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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 Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader David John SHANNON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.407729), R.A.A.F., 617 Sqn.

Since the award of a bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Shannon has completed many sorties which he has executed with outstanding resolution and success. He has at all times displayed courage and fortitude of a high order and his appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him have set a fine example to all.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Laurence Charles DEANE, D.F.C., R.A.F., 83 Sqn.

Group Captain Deane has completed a large number of sorties against heavily defended German targets including attacks on Berlin five times in succession. He has at all times displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution in pressing home his attacks and has remained in the vicinity of the target for long periods despite heavy opposition. His leadership has been of a high order.

Acting Wing Commander Edward Dixon CREW, D.F.C. (74700), R.A.F.V.R., 96 Sqn.

Wing Commander Crew continues to display the highest standard of skill, courage and leadership. In air fighting he has destroyed 13 enemy aircraft and damaged several more. With the advent of the flying bomb attacks on this country, Wing Commander Crew displayed great skill and perseverance in devising tactics to meet the menace. As a result, he shot down numerous flying bombs, whilst other members of his squadron took a heavy toll of them. This officer has commanded the squadron with outstanding success.

Acting Wing Commander Peter Brian Newsom DAVIS (70499), R.A.F.V.R., 299 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many dangerous and difficult sorties and has displayed skill and devotion to duty of a high order. He is a forceful and gallant leader whose example has contributed in a large way to the operational efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Wing Commander William Inglis DEAS, D.F.C. (87060), R.A.F.V.R., 630 Sqn.

This officer, now on his third tour of operations, has completed a large number of sorties, many of them against dangerous and difficult targets. Throughout he has never failed to bring his missions to a successful conclusion. His leadership and determination have been an inspiration to all.

Acting Wing Commander Donald Arthur GARNER (40528), R.A.F.O., 166 Sqn.

This officer is engaged on his second tour of operational duty and has completed numerous sorties against a variety of targets in Northern France. He has displayed the greatest gallantry and determination in pressing home his attacks and his example has been most inspiring. He is a very fine leader, whose exceptional skill and fine fighting spirit have been reflected in the operational efficiency of his squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Gordon Forbes GEORGESON, D.F.C. (67077), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties. He is a navigator of high merit and his technical skill has contributed to a large extent to the operational successes achieved by his flight. He has set a fine example to all.

Acting Wing Commander Frederick William THOMPSON, D.F.C., A.F.C. (60758), R.A.F.V.R., 44 Sqn.

Since assuming command of his squadron this officer has completed numerous sorties against a variety of targets. On one occasion en route to Stuttgart, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, disabling one engine, which caught fire. The fire was eventually extinguished although not before considerable height had been lost. Nevertheless, displaying the determination and efficiency which has characterized his operational career, Wing Commander Thompson continued his mission and completed a successful attack. On the return journey a second engine gave trouble, necessitating a landing in adverse weather shortly after crossing the English coast. By his personal example of determination, courage and enthusiasm this officer has raised the efficiency and morale of his squadron to a very high level.

Squadron Leader Geoffrey Wilson NORTHCOTT, D.F.C. (Can/J.15088), R.C.A.F., 402 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed two tours of operational duty and throughout has set an example of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty of the highest order. In recent operations in Normandy, his squadron has provided fighter cover over the beaches and convoy area, often in bad weather and, during these missions, Squadron Leader Northcott has displayed gallant and inspiring leadership. This officer has destroyed 9 enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Alec Herbert BURTON, D.F.C. (84007), R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.

This officer is now on his third tour of operations. As flight commander he has completed many sorties and has invariably displayed the utmost determination and skill to press home his