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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*

Flight Lieutenant Michael Metcalfe DAVISON, D.F.C. (101089), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Flying Officer Arthur Charles WILLMOTT, D.F.C. (149668), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively these officers have completed a very large number of sorties and have invariably displayed praise-worthy courage and devotion to duty. They have destroyed 10 enemy aircraft, successes which are an excellent testimony to their skill and co-operation.

Flight Lieutenant John Frederick McELROY, D.F.C. (Can/J 7230), R.C.A.F., 421 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer continues to display the finest qualities of courage and determination in air operations. In June, 1944, he flew the leading aircraft of a formation which engaged a force of more than 30 enemy fighters, 9 of which were shot down. Although his aircraft sustained severe damage, Flight Lieutenant McElroy made a safe landing at an airfield. In this engagement he displayed leadership of a high order.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross*

Flight Lieutenant Edward William Noel MORGAN, D.F.C. (111581), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Wing Commander Frederick Frank LAMBERT (37858), R.A.F.O., 515 Sqn.

As navigator and pilot respectively these officers have completed a large number of sorties and have displayed courage and determination of a high order. The successes achieved reflect the greatest credit on the skill and resolution shown by these officers. They have set an excellent example.

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Acting Squadron Leader Hubert George KEILLOR (Can/J 7548), R.C.A.F., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Charles Alfons WONDOLOWSKI (Can/J 31768), R.C.A.F., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively these officers have completed many attacks on enemy shipping. They have displayed a high standard of skill, courage and co-operation and have achieved much success. On one occasion they obtained a hit on a merchantman off the Dutch coast. More recently they executed an attack on a number of E boats,

one of which capsized as a result of their accurate bombing. Squadron Leader Keillor and Flying Officer Wondolowski have set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Howard John CORRE (120734), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Flying Officer Charles Arthur BINES (145761), R.A.F.V.R., 264 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Corre and Flying Officer Bines have participated in much operational flying as pilot and navigator respectively. They have at all times displayed the greatest keenness and determination, setting a very fine example. They have destroyed 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Ivor Henry COSBY (42293), R.A.F., 264 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Cosby has participated in a very large number of sorties, many of them at night. He has displayed a high standard of ability and devotion to duty which have set an excellent example. He has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, 2 of them recently.

Flight Lieutenant Frank Seymour SKELTON (106675), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and has displayed a high standard of navigational ability throughout. He is a keen and devoted member of aircraft crew, whose determination to achieve success has won great praise. In addition to his work in the air, Flight Lieutenant Skelton has rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron with good results.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas HARGREAVES (169911), R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.

This officer is a keen and conscientious captain who has invariably displayed courage and determination in the execution of his allotted tasks. On one occasion whilst over enemy territory his aircraft was damaged in an encounter with a fighter. Although the windscreen was shattered, and the navigator was wounded, Flight Lieutenant Hargreaves went on to the target and made a successful bombing attack. His action was typical of the resolution he has shown throughout his tour.

Flying Officer Jack BAMFORD (Can/J 22669), R.C.A.F., 421 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in many sorties and has invariably displayed commendable courage and keenness. In June, 1944, Flying Officer Bamford took part in an engagement against a large force of enemy fighters, 3 of which he shot down. In this spirited action he displayed skill and resolution of a high order.

Flying Officer Harold James Stephen HARMER (125642), R A F V R, 158 Sqn

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them against heavily defended targets. He is a navigator of high merit whose coolness, determination and ability in difficult and dangerous situations have set an inspiring example. His record is worthy of high praise.

Flying Officer John Norman HULLAH (169574), R A F V R, 10 Sqn

One night in June, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft of a bomber force detailed to attack an enemy target. On the outward flight one of the starboard engines became useless. Some height was lost but Flying Officer Hullah continued to the target and executed a successful attack. Soon after crossing the English coast on the homeward flight a second engine became erratic but Flying Officer Hullah reached an airfield to effect a safe landing. This officer displayed determination and devotion to duty typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour.

Flying Officer Harry Cedric YARWOOD (145375), R A F V R, 90 Sqn

In air operations this officer has displayed courage and fortitude of a high order.

Pilot Officer Frank ANDERSON (174058), R A F V R, 158 Sqn

In the course of his tour of operations, Pilot Officer Anderson has taken part in 5 attacks on Berlin. He has proved himself to be a confident and devoted member of aircraft crew, whose navigational ability has played a prominent part in the successes obtained. He has set a worthy example.

Pilot Officer John William BURNS (174562), R A F V R, 158 Sqn

As flight engineer, Pilot Officer Burns has participated in many attacks on heavily defended targets. He has displayed a high standard of skill throughout and his coolness and courage in the face of several trying situations have been most inspiring.

Pilot Officer William Raeburn GREEN (N Z 416479), R N Z A F, 49 Sqn

One night in June, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. When nearing the target the aircraft was engaged by a fighter but it was driven off. Soon afterwards another fighter closed into the attack and before the engagement terminated Pilot Officer Green's aircraft sustained damage. One engine was put out of action but this did not deter Pilot Officer Green from pressing home his attack. He afterwards flew safely to base. This officer has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed a high standard of skill, determination and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Joseph HITCHMAN (174627), R A F V R, 158 Sqn

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, the first 2 of which were against Berlin. He has shown the greatest determination in pressing home his attacks, whilst his coolness and courage in the face of enemy fire have greatly inspired his crew. He is a model captain whose example has been worthy of emulation.

