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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:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander John CUNNINGHAM, D.S.O., D.F.C. (90216), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 85 Squadron.

Within a recent period Wing Commander Cunningham has destroyed three more hostile aircraft and his last success on the night of 2nd January, 1944, brings his total victories to 20, all with the exception of one being obtained at night. He is a magnificent leader, whose exceptional ability and wide knowledge of every aspect of night flying has contributed in a large measure to the high standard of operational efficiency of his squadron which has destroyed a very large number of enemy aircraft. His iron determination and unswerving devotion to duty have set an example beyond praise.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Leo Vernon HARCOURT, D.F.C. (45802), Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has participated in very many attacks on targets in Germany, including several against Berlin. Throughout these operations, Wing Commander Harcourt has displayed great skill and courage in pressing home his attacks and has achieved much success. He is a most efficient flight commander whose loyal and devoted service has been worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Wing Commander Ralph Erskine YOUNG, D.F.C. (44659), Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed great skill and determination, qualities which have earned him many successes. On a recent occasion, whilst over Berlin his aircraft was hit by shrapnel. One of the main tanks was pierced and much petrol was lost. Nevertheless, Wing Commander Young displayed good judgment and much skill in using the engines to conserve the petrol available and thus succeeded in reaching England. He is a fearless captain whose example has inspired all.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Robert Lawrence BOWES, D.F.C. (70072), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 44 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed numerous sorties over Germany, including a successful attack on

Peenemunde. More recently, Wing Commander Bowes participated in an attack on Berlin which he attacked with his usual tenacity, although his aircraft was hit and one engine put out of action. In spite of the damage sustained, Wing Commander Bowes flew the aircraft to a home-based airfield near the coast and effected a safe landing. In addition to his activities in the air, Wing Commander Bowes has devoted much energy towards the training of other members of the squadron with excellent results.

Flight Lieutenant Patrick Arthur DOREHILL, D.F.C. (80207), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on most of the heavily defended targets in Germany. Recently, he took part in an attack on Berlin. Before reaching the city his aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Flight Lieutenant Dorehill succeeded in evading the attacker but the bomber had been repeatedly hit by cannon fire, which damaged the fuselage and the tail plane and also put the hydraulic system out of action. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Dorehill continued to the target which he bombed successfully. On return to base he effected a masterly crash-landing. He displayed great skill, courage and determination throughout.

Pilot Officer Douglas Reginald TOOVEY, D.F.C. (Aus.416632), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 50 Squadron.

One night in January, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Magdeburg. When some 50 miles from the target one of the starboard engines caught fire and became useless. In spite of this Pilot Officer Toovey continued to the target which he bombed successfully. On the return flight the aircraft gradually lost height and was hit by anti-aircraft fire, sustaining damage to the port flap. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Toovey flew on to base where he effected a safe landing. This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including 6 attacks on the German capital, and has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Douglas WIGGIN (125852), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Throughout his tour of operations, which includes 8 attacks on Berlin, this officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and determination.