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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 Ernest Bernard HORN (60306), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 27 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties. He has effectively attacked 2 railway buildings, some 22 locomotives and many more trucks. On other occasions he has damaged or destroyed 13 small steamers, 285 sampans and numerous larger rivercraft. In operations against industrial installations, Squadron Leader Horn has attacked very many factories, a power plant and 2 wireless buildings with good results. This officer is a magnificent leader, whose achievements are a splendid tribute to his great skill, iron determination and unflinching devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Mehar SINGH (Ind.1559), Indian Air Force, No. 6 (I.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of operations, and has displayed great skill, courage and determination. He is a most inspiring leader, whose example has been reflected in the fine fighting spirit of the squadron. This officer has rendered most valuable service.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Patrick Edward MEAGHER (34072), Royal Air Force, No. 211 Squadron.

In February, 1944, this officer flew the leading aircraft of a formation detailed to attack a ground target. During the operation, Wing Commander Meagher observed 4 enemy aircraft a few thousand feet above him. He promptly climbed to engage them and, after cleverly manoeuvring to close range, shot two of the enemy aircraft down. The other two fighters then attempted to engage Wing Commander Meagher but he frustrated them and flew safely to base. In this spirited action, during which he drew the enemy force completely away from his formation, Wing Commander Meagher displayed great skill, courage and determination. His success brought his total victories to 8.

Acting Major Cecil CORMACK (47211V), South African Air Force, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer is now engaged on his third tour of operations. He flew with great distinction in the Abyssinian and North African campaigns during which he attacked a wide range of targets. In the present phase of the fighting, Major Cormack continues to show the same determined qualities which have won him so many successes. In February, 1944, he flew one of two aircraft

detailed for a reconnaissance. Many bays and harbours were reconnoitred and finally a convoy was located. In spite of the escort the convoy was photographed. Soon afterwards, Major Cormack was attacked by a large force of fighters, one of which was shot down by his gunner before the engagement terminated. Throughout the action this officer displayed great skill and resolution. He is a fine leader, whose example of gallantry and devotion to duty has been most commendable.

Acting Flight Lieutenant John Howard DEALL (80361), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 266 Squadron.

In air operations this officer has displayed great skill, courage and determination, qualities which have been reflected in the efficiency of the flight he commands. In February, 1944, he participated in a sortie over Northern France. During the operation his section destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 2 of which fell to Flight Lieutenant Deall's guns. In this action, he led his formation with great resolution. On other occasions, Flight Lieutenant Deall has shared in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Jack Carlisle DOYLE (Aus.404604), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties and has led the squadron on many successful attacks against road and rail transport and shipping, and others in close support of the ground fighting. On one occasion, early in March, 1944, he led the squadron in an attack on mechanical transport. Some 29 vehicles were destroyed and many others damaged. In addition, Flight Lieutenant Doyle obtained a hit on a large building which caught fire. Many vehicles garaged in the building were destroyed. This officer has displayed commendable skill, courage and determination.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Howard Edward Tidswell TRIPLOW (Aus.416808), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 149 Squadron.

This officer has completed a tour of operations during which he has attacked very many heavily defended targets with success. During a sortie one night in March, 1944, Flight Lieutenant TripLOW's aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The control cocks of 3 of the petrol tanks were shot away, the rear turret was rendered un-serviceable and a compass was damaged. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant TripLOW went on to attack the target with his usual determination. He is a courageous captain, whose example of keenness and determination has been worthy of great praise.

Captain Gordon Ogilvie WATSON (206300V), South African Air Force, No. 2 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed a high degree of skill and courage. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination, often in the face of fierce opposition. In February, 1944, Captain Watson played a good part in the success of a reconnaissance during which an airfield was attacked and several aircraft on the ground were destroyed. In this operation, Captain Watson led his formation with great skill, setting a most inspiring example.

Flying Officer James Ronald HUGHES (Can/J.12639), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 254 Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including several successful attacks on shipping. In March, 1944, he took part in a sortie during which a merchantman was attacked with good results. The next day he led a flight in another attack on shipping. By his great skill and superb leadership, Flying Officer Hughes played a good part in the success achieved. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination.

Flying Officer Norham John LUCAS (80398), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 266 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty. His fine fighting qualities have always been apparent and on several occasions he has flown safely to base after his aircraft has been badly damaged in air fighting. On one occasion, Flying Officer Lucas was compelled to abandon his damaged aircraft whilst over the sea. Within a few days of being rescued he resumed flying operations. In recent sorties over Northern France Flying Officer Lucas has flown with great distinction and shared in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Desmond Fred RUCHWALDY, D.F.M. (127048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed skill, courage and resource of a high order. He has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Jack Neville YATES (159463), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 607 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties many of them in the Far East. Throughout these operations he has displayed a high degree of skill and courage, setting a very fine example. On one occasion Flying Officer Yates was engaged by a number of enemy fighters, one of which he shot down. In the fight, Flying Officer Yates was wounded and his aircraft sustained severe damage but he flew on to an airfield and effected a safe landing. During an operation in February, 1944, he was engaged by 12 enemy fighters. Flying Officer Yates fought with great skill, however, and destroyed one of the enemy aircraft and afterwards led his section safely to base. This Officer has destroyed at least 5 hostile aircraft.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1385232 Flight Sergeant James Michael JULIAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In February, 1944, this airman was the top gunner of the leading aircraft of two engaged on a reconnaissance. During the operation, the aircraft were attacked by a large force of fighters. In the ensuing fight, Flight Sergeant Julian displayed great skill and resource. One of the attackers fell to his guns and three more were hit by his bullets before the engagement was terminated. His efforts contributed in a large measure to the success of the sortie. He has invariably displayed courage and determination of a high order.

