard. On a recent occasion his coolness was well illustrated during an operation against Duisburg. Whilst over the target area, Flying Officer Pilgrim's aircraft temporarily went out of control. Considerable height was lost but he succeeded in re-gaining control and then executed a most determined bombing attack before attempting to re-gain height. Flying Officer Pilgrim has at all times displayed exceptional keenness.

Flying Officer Sander Willie Raymond WILHELMSON (Can/J.10026), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 192 Squadron.

As wireless operator/air gunner, this officer has taken part in a large number of sorties and has displayed skill and devotion to duty of a high order. He is a most valuable member of aircraft crew, whose work in recent operations has been worthy of great praise.

Pilot Officer Harry ROGERS (144649), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed great thoroughness in the planning and execution of his attacks. One night in September, 1943, he participated in an operation against Berlin. When nearing the target, the rear gunner reported the presence of an enemy aircraft. By skilful manoeuvring, Pilot Officer Rogers enabled his gunner to shoot down the enemy aircraft without its pilot having an opportunity to open fire. Pilot Officer Rogers is a most efficient captain and has rendered valuable service.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

N.Z.416565 Flight Sergeant Walter Donald WHITEHEAD, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Whitehead has completed many successful sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg and areas in the Ruhr. He has displayed outstanding determination and devotion to duty and on more than one occasion his great skill has been largely responsible for the safe return of his aircraft. Flight Sergeant Whitehead is a fine captain, whose example has proved most inspiring.

1208765 Sergeant Thomas GUY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 218 Squadron.

570791 Sergeant Malcolm Murray MITCHEM, Royal Air Force, No. 218 Squadron.

Sergeants Guy and Mitchem were wireless operator/air gunner and flight engineer