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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 Wing Commander Lewis Alan LYNN, D.F.C. (40124), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 320 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed skill, courage and determination of the highest order. He is a most inspiring and forceful leader, whose personal example has been reflected in the fine fighting qualities of his squadron which has obtained many successes in recent operations over Northern France. Wing Commander Lynn has displayed outstanding keenness and devotion to duty and his achievements have been worthy of great praise.

Flight Lieutenant George Yull MACKIE (88460), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 115 Squadron.

As air bomber and captain of aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Mackie has participated in a very large number of sorties. In the Middle East theatre he successfully attacked numerous targets in the Western Desert, Greece, Crete and in the Dodecanese Islands. Since then, Flight Lieutenant Mackie has undertaken many sorties against important and well defended targets in Germany, including 6 attacks on the German capital. By his great skill, inspiring leadership and unswerving devotion to duty this officer has set an example of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Ronald BOWEN (157398), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked targets in the Ruhr, Berlin, Hamburg and many other heavily defended areas. His determination was well illustrated in a recent sortie against Leipzig. On the outward flight his aircraft was subjected to a series of attacks by enemy fighters. Coolly and skilfully, Flight Lieutenant Bowen out-manoeuvred the attackers and afterwards went on to attack his target. This officer is an efficient and fearless captain whose personal example has imbued his crews with great resolution.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Benjamin James RUDGE (156076), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on such targets as Berlin, Frankfurt, Peenemunde and numerous others equally

important to the enemy's war effort. He has invariably displayed commendable courage and determination and, on more than one occasion when his aircraft has been subjected to fighter interference, his skill has been largely responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and its crew. He is an ideal captain and his record is worthy of much praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Herbert Frank SLADE (Aus.412725), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. When nearing the target his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but, although his aircraft sustained much damage, Flight Lieutenant Slade completed his attack and bombed the target with great accuracy. His effort was typical of the determination he has always displayed. He has completed very many sorties and has achieved much success.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Maurice Cecil STIMPSON (155249), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 156 Squadron.

Throughout his tour of operations this officer has displayed skill, courage and keenness of a high order. One night in January, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Stimpson captained an aircraft detailed to attack targets in Berlin. During the bombing run his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Although the bomber sustained much damage and the navigator was injured, Flight Lieutenant Stimpson pressed home his attack and afterwards flew safely to base. This officer has attacked a wide variety of targets in Germany, including 11 sorties against the enemy's capital city.

Flying Officer Hugh Edward SHINE (149165), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, many of which have been highly successful. On one occasion his aircraft was heavily hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained such damage that Flying Officer Shine was forced to bring it down on to the sea. Some 10 hours later Flying Officer Shine and his crew were rescued from their dinghy. This officer has displayed exceptional keenness and unflinching devotion to duty and has set a splendid example.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

Aus.420536 Flight Sergeant George Martin BURCHER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 Squadron.

This airman was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Berlin. Whilst over the target area, one of the bomber's engines was hit by shrapnel and set on fire. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Burcher pressed home his attack. When