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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 Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Bertie Rex O'Bryen HOARE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (37853), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 605 Squadron.

This officer has participated in more than 100 sorties, involving attacks on airfields in Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Holland and France, escorts to bomber formations and a variety of other missions. He is a magnificent leader whose personal example of courage and devotion to duty has inspired all. In addition to his activities in the air, Wing Commander Hoare has devoted much of his energy and skill towards the training of other members of the squadron with excellent results. This officer, who has destroyed at least eight enemy aircraft, has rendered most valuable service.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony SPOONER, D.F.C. (82948), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 53 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage. One night recently he piloted an aircraft which attacked two U-boats. The vessels were surfaced and in close proximity and Squadron Leader Spooner released several depth charges over both of them in the same attacking run. Some nights later, Squadron Leader Spooner attacked two more U-boats. In all his encounters with the enemy, this officer has displayed great determination and has pressed home his attacks in the face of heavy opposition. He has set a very fine example to all.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander William David Loraine FILSON-YOUNG, D.F.C. (39725), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 47 Squadron.

In February, 1944, this officer led the squadron in an attack on a medium sized ship which was heavily escorted. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire and some fighter opposition the attack was pressed home with great determination and hits were obtained which caused the destruction of the vessel. In this action, Wing Commander Filson-Young displayed skilful and inspiring leadership and played a good part in the success obtained. He has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping and his fine work has always been evident.

Acting Squadron Leader John Stuart Roland MULLER-ROWLAND, D.F.C. (103497), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 211 Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and his continued excellent work has merited high praise. On a recent occasion he led a formation of aircraft detailed to attack targets at Moulmein. The attack was pressed home with great vigour and accuracy. Industrial premises, much rolling stock and a railway installation were bombed with damaging effect; a small pier was set alight, a large barge was hit and other damage was inflicted. In this spirited action, Squadron Leader Muller-Rowland displayed skill, courage and leadership of a high order.

Acting Squadron Leader Alan Lestocq ROBERTS, D.F.C. (115023), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 514 Squadron.

One night in February, 1944, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Schweinfurt. Early on the outward flight it was discovered that, owing to a broken pipe-line, the whole of the oxygen supply had been lost. Nevertheless Squadron Leader Roberts came down to a lower altitude and flew on to the target. Whilst over the area the aircraft was set on fire but the flames were extinguished and Squadron Leader Roberts flew back to base to complete his mission successfully. This officer displayed great determination throughout, setting a high example of devotion to duty.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Geoffrey Horace GOODMAN (70799), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 151 Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron for the past 6 months and has proved himself to be a gallant and successful leader, whose sterling qualities have proved most inspiring. He has destroyed three enemy aircraft, two of which he shot down one night in March, 1944.

Squadron Leader Frank John FRENCH (72120), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 210 Squadron.

Recently this officer captained an aircraft which attacked a U-boat. In spite of considerable anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader French pressed home his attack with such accuracy that the submarine was destroyed. This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them in adverse weather, and has displayed great keenness and devotion to duty throughout.

Acting Squadron Leader Denis Barberry BENNETT (81663), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 227 Squadron.

This officer has participated in several successful attacks on shipping during which his fine