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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 Charles Gordon Drake LANCASTER**, D.F.C. (75989), R.A.F.V.R., 228 Sqn.

This officer captained an aircraft which engaged a U-boat recently. When the vessel was sighted, Flight Lieutenant Lancaster immediately went into the attack. His aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire but he maintained his attacking run and straddled the vessel with his depth charges. This officer displayed great efficiency, gallantry and determination.

**Flight Lieutenant James QUINN**, D.F.C. (118425), R.A.F.V.R., 222 Sqn.

This officer piloted an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat. In spite of heavy opposing fire, Flight Lieutenant Quinn pressed home his attack. After the explosion of the depth charges the submarine was seen to be out of control whilst the fore casing was completely under water. Flight Lieutenant Quinn displayed a high standard of skill and courage throughout the fight.

**Flight Lieutenant Norman Edward Mace SMITH**, D.F.C. (125999), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

This officer captained an aircraft which successfully engaged a U-boat in northern waters. In spite of fire from the submarine's guns, Flight Lieutenant Smith executed his attack with great skill, releasing his depth charges in a perfect straddle. The U-boat sank stern first in an almost vertical dive. In the action one engine of Flight Lieutenant Smith's aircraft was put out of action but he flew safely to base. This officer displayed great courage and determination throughout.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

**Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie Harold BAVEYSTOCK**, D.F.C., D.F.M. (139324), R.A.F.V.R., 201 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

**1365086 Flight Sergeant Duncan Jamieson McCormick CURRIE**, R.A.F.V.R., 201 Sqn.

**1334384 Sergeant Dennis Edward SOUTH**, R.A.F.V.R., 201 Sqn.

This officer and airmen were members of the crew of an aircraft which recently attacked a U-boat. Their attack, faultless in its execution, was pressed home with great vigour and reflects the greatest credit on the skill and gallantry of the captain, Flight Lieutenant Baveystock, and also on the efficiency and exemplary conduct of Flight Sergeant Currie and Sergeant South who co-operated so well with their leader.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

**Flight Lieutenant Alexander Derek Stewart DUNDAS** (129952), R.A.F.V.R., 206 Sqn.

This officer, as captain of aircraft, recently executed a successful attack on a U-boat. Runs were made over the vessel and the depth charges were released with great accuracy. A few seconds after the explosions of the depth charges in the second straddle the bows of the submarine rose up

and the vessel then sank. In this well executed operation, Flight Lieutenant Dundas displayed a high degree of skill and tenacity.

**Flight Lieutenant John William Aubrey POSNETT** (120858), R.A.F.V.R., 224 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties, including several attacks on U-boats. In the last of these, recently, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire from the enemy vessel. Extensive damage was sustained but Flight Lieutenant Posnett flew the aircraft safely to base. His determination and devotion to duty on this occasion were typical of that he has shown throughout his tour.

**Flying Officer John Basil Ross LIVERMORE** (Aus.409418), R.A.A.F., 461 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the pilot of an aircraft which attacked a U-boat. Undeterred by heavy fire from the submarine's guns, Flying Officer Livermore pressed home his attack with great vigour, straddling the vessel with a number of depth charges. He displayed great courage and resolution.

**Flying Officer Norman Oswald George SHEEHAN** (Aus.428853), R.A.A.F., 461 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has displayed a high standard of determination and devotion to duty. Recently Flying Officer Sheehan engaged a U-boat. In the face of accurate anti-aircraft fire he pressed home his attack, straddling the submarine with depth charges. He displayed commendable courage and determination throughout.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

**Flight Lieutenant John William CARMICHAEL** (33421), R.A.F., 53 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

**1005316 Flight Sergeant John Thirlwell McKEOWN**, R.A.F.V.R., 53 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft which attacked three U-boats in close company. In the engagement two attacks were made and a number of depth charges were released with accuracy. Both the attacks were boldly executed, the second one being made in the face of the concentrated fire of all three vessels. In this fight against the enemy's underwater craft, Flight Lieutenant Carmichael and Flight Sergeant McKeown displayed a high degree of skill and gallantry.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

**Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey William Tyndall PARKER** (89366), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

**N.Z.415823 Flight Sergeant Desmond CARTER**, R.N.Z.A.F., 86 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and navigator of an aircraft which engaged a U-boat. Although the vessel took violent evasive action and opened up with heavy fire, Flight Sergeant Carter, at the front gun, replied with deadly effect and completely subdued the enemy's fire. Flight

Lieutenant Parker then pressed home a second attack, releasing several depth charges which exploded close to the submarine. The vessel thereupon heeled over and disappeared beneath the water. In this well executed operation this officer and airman displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

935786 Flight Sergeant Leslie Cook DOUGHTY, R.A.F.V.R., 248 Sqn.

This airman has proved himself to be a skilful, courageous and determined pilot, qualities which were amply demonstrated on the occasion of an attack on a U-boat, at the entrance to Lorient harbour. In spite of intense fire from various ships and from guns sited on the shore, Flight Sergeant Doughty pressed home his attack with great resolution, obtaining many hits with cannon fire and releasing two depth charges. He set an example of a high order.

