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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:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Patrick Edward MEAGHER, D.F.C. (34072), R.A.F.O., 211 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage in air operations and his record is outstanding. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has participated in very many sorties, undertaken often in extremely bad weather and over difficult country. In these operations much damage has been inflicted on the enemy. By his inspiring leadership and unswerving devotion to duty, Wing Commander Meagher has contributed well to the successes obtained. In air fighting he has destroyed 9 enemy aircraft.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Bernard Charles SANDALL, D.F.C. (130799), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This officer has participated in many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage and his example has been most inspiring.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Thomas Lindsey PARRY (106234), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This officer has displayed exceptional leadership and skill, qualities which have been reflected in the operational efficiency of the flight he commands. He has participated in very many bombing missions and has invariably displayed commendable gallantry and determination in pressing home his attacks. In August, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a military installation. When crossing the enemy coast anti-aircraft fire was encountered. The aircraft was hit. Fragments of shell smashed through the pilot's compartment, narrowly missing Squadron Leader Parry's head. The aircraft momentarily went out of control but Squadron Leader Parry, although shaken by the force of the exploding shell, quickly regained control and, then, went on to make his attack.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Fred Byron BLACK (Aus. 415213), R.A.A.F., 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on targets in Germany and Northern France; he has also completed several mine laying missions. He has displayed a high degree of skill and determination and throughout his devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald James FEAVER (174629), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

This officer is a fine captain and a skilful pilot. He has completed very many sorties and has displayed courage and determination in bringing them to a successful conclusion. In June, 1944, he piloted one of a force of bomber aircraft detailed to attack a concentration of enemy armour at Villers Bocage. Despite very heavy fire from the ground defences, Flight Lieutenant Feaver pressed home his attack. As the bombs went down his aircraft was hit and the navigator was wounded. A few minutes later the aircraft was hit again in several places. The windscreen was shattered when the nose was shot away. The starboard wing was damaged and the wireless operator and air bomber were wounded. Flight Lieutenant Feaver maintained full control of the aircraft, however, and course was set for home. Shortly after crossing the enemy coast an engine failed. Nevertheless, this pilot flew on to reach an airfield. His skill, courage and coolness in a trying situation were of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert William Stanislaw ROONEY (Aus. 405390), R.A.A.F., 640 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties and his determination to complete his missions has been outstanding. One night in August, 1944, he was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Nuremberg. When leaving the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. One engine was put out of action and the elevator controls were damaged, making the bomber difficult to control. Afterwards, the aircraft was twice attacked by fighters. Although the intercommunication system to the rear turret had been severed, this pilot and his gunners co-operated well by other means and the fighters were evaded. Flight Lieutenant Rooney then flew his damaged aircraft safely to base. This officer is a brave and resourceful captain whose example has greatly inspired his crew.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Ernest SANDERS (171014), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has displayed the greatest determination to achieve success. One night in August, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a war industrial plant at Russelsheim. When more than 100 miles from the target the starboard engine became useless. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Sanders went on to the target which he attacked with his usual determination. Some height was lost but he flew the aircraft safely to base. He has displayed devotion to duty of a high order.