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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 Geoffrey Leonard CHESHIRE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (72021), Royal Air Force, No. 617 Squadron.

This officer has commanded the squadron with notable success. Within recent months he has participated in many attacks on targets of vital importance to the enemy and the successes obtained are an excellent tribute to his outstanding tactical ability, great courage and iron determination. He is a splendid leader, whose personal example and untiring efforts have contributed in a large measure to the high standard of efficiency and fine fighting qualities of the squadron he commands.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander John Raeburn BALMER, O.B.E. (Aus.68), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a varied tour of operations and throughout has displayed great skill and devotion to duty. He is a most efficient squadron commander, whose keenness and zeal have set a fine example.

Acting Wing Commander Anthony Wilkinson HEWARD, A.F.C. (39044), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 50 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, involving attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hanover and Frankfurt. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage and his determination to ensure success has been highly commendable.

Wing Commander Heward has devoted much of his skill and energy in the training of other members of the squadron with excellent results. His leadership has inspired all.

Acting Squadron Leader Albert MARKLAND, D.F.M. (101028), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, most of which have been against the enemy's heavily defended targets. He is a gallant and determined leader, whose sterling qualities have been reflected in the work of his flight which has achieved much success. His record is worthy of high praise.

Flight Lieutenant Anthony James WOODRUFF (102956), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Woodruff has completed a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide variety of targets. He is a keen and capable gunner, whose coolness and confidence in the face of the enemy, has won much praise. Latterly, Flight Lieutenant Woodruff has participated in many sorties over Germany including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Schweinfurt, Augsburg and Stuttgart. He has rendered most valuable service.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald Frank CONSTABLE (Aus.409383), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 78 Squadron.

One night in March, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart. On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by a fighter and sustained damage. Undeterred, Flight Lieutenant Constable continued to the target and pressed home a determined attack. On many other occasions, Flight Lieutenant Constable has displayed his fine fighting qualities, setting an example worthy of emulation. He is an efficient and understanding captain whose courage and coolness in the face of the enemy have been inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Audley Patrick HERBERT DUTTON (118476), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 259 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frank SEDDON (Aus.408759), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 259 Squadron.

These officers were captain and navigator respectively of an aircraft on reconnaissance patrol which sighted an enemy blockade runner or supply ship. In spite of adverse weather the ship was shadowed, until it was known that naval forces were approaching. Afterwards, Flight Lieutenant Dutton and Flying Officer Seddon made contact with these forces and guided them to the operational zone and the enemy vessel was subsequently attacked and destroyed. On this difficult and arduous sortie these officers displayed a high degree of skill and fortitude and their efforts contributed in a large measure to the success obtained. They have completed very many sorties and have displayed outstanding devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Forrest Guy LORD (Can. J. 4883), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has set a fine example of skill and determination, qualities which he has amply