*Air Ministry, 25th August, 1944.*

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

*Distinguished Service Order.*

*Wing Commander.*

Donald Cecil SMYTHE, G.M. (37331), R.A.F.O., 178 Sqn.

*Acting Squadron Leaders.*

George Joseph BLACK, D.F.C. (120164), R.A.F.V.R., 250 Sqn.

John BROTHERTON-RATCLIFFE (74664), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Reginald Francis HAYES, D.F.C. (60457), R.A.F.V.R., 293 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenants.*

Peter Stanley BLOMFIELD (47767), R.A.F., 260 Sqn.  
Charles Duncan Alfred BROWNE (67694), R.A.F.V.R., 43 Sqn.

Jonathan Raymond FIELD (107926), R.A.F.V.R., 624 Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

William Kenneth DUNN, D.F.M. (136016), R.A.F.V.R., 40 Sqn.

Peter Brian HARDING (170215), R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

Gordon HENDERSON (127919), R.A.F.V.R., 225 Sqn.

Albert Bernard HIEEY (127937), R.A.F.V.R., 225 Sqn.

George Nicholas, McGUINNESS (51900), R.A.F., 178 Sqn.

*Pilot Officers.*

Norman ELLIS (176871), R.A.F.V.R., 223 Sqn.

Dennis John MURPHY (176913), R.A.F.V.R., 223 Sqn.

*Warrant Officer.*

Colin Ian Anthony PATERSON (1195325), R.A.F.V.R., 284 Sqn

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

*Flight Sergeants.*

160081 Fredrick William BEARE, R.A.F.V.R., 614 Sqn.

1323373 Peter Frank JAMES, R.A.F.V.R., 624 Sqn.

1381558 Eric KEEBLE, R.A.F.V.R., 284 Sqn.

1600702 Victor Cecil SCOTT, R.A.F.V.R., 148 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenant.*

Lucas McBRYDE (Aus.407005), 250 Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenant.*

Edward Harold STROM (Aus.412278), 450 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

*Flying Officers.*

Bruce PAGE (Aus.412654), 260 Sqn.

John Raymond PERKINS (Aus.409219), 40 Sqn.

*Warrant Officer.*

George Francis REGAN (Aus.41351), 624 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

*Flight Sergeant.*

Aus.409439 Bernard Hyland PETERS, 112 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenants.*

George Herbert FINCH (Can/J.11101), 13 Sqn.

James Fairservice Runciman MITCHELL (Can/J.3496), 148 Sqn.

John Douglas RICE (Can/J.9169), 267 Sqn.

*Acting Flight Lieutenants.*

Walter McNutt FAIREY (Can/J.14324), 624 Sqn.

Kenneth MACBAIN (Can/J.12689), 249 Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Flight Lieutenant.*

James Henry NORMAN (N.Z.412723), 267 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

*Acting Colonel.*

Lawrence Aubrey WILMOT, D.F.C. (P.102596V).

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

*Captain.*

Derick Thomas Louis BAILEY (88789), 223 Sqn.

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

*Air Ministry, 25th August, 1944.*

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

*Air Force Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Clifford Archibald CHEW (116439), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

In June, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Chew was captain of an aircraft engaged on an instructional flight by night. Four circuits and landings were completed but, while the aircraft was taking off for the 5th time, a serious defect occurred in the starboard engine. Flight Lieutenant Chew at once took over control from the pupil pilot and managed to reach an altitude of 800 feet. This was accomplished with the greatest difficulty, as the port engine only was functioning. Excessive vibration made the aircraft difficult to control and it was found impossible to maintain height. As the aircraft descended, the starboard engine caught fire and the aircrew flew off. The undercarriage mechanism was unserviceable. In this precarious situation, Flight Lieutenant Chew determined to land on the runway in order to avoid crashing into other aircraft. With outstanding skill and coolness, he landed the crippled and burning aircraft in the middle of the runway. The body of the aircraft was blazing by this time and only the extreme promptitude and presence of mind displayed by the instructor enabled the whole crew to jump clear without injury. This officer completed a tour of operational duty with Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain.

AMENDMENTS.

In notification of 14th January, 1944 (p. 294, col. 2) (Mentions in Despatches). *Delete* "A. W. BILLING (108917), R.A.F.V.R."

In notification of 15th August 1944 (p. 3773, col. 2), Distinguished Flying Medal, Flight Sergeants. *Delete* "1029740 James WRIGLEY, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn." Award previously announced on 2nd June, 1944 (p. 2537, col. 1).

In notification of 18th August, 1944 (p. 3828, col. 2), Royal Canadian Air Force. Distinguished Flying Cross. Pilot Officers. *Delete* "James Bruce FINDLAY (Can/J.85664) 635 Sqn." Award previously announced on 27th June, 1944 (p. 3044, col. 1).

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