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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.*

Wing Commander Kenneth Johnson RAMPLING (34248), Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in very many sorties and has displayed outstanding skill and resolution. One night in October, 1943, Wing Commander Rampling successfully completed a bombing attack on Leipzig despite many difficulties. His unswerving devotion to duty on this occasion was worthy of high praise. Wing Commander Rampling is an ideal leader, whose courageous example has been inspiring.

Flight Lieutenant John Howard Carr CLARK (106105), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer piloted an aircraft which attacked Kassel one night in October, 1943. Soon after leaving the target, the aircraft was engaged by a fighter and sustained much damage. The bomber became difficult to control but Flight Lieutenant Clark resolutely held to his course. By a superb effort he reached an airfield in this country and effected a masterly landing. This officer displayed exceptional skill and determination and was largely responsible for the safe return of the aircraft and its crew.

Flight Lieutenant Donald Pearson PATON (103595), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties at night and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, 2 of them in one sortie. His example of courage and devotion to duty has been most praiseworthy.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Ross GREENACRE (Aus.403217), Royal Australian Air Force No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In an operation against Kassel one night in October, 1943, this pilot displayed great courage, skill and devotion to duty. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and, a few minutes later, was raked by a burst of machine-gun fire from a fighter. Considerable damage was sustained and 2 of the crew were injured. Nevertheless, by a strenuous and skilful effort, Flight Lieutenant Greenacre flew the crippled bomber home. This officer is a most efficient and resolute captain, whose example has proved inspiring.

Flying Officer Douglas Victor APPLETON (134068), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 623 Squadron.

As air bomber, Flying Officer Appleton has participated in very many sorties and has displayed

skill of a high order. He is a cool and confident member of aircraft crew, whose efforts have been worthy of high praise. Flying Officer Appleton has shown great devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Albert William GADD (136884), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

This officer is an air bomber of high merit. He has taken part in many sorties and his efforts have invariably been featured by exceptional determination. One night in September, 1943, Flying Officer Appleton participated in an attack on Hanover. When nearing the target, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and afterwards attacked by a fighter. One of the bomber's engines set alight and a fire started near the mid-upper turret. In spite of these harassing circumstances, Flying Officer Gadd coolly guided his pilot to the target where the bombs were released. He afterwards rendered valuable assistance in extinguishing the fire in the aircraft. This officer has displayed great devotion to duty and his achievements have been highly commendable.

Flying Officer Peter Saxton NEWHOUSE (112423), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Flying Officer Gerald TATE (129978), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, Flying Officers Newhouse and Tate have undertaken many sorties at night during which they have destroyed 5 enemy aircraft. They have displayed exceptional skill and keenness, setting an example of a high order.

Flying Officer Gerald John SOUTH (143664), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

One night in October, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked Hanover. Whilst over the target area, the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer South was wounded in the arm and the aircraft went into a steep dive. This pilot quickly regained control, however, and, disdaining first aid for the time being went on to make a successful attack. Later on, an enemy fighter was encountered but it was driven off. Flying Officer South displayed great fortitude and outstanding devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Elmer Burton DUNGEY (Can/J.17742), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of important and well defended targets. He is a skilful and determined pilot, whose fine record has been worthy of high praise. His coolness and courage in the face of the enemy have greatly inspired his crew.