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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 Squadron Leader Allyn Clive DOUGLASS, D.F.C. (Aus.404374), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 105 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving operations in the battle of the Ruhr. He has displayed exceptional skill and his efforts have played a good part in the successes achieved in this phase of the attack on the enemy. He is a fine leader and his sterling qualities have inspired all.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Harold SCRIVENER, D.F.C. (102596), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Scrivener is a navigator of high merit. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on targets in the Ruhr, Berlin, Hamburg and many others equally important to the enemy's war effort. Throughout these operations, he has displayed outstanding determination and the successes obtained are an excellent tribute to his great skill. His loyal and devoted service has been worthy of the highest praise.

Distinguished Service Order.

Flight Lieutenant Algernon Ivan SLADEN (102578), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Alan James STARR (125582), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.

Warrant Officer James Ernest ABBEY (Can/R.82627), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 58 Squadron.

One night, Flight Lieutenant Sladen, Flying Officer Starr and Warrant Officer Abbey were pilot, navigator and wireless operator/air gunner respectively of an aircraft which attacked a fully surfaced U-boat. In the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Sladen pressed home his attack from a low level and straddled the vessel with his depth charges. In the operation, which was executed with great skill and accuracy, Flying Officer Starr and Warrant Officer Abbey co-operated excellently with their pilot. Three nights later, this crew attacked another U-boat which was straddled with depth charges

from a low level. Flight Lieutenant Sladen, who has completed an extremely large number of sorties has invariably displayed skill, courage and leadership of a high order. Flying Officer Starr and Warrant Officer Abbey have also completed very many sorties and have rendered most valuable service. They are highly efficient and have set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Herbert TOMLIN, D.F.C. (111497), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

991981 Flight Sergeant Albert Edward BROOKES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 619 Squadron.

On the night of 16th December, 1943, this officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When nearing the target area the aircraft was attacked by fighters and one of the starboard engines was put out of action and it caught fire. Quick work by Flight Sergeant Brookes extinguished the flames and, although much height had been lost, Flight Lieutenant Tomlin flew on to the target and bombed it. On the return flight, Flight Sergeant Brookes displayed great engineering skill and his efforts proved of material assistance to his pilot in his endeavour to reach this country. On reaching base, a second engine failed but Flight Lieutenant Tomlin effected a successful crash-landing without injury to any of his crew. This officer displayed outstanding determination and devotion to duty; Flight Sergeant Brookes displayed similar qualities and proved himself a valuable member of aircraft crew.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Reginald Neville STIDOLPH (37513), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 61 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Stettin. Soon after bombing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The enemy aircraft was eventually driven off, however, and was seen to dive steeply smoke pouring from one of its engines. In the encounter, Wing Commander Stidolph's aircraft sustained extensive damage, making it extremely hard to control; 1 engine was also rendered useless and had to be feathered. In spite of this Wing Commander Stidolph flew the dis-

abled aircraft to an airfield in this country and effected a safe landing. He displayed skill, courage and resolution of a high order. This officer has completed very many attacks against targets such as Berlin, Hamburg and Dusseldorf.

Acting Squadron Leader Joseph Finlay MARSHALL, A.F.C. (46669), Royal Air Force, No. 101 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties and has displayed inspiring leadership, great skill and devotion to duty. One night in December, 1943, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Soon after the take-off some equipment caught fire. The aircraft quickly became filled with smoke but the prompt fire-fighting instructions given by Squadron Leader Marshall were acted upon with efficiency and the flames were extinguished. Despite the loss of the equipment and after ensuring that no member of the crew had suffered any ill effect, Squadron Leader Marshall went on to complete the sortie. His action was typical of the resolution he has shown throughout his tour. Squadron Leader Marshall is a highly efficient flight commander, whose example has proved inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alan Lonsdale LAZENBY (121466), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Soon after the take-off, one of the aircraft's engines became defective, emitting dense quantities of black smoke and a long flame from the exhaust. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Lazenby continued his flight to the target which, despite difficulty in gaining height, he successfully attacked. When crossing the North Sea, on the return flight, it was evident that, to complete the sortie, the petrol supply would have to be carefully governed. By skilfully using his engines, however, Flight Lieutenant Lazenby succeeded in reaching this country. Flight Lieutenant Lazenby displayed great skill and determination throughout.

Flying Officer Leslie Harold BAVEYSTOCK, D.F.M. (139324), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 201 Squadron.

This officer was the pilot and captain of an aircraft which sighted an enemy blockade runner in December, 1943. After signalling the position, Flying Officer Baveystock determined to attack the vessel. In the face of considerable anti-aircraft fire he raked the ship with machine gun bullets and then attacked it with bombs which he released on his third run over the objective. His aircraft had been hit but he flew safely back to base. Visibility was extremely poor and the flare path could not be seen. Nevertheless, in absolute darkness, Flying Officer Baveystock brought his aircraft down on to the water close to the shore with masterly skill; no further damage was sustained. This officer has displayed outstanding keenness, efficiency and determination.

