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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 Dudley MARROWS, D.F.C. (Aus.400656), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 461 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.10530 Sergeant Fred BAMBER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 461 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Aus.14455 Sergeant Alan Neale PEARCE, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 461 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

As pilot and air gunners respectively, this officer and airmen have undertaken many sorties and have displayed great skill and devotion to duty throughout. On a recent occasion, whilst flying over enemy waters, their aircraft was intercepted by six Junkers 88s. In the ensuing engagement, Flight Lieutenant Marrows fought with great skill and determination. Well supported by his gunners he frustrated the attackers for more than an hour until, with three engines shot away and all but one gun silenced, he was forced to bring his aircraft down on to the water. Although a heavy sea was running the crew succeeded in getting aboard the one remaining dinghy. During the action, Sergeant Bamber had been badly wounded but, whilst in the dinghy, set a fine example of cheerfulness and resolution until a rescue was subsequently effected. Throughout this spirited action, Flight Lieutenant Marrows displayed inspiring leadership, great courage and determination; Sergeant Pearce also fought with rare zest and subsequently displayed coolness and resource when the aircraft had to be abandoned.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Walter Harry SHAW, D.F.C. (40146), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 83 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has undertaken many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Turin and Genoa. In August, 1943, he participated in an operation against Nuremburg when he pressed home a determined attack and obtained excellent photographic evidence of his work. Wing-Commander Shaw has displayed great zest for operations and his example of determination and devotion to duty has been most commendable.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Frederick HILDYARD, D.F.C. (84917), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. On a recent occasion he piloted an aircraft de-

tailed to attack Nuremburg. During the bombing run, the aircraft was illuminated by the searchlights but, after several minutes, Squadron Leader Hildyard flew clear and executed another run over the target which was bombed with accuracy. This officer has displayed great skill and unflinching devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Francis HACKING, D.F.C. (143428), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Hacking is a navigator of exceptional skill, whose brilliant work has contributed in a large measure to the successful bombing of many important enemy targets. In addition to his successes in the air, Flight Lieutenant Hacking has devoted his energies towards the training of many navigators of the squadron. This officer has set a most praiseworthy example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harold Phillip MASON, D.F.C. (Aus.403522), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.

This officer, who has completed a very large number of sorties, has displayed high qualities of leadership and outstanding skill. His unflinching determination was amply demonstrated during a recent operation against Berlin when, in the face of heavy opposition he pressed home his attack with great accuracy. Flight Lieutenant Mason has set a very fine example.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader David Beatty HODGKINSON (41410), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 179 Squadron.

One night in September, 1943, this officer captained an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat in the Mediterranean sea. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire from the submarine's guns, Squadron Leader Hodgkinson pressed home his attack with accuracy and determination. This officer has completed numerous sorties and has displayed inspiring leadership, great courage and devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Richard MEGGINSON, D.F.M. (84708), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 Squadron.

This officer is a highly efficient and resolute captain. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has always endeavoured to press home his attacks, often in the face of heavy opposition. One night in August, 1943, Squadron Leader Megginson piloted an aircraft detailed for an operation against Berlin. Whilst over the city the aircraft was attacked by fighters and sustained damage. Despite this, Squadron Leader Megginson bombed his target and afterwards flew the aircraft to base. His skill and resolution set a fine example.