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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