Air Ministry, 28th March, 1944.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Jeaffreson Herbert GRESWELL, D.F.C. (37318), Royal Air Force, No. 179 Squadron.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Anthony Stephen JOHNSTON, D.F.C. (88723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 165 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Hugh Robert Arthur EDWARDS, A.F.C. (05202), Royal Air Force, No. 53 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Percy Robert HATFIELD (33315), Royal Air Force, No. 95 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Barry Edwards PECK (40481), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 120 Squadron.

Squadron Leader George William PETRE (33353), Royal Air Force, No. 193 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Hastings REEVE (79527), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader David George ROSS (84001), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 263 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Arthur SUTHERLAND (41079), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 602 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred CODY, D.F.M. (45954), Royal Air Force, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Joseph CROWLEY (45718), Royal Air Force, No. 226 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Forbes CUTHBERT (120967), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Bert GRIMSHAW (108606), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 228 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Dennis Raymond HAWKES (116451), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Douglas HILL (106673), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, with effect from 18th August, 1943.

Flight Lieutenant Rolf Cardale LUCK (112349), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 209 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Philip Clifford PRIDMORE (115896), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William George RAILTON (112491), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Neville HAMMOND (131082), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron, with effect from 23rd October, 1943.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Francis Peter LYON (117572), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron.

Flying Officer Roy Charles BAKER (148917), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 120 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Brown BRODIE (149913), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frederick John DEEKS (124306), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Archibald DOUGLAS (51602), Royal Air Force, No. 216 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Frederick GREEN (128359), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 248 Squadron.

Flying Officer Victor Henry LINTHUNE (47907), Royal Air Force, No. 25 Squadron.

Flying Officer James Wharton MOORE (49682), Royal Air Force, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alistair Kay MURDOCH (143482), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flying Officer George PLATTS (137655), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

Flying Officer Donald Percy TAYLOR (145913), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Bruce Fitzgerald Henry MILLER (158294), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 17th October, 1943.

Pilot Officer Stanley WILSON (157489), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 418 Squadron.

Warrant Officer John Ralph Vincent (90220), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 209 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Eric WOODWARD (755838), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Acting Warrant Officer Kenneth Reuben LEE (1135622), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 14th October, 1943.

Acting Warrant Officer David Halstead LOOP (658361), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 18th October, 1943.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- 635059 Flight Sergeant Kenneth HALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 12 Squadron, with effect from 29th April, 1943.
- 547171 Flight Sergeant Robert Arthur MORRISON, Royal Air Force, No. 228 Squadron.
- 1314207 Flight Sergeant John Frederick MUNDY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 172 Squadron.
- 657639 Flight Sergeant Robert Adair PERRY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.
- 638722 Flight Sergeant Francis Bernard ROWLEY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 180 Squadron.
- 1343392 Sergeant James Crichton CLARK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron, with effect from 23rd June, 1943.
- 1211881 Sergeant George Henry HAMMOND, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron.
- 1474213 Sergeant Charles Leonard SPINK, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 18th October, 1943.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Flight Lieutenant Murray CHARLTON (Aus.402638), No. 59 Squadron.
- Flight Lieutenant David William LEWIS (Aus.403645), No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer Urquhart Douglas Haig HORNE (Aus.400470), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 4th June, 1943.
- Flying Officer Ronald Albert HOSKING (Aus.408721), No. 540 Squadron.
- Flying Officer Thomas Alexander VANCE (Aus.409349), No. 165 Squadron.
- Pilot Officer James Herbert John ENGLISH (Aus.413843), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 28th November, 1943.
- Pilot Officer Lloyd Henry Moorehead HADLEY (Aus.404704), No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 4th June, 1943.

- Pilot Officer David Valentine PAUL (Aus.403215), No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.
- Warrant Officer Keith George CAMPBELL (Aus.411742), No. 541 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- Aus. 412552 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Frank Leathley Robinson LLOYD, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron, with effect from 1st October, 1943.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Acting Flight Lieutenant Harold Frederick EWER (Can/J.16328), No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 18th July, 1943.
- Acting Flight Lieutenant James George ROWAND (Can/J.8954), No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

- Can/R.136423 Sergeant Norman BRUCE, No. 148 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Flight Lieutenant Charles Melvin GIBBS (N.Z.412678), No. 267 Squadron.
- Acting Flight Lieutenant Keith Granville TAYLOR-CANNON (N.Z.412284), No. 486 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.
- Flying Officer Arthur Norman SAMES (N.Z.411453), No. 468 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

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

Air Ministry, 28th March, 1944.

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

Air Force Medal.

- 1252755 Flight Sergeant Alan Stanley CLARKE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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The first part of the document discusses the general principles of the proposed system. It is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the various aspects involved in the implementation of the new regulations. The following sections will detail the specific measures to be taken, the responsibilities of the various departments, and the timeline for the completion of the project.

It is noted that the success of this initiative will depend on the cooperation and support of all concerned parties. The management team is committed to ensuring that the process is carried out smoothly and efficiently, with minimal disruption to the ongoing operations of the organization.

The second part of the document outlines the specific steps to be followed in the implementation phase. This includes the identification of key personnel, the allocation of resources, and the establishment of a clear communication channel. The goal is to ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed and that any potential issues are addressed promptly.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the expected outcomes and a call to action. It is hoped that the proposed system will bring about significant improvements in the organization's performance and that the implementation process will be a model for future projects.