Flying Officer Johann Walter EINARSON, D.F.M. (Can/J.17276), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 61 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, including 5 attacks on Berlin. On the last occasion, one night in November, 1943, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Einarson pressed home his attack. Soon after the bombs had been released, the aircraft was struck. The starboard wing tip and part of the aileron were torn away and the aircraft went into a steep dive. Flying Officer Einarson succeeded in regaining control, however, and afterwards flew safely to an airfield in this country. Throughout his tour of operations, this officer has invariably displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination.

Flying Officer Andrew Robert MACKENZIE (Can/J.10976), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 421 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in numerous sorties and has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, 3 of which he shot down during a sweep over Northern France in December, 1943. Flying Officer MacKenzie is a skilful and resolute fighter, whose determination to destroy the enemy has always been evident.

Flying Officer Arthur Wilson PARRY (Can/J.16704), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on important and well defended targets. He is an extremely skilful navigator, whose faultless work has played a good

part in the successes obtained. Not once has he failed to guide his pilot to the allotted target and back to base. His example of courage and determination has been highly commendable.

Acting Warrant Officer Walter Leslie EVANS (1436410), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, Warrant Officer Evans piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. It was his 9th sortie against this objective. Shortly after leaving base it was discovered that the rear turret was unserviceable. Undeterred, Warrant Officer Evans went on to the target and executed a successful attack. On the following night he volunteered to take part in another attack on Berlin. Although engine trouble developed on the outward flight, Warrant Officer Evans completed the sortie successfully. He is a highly efficient captain, whose great skill, high courage and unswerving devotion to duty have set an example of the highest order.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1287364 Flight Sergeant Charles Leslie BOX, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

987685 Sergeant Edward STEVENSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, these airmen were wireless operator/air gunner and flight engineer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. When nearing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage, including one of the fuel tanks which was set on fire. The rear gunner was killed and the mid-upper gunner was wounded. Coolly and promptly, Sergeant Stevenson assumed the responsibility of maintaining watch and also directing the combat manoeuvres of his pilot who thus was able to evade 2 further attacks. Meanwhile, Flight Sergeant Box, who, along with his comrade had disregarded the order to prepare to abandon aircraft, tended to the wounded gunner whose oxygen equipment was useless. He quickly fixed a spare helmet on the injured man's head and supplied him with oxygen from bottles; he also rendered efficient first aid before returning to his duties. The fire died away and the pilot held to his homeward course. On the return flight, Flight Sergeant Box and Sergeant Stevenson did everything within their power to assist in the safe return of the aircraft and eventually this country was reached with little petrol to spare. In very trying circumstances, these airmen displayed great courage, coolness and devotion to duty.

Can/R.140664 Flight Sergeant Peter Woodrow DENNIS, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Dennis has completed numerous sorties and has displayed great skill, determination and devotion to duty. One night in November, 1943, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was attacked on 3 occasions by enemy fighters. Nevertheless, he skilfully evaded the enemy aircraft and successfully attacked the target, afterwards flying his badly damaged aircraft to base. His effort was highly commendable.

572262 Flight Sergeant Kenneth Lionel HOWARD, Royal Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

As flight engineer, this airman has taken part in a large number of sorties, including 4 attacks on Berlin and many others against important centres in the Ruhr. One night in December, 1943, he took part in an attack on Berlin. During the operation the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The hydraulic gear was damaged and the bomb doors could not be closed. Flight Sergeant Howard displayed much initiative and resource in his endeavours to make the gear serviceable, working unremittingly for 2 hours on repairs. For a greater part of the time he executed his task in the rear of the aircraft, without heat and, at times, without a supply of oxygen. As base was reached a defective engine burst into flames but prompt and efficient fire drill by Flight Sergeant Howard prevented any serious consequences. This airman has invariably displayed great keenness and devotion to duty.

657916 Flight Sergeant John LAURENS, Royal Air Force, No. 101 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Laurens has participated in numerous sorties, 7 of which have been against

Berlin. One night in December, 1943, when detailed to attack targets in this city, Flight Sergeant Laurens displayed great skill and determination to complete his mission successfully in the face of difficulties. Some nights previously he attacked targets in the same area. During the bombing run his aircraft was hit by aircraft fire and was thrown out of control. Flight Sergeant Laurens skilfully regained control, however, and executed a determined attack. This airman has invariably displayed skill, courage and determination.

1431692 Sergeant James Laurence DUFFY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

1148328 Sergeant Thomas KING, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

These airmen were navigator and wireless operator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin one night in December, 1943. On the outward flight some important navigational equipment became useless but Sergeant Duffy unerringly guided the aircraft to the target which was successfully attacked. Some time later the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The ailerons, the hydraulic gear and the wireless apparatus were rendered unserviceable. The aircraft became difficult to control and later, contact with the main bomber force was lost. Nevertheless, Sergeant Duffy plotted his way home with great coolness and much skill. Meanwhile, Sergeant King worked hard to repair his wireless apparatus and eventually succeeded in so doing. He obtained a fix at extreme range and his success at this stage proved a valuable aid. In the face of trying circumstances these airmen displayed courage, determination and resource of a high order.