Pilot Officer Clifford LACY (173283), R A F V R, 49 Sqn

One night in June, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. When nearing the target the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Bullets struck and shattered the windscreen. Pilot Officer Lacy was temporarily blinded and momentarily lost control. He quickly recovered, however, and, although his aircraft was repeatedly hit, Pilot Officer Lacy succeeded in out-maneuvring the attacker. Much damage was sustained but this determined pilot went on to bomb his target successfully. In the face of much difficulty he afterwards flew his badly damaged aircraft to base. This officer displayed skill, courage and resolution worthy of the highest praise.

Pilot Officer Lloyd Arthur MANN (Can/J 19783), R C A F, 426 (R C A F) Sqn

This officer has completed numerous sorties and has proved himself to be a skilful and resourceful pilot and captain. On one occasion he was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack the railway

sidings at Le Mans. Whilst over the target his aircraft sustained extensive damage. Several holes were torn in the fuselage, the bomb doors were torn open, parts of them being ripped away, and the port rudder and elevator were damaged. Both the port engines were affected and one of them caught fire. Much height was lost and the situation was serious. Pilot Officer Mann succeeded in levelling out, however, and course was set for home. Much vibration was experienced and flying speed had to be reduced but in spite of many difficulties, Pilot Officer Mann reached an airfield. This officer displayed exceptional skill and coolness in most harassing circumstances and was undoubtedly responsible for the ultimate safety of the aircraft and its crew.

Warrant Officer Abraham Isaac KORMAN (Can/R 130008), R C A F, 158 Sqn

Warrant Officer Korman has completed a notable tour during which he has taken part in several attacks on the German capital and many others on targets in the Ruhr area. He is a most determined and gallant member of aircraft crew and his successes are an excellent testimony to the accuracy of his bombing. His conduct at all times has been exemplary.

Warrant Officer (now Pilot Officer) Ronald James WALSH (Aus 420087), R A A F, 466 (R A A F) Sqn

This warrant officer has completed very many sorties during which he has attacked a wide variety of targets. He has displayed exceptional skill and determination, qualities which were amply demonstrated on 2 occasions recently when he completed his missions successfully in the face of exacting circumstances. His example of courage and devotion to duty has been most commendable.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)*

Can/R 140754 Sergeant Peter ENGBRECHT, R C A F, 424 (R C A F) Sqn

As mid-upper gunner this airman has participated in several sorties and has proved himself to be an exceptionally cool and confident member of aircraft crew. On one occasion during a sortie his aircraft was subjected to 14 separate attacks by fighters. In the ensuing fights, Sergeant Engbrecht defended his aircraft with great skill and 2 of the attackers fell to his guns. In June, 1944, he took part in an attack on a target in Northern France. On the return flight his aircraft was attacked on 2 occasions by fighters. Sergeant Engbrecht engaged the enemy aircraft with deadly effect each time and his brilliant shooting caused their destruction. His feats have been worthy of the greatest praise.

*Distinguished Flying Medal*

1147712 Flight Sergeant Alfred STANLEY, R A F V R, 214 Sqn

This airman was wireless operator/air in an aircraft detailed to attack Gelsenkirchen. Just before reaching the target a fighter was encountered and, in the ensuing fight, Flight Sergeant Stanley sustained wounds to the head, shoulder and arms. In spite of his injuries, Flight Sergeant Stanley promptly set to work to repair the intercommunication system which had been damaged in the combat. He afterwards worked at his wireless apparatus and obtained fixes which proved of much assistance in navigating the aircraft home. This airman set a fine example of fortitude and devotion to duty.

1132456 Flight Sergeant Thomas STONEBANK, R A F V R, 158 Sqn

Flight Sergeant Stonebank has completed a notable tour of operations and throughout has set a fine example of efficiency and determination. He has displayed a high degree of wireless skill and his excellent work in many difficult situations has been of the greatest assistance. His keenness and devotion to duty have been unflinching.

1852379 Sergeant Ronald Gordon BLACKWELL, R A F V R, 77 Sqn

1809158 Sergeant Derek ROGERS, R A F V R, 77 Sqn

One night in June, 1944, these airmen were mid-upper and rear gunners respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack an enemy target. On the return flight the aircraft was intercepted by a fighter which closed in with guns firing. Extensive damage was sustained but Sergeants Blackwell

and Rogers coolly and skilfully fought back, using their guns with great effect. The enemy aircraft was struck many times by their bullets and finally caught fire and dived steeply towards the ground. These airmen have taken part in many sorties and have at all times displayed notable skill, vigilance and determination.

1670659 Sergeant Samuel Henry SMITH, R A F V R,  
10 Sqn

As air gunner, Sergeant Smith has participated in very many attacks against enemy targets. On his first sortie, which was against Berlin, he defended his aircraft with great skill against attacks by a Junkers 88 which he finally shot down. In

June, 1944, Sergeant Smith was a gunner in an aircraft detailed to attack Fouillard. During the operation a fighter was encountered but this airman engaged it successfully and, following a burst of fire from his guns, the enemy aircraft caught fire and fell towards the ground. Some days later he was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft which attacked a target at Blainville. After leaving the target area, Sergeant Smith sighted a Messerschmitt 210 closing in. He promptly gave the necessary combat manoeuvre and then delivered a burst of machine gun fire which struck the attacker with devastating effect, causing it to disintegrate in the air. The example of this cool, confident and skilful gunner has been most inspiring.

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