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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Jack Moss, D.F.C. (118471), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 680 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of reconnaissances and has displayed exceptional skill and great devotion to duty. In October, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Moss successfully completed a reconnaissance over an area near Cos Island, obtaining valuable information. Some days later, he undertook a similar mission in the Dodecanese area. In spite of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Moss persisted in his task and secured highly important information. This officer has displayed great courage and resolution.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Percival George Brown (100619), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1330732 Flight Sergeant Bruce John McOWAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

This officer and airman were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission one night in November, 1943. When approaching the target the aircraft was illuminated by several searchlights and the harbour defences opened fire with great intensity. Defying the barrage, Flight Lieutenant Brown flew on and released his mines with accuracy. Throughout the operation, Flight Sergeant McOWAN displayed exceptional coolness and his skilful efforts were of great assistance to his pilot. In hazardous circumstances Flight Lieutenant Brown and Flight Sergeant McOWAN displayed a high degree of courage and determination.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Gerald Grahame TOZER (108837), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 680 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of reconnaissances and has displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order. By his great skill and untiring efforts he has contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency of his flight which has obtained much success.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Eric Thomas HODGKINSON (127357), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 57 Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on some of the most

strongly defended targets in Germany. Recently, he took part in an attack on Dusseldorf. Although the rear turret of his aircraft became unserviceable during the outward journey, Flight Lieutenant Hodgkinson continued to the target which he successfully attacked. In the bombing run, the aircraft was illuminated by the searchlights and subjected to anti-aircraft fire. A shell burst underneath the tail of the aircraft which temporarily went out of control. Flight Lieutenant Hodgkinson regained control, however, and skilfully evaded the defences. This officer is a highly efficient pilot, whose determination and resource have earned high praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William George Wickham WARREN (117661), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked Leverkusen one night in November, 1943. During the homeward flight the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire and 2 of its engines were put out of action. Later on, the aircraft was again engaged by the anti-aircraft defences but Flight Lieutenant Warren skilfully evaded their fire. Displaying superb airmanship this resolute pilot succeeded in reaching an airfield where he effected a masterly landing. His example of courage and determination was worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer William Henry BAKER (148111), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 207 Squadron.

One night in November, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When nearing the target the aircraft was severely damaged. The front of the bomb aimer's compartment was broken off and within a few minutes, Flying Officer Baker's fingers became frostbitten owing to the intense cold caused by the wind blowing through the aperture. Despite this, Flying Officer Baker continued to the target, and afterwards flew the damaged bomber to base. By his skill, endurance and determination, this officer was largely responsible for the safe return of the aircraft and its crew.

Flying Officer Ernest ELLISON (52560), Royal Air Force, No. 680 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of successful reconnaissances and has displayed great skill and determination in the execution of his tasks. On one occasion in October, 1943, he was detailed to reconnoitre various targets. When nearing the area his oxygen supply failed. Nevertheless, he came down to lower altitude and, displaying great determination, went on to complete his mission successfully. He obtained valuable information. Flying Officer Ellison has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.