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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 Flying Cross

- Flying Officer Michael Seamer ALLEN DFC (120723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 141 Squadron
 Flying Officer Harold Edward WHITE DFC (119508), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 141 Squadron

As observer and pilot respectively these officers have completed many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. They have set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty throughout and have now destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft at night. Their achievements have been worthy of much praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross

- Acting Group Captain George Francis Keller DONALDSON AFC, Reserve of Air Force Officers

In recent operations involving the use of transport aircraft this officer has displayed great skill, leadership and devotion to duty, qualities which have been reflected in the achievements of the formations he commands. He has displayed a high standard of organising ability throughout and his efforts have contributed in a large measure to the successes obtained.

- Acting Flight Lieutenant Wilfred ADAMS (161324), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 149 Squadron

As captain and pilot of aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Adams has taken part in a large number of sorties involving attacks on a variety of strongly defended targets. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage and his determination to complete his tasks successfully has earned him high praise.

- Acting Flight Lieutenant Leonard Joseph HALLEY (156622), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 115 Squadron

This officer has participated in very many sorties against targets in Germany, including 9 attacks on Berlin. On one occasion when detailed to attack the German capital the mid-upper and rear turrets of the aircraft became unserviceable before reaching the enemy coast. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Halley went on to this strongly defended target and bombed it. His action was typical of the determination he has shown to make every sortie a success.

- Flying Officer Bertie Towner FOLEE DFM (Aus 404595), Royal Australian Air Force, No 617 Squadron

As front gunner this officer has taken part in a large number of sorties many of them demanding a high degree of skill and resolution. On a recent occasion he participated in an attack on a target in Southern France. During the operation the aircraft was subjected to intense light anti-aircraft fire and sustained much damage. Nevertheless Flying Officer Folee raked the enemy's gun positions with his bullets and his unflinching fire and deadly aim played a good part in silencing the opposition. By his undoubted skill, great courage and fine fighting qualities, this officer has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

- Flying Officer Stanley HALLIWELL (144045), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 61 Squadron

This officer has completed many sorties against well defended targets in Germany. He is a most able and resourceful navigator, whose example of keenness and devotion to duty has been of a high order. On one occasion, following an attack on Munich, Flying Officer Halliwell became deprived of the use of much of his navigational equipment. Despite this, he successfully navigated the aircraft to a home-based airfield.

- Flying Officer Gordon David Le Messurier SEDDON (Aus 416460), Royal Australian Air Force, No 115 Squadron

Flying Officer Seddon has completed a large number of bombing sorties during which he has attacked various targets with success. He has displayed great skill and determination, qualities which were amply demonstrated on a recent occasion when attacking Berlin. In spite of fierce anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Seddon made several runs over the target area to release his bombs. He is an efficient captain whose example has proved most inspiring.

Distinguished Flying Medal

- 1217454 Flight Sergeant Derek SCHOFIELD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No 619 Squadron
 Can/R 129608 Flight Sergeant George Eric HEXTER, Royal Canadian Air Force, No 619 Squadron

These airmen were pilot and bomb aimer respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart one night in March, 1944. When about 150 miles from the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Before the enemy aircraft could evade the bomber had sustained much damage, while Flight Sergeant Hexter had been wounded in the hand and foot. Undeterred Flight Sergeant Schofield continued his mission and eventually reached the target over which he was ably guided.