1323138 Sergeant Leonard Ryland LUFFMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 101 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this airman was the wireless operator of an aircraft detailed for a sortie over enemy territory. Before the target was reached the aircraft was hit by shrapnel and the mid-upper gunner was wounded. Sergeant Luffman immediately went to his comrade's assistance, helping him to a rest position and then rendering first aid. Afterwards, he manned the wounded gunner's turret. Soon after leaving the target the aircraft was attacked by 4 fighters. Sergeant Luffman soon proved his skill by shooting down 1 of the enemy aircraft whilst his excellent evading directions enabled his pilot to out-manoeuvre the remainder of the attackers. During another sortie, some nights later, his aircraft was attacked by a Junkers 88. Once again, Sergeant Luffman co-operated well with his pilot who successfully evaded the enemy aircraft. This airman has displayed great skill and his courage and resource have been of a high order.

Can/R.136383 Sergeant Joseph Herve Leon QUESNEL, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As rear gunner, Sergeant Quesnel has taken part in several sorties and has proved himself to be a cool and reliable member of aircraft crew. During a sortie one night in October, 1943, his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters. In the engagement Sergeant Quesnel fought with great resolution and destroyed one of the attackers. On another occasion, in November, 1943, his aircraft was attacked 3 times by enemy fighters. His turret was rendered unserviceable but he coolly directed his pilot's combat manoeuvres and the attackers were evaded. This airman has set a very fine example.

Air Ministry, 25th January, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Lance WADE, D.F.C. (68717), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander James Alfred Avory READ, D.F.C. (39799), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 108 Squadron.

Major Robert Harry ROGERS, D.F.C. (102299V), South African Air Force, No. 40 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Gordon St. David JEFFRIES, D.F.C. (41929), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 155 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Golding BIRD, D.F.C. (119122), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 268 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Denis Charles SAVAGE, D.F.C. (129950), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant Colonel Cornelius Pyper KOTZE (102632V), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Major Eric Melville BAKER (47303V), South African Air Force, No. 5 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Major Alexander Leonard STUART (47586V), South African Air Force, No. 21 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Paul Watling RABONE (36179), Royal Air Force, No. 23 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Roy Douglas SHAW (Aus.402406), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 459 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Phillip Valentine King TRIPE (42279), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 129 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alec BRES (106178), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 268 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant David Eric FAIRBAIRN (Aus.401427), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 4 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Patrick Beverley LAING-MEASON (103564), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 43 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Michael Alan RICHARDSON (115442), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 168 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Theodore Peter STEPHENSON (45335), Royal Air Force, No. 4 Squadron.

Captain Jan VAN-NUS (103771V), South African Air Force, No. 1 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Peter Dundas THOMSON, D.F.M. (126705), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 458 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Wilkinson TURKINGTON (117519), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 43 Squadron.

Flying Officer George William ATTENBOROUGH (130447), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer Thomas Henry CAMERON (Can/J.17785), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 255 Squadron.

Flying Officer Charles Bindon CARTER, D.F.M. (132348), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer James Lascelles HOOD (145917), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Flying Officer John William Alec McANULTY (134562), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 600 Squadron.

Flying Officer Eric James MILNE (122226), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 268 Squadron.

Flying Officer Richard James Firth MITCHELL (123603), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 268 Squadron.

Flying Officer Vincent Kenneth MOODY (Can/J.15362), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 610 Squadron.

Flying Officer Leslie Roy NEWTON (137382), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 40 Squadron.

Flying Officer Donald Curtis WALCH (Aus.404489), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 180 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Norman Douglas HARRISON (N.Z.413068), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 1435 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Gregory JAKIMOV (Aus.411787), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 500 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Louis WESTON (155832), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 21 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

N.Z.414601 Flight Sergeant Arnold DIVERS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 283 Squadron.

1375065 Flight Sergeant Harold Croft GRUNDEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

1294069 Flight Sergeant Edwin John HOLMES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 284 Squadron.

N.Z.415793 Flight Sergeant Robert Ernest STOWERS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 70 Squadron.

1239631 Sergeant Jack Ronald MILSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 70 Squadron.

The above awards are for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry, 25th January, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Military Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Robert James Leslie FERRIS, M.B., B.Ch. (63381), Royal Air Force, No. 74 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ferris, the medical officer of No. 74 Squadron, has displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period in October, 1943, his headquarters was subjected to severe enemy air attacks. On one occasion 4 men were killed and two others were buried under the debris. Flight Lieutenant Ferris immediately set to work removing the bodies and releasing the buried men. His medical equipment had been destroyed and he was compelled to work with a pair of scissors and a small wood saw with which

he succeeded in releasing one man after amputating his leg. Flight Lieutenant Ferris accomplished this while the air attack was in progress and worked with very little light and while held upside down by his legs. During an engagement between British and enemy ground forces he treated military and civilian casualties alike. Flight Lieutenant Ferris worked incessantly under most rigorous conditions. His coolness and courage proved a source of inspiration to all.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Air Force Cross.

Flying Officer Sydney THOMPSON (119077), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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