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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.

Squadron Leader Robert Kitchener HAYWARD, D.F.C. (Can/J.12324), R.C.A.F., 411 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Hayward is a very skilful and courageous fighter. During a period of intensive air operations since the landing in Northern France he has led his squadron on a very large number of sorties, during which several hundred German mechanical vehicles have been most effectively attacked. In air fighting, Squadron Leader Hayward has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft. His skilful leadership and iron determination have proved most inspiring.

Distinguished Service Order.

Second Lieutenant Robert Christopher Wickham BURGESS (542738V), S.A.A.F., 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant Noel SLEED (542348V), S.A.A.F., 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1673535 Sergeant Alan Herbert BATES, R.A.F.V.R., 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, these officers and airman were second pilot, navigator and air bomber of an aircraft detailed for a vital supply-dropping mission. In the operation great difficulties and considerable danger were faced and the skill, bravery and fortitude displayed by these members of aircraft crew set an example of the highest order.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Louis GREENBURGH, D.F.C. (49803), R.A.F., 514 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill, bravery and fortitude in air operations.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Richard Thomas Fairfax GATES, A.F.C. (37064), R.A.F., 53 Sqn.

In August, 1944, this officer captained an aircraft which attacked a U-boat. The vessel was submerged but could be clearly seen from a certain angle. Wing Commander Gates promptly delivered a well conceived attack, straddling the submarine with a number of depth charges. Afterwards, the surface of the water became covered with a large patch of oil. This officer has completed a large number of hours flying on operational duty and has displayed a high degree of skill and determination.

Acting Squadron Leader John Angus HATCH (Can/J.11307), R.C.A.F., 409 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. He is a highly efficient flight commander whose sterling qualities have been reflected in the high standard of operational efficiency of the flight he commands. Within a short period recently, Squadron Leader Hatch has destroyed 3 enemy aircraft at night.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Gordon Fallas LEE (124172), R.A.F.V.R., 245 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them during a phase of intensive air operations over Northern France. He has at all times displayed the greatest determination and his example of courage and devotion to duty has been of a high order. During a sortie near Falaise in August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Lee was forced to attempt a landing on rough ground after he had been hit in the hand and his aircraft disabled by anti-aircraft fire. As he touched down the aircraft turned over in a position close to the enemy's lines. Flight Lieutenant Lee was pinned in the cockpit. As he tried to free himself the enemy directed machine gun fire at him. From then on he was repeatedly fired upon and on one occasion he was struck in the leg which was shattered. Some time later, Flight Lieutenant Lee was found alive by our advancing troops. For 5 days he had lain trapped, badly wounded and harassed by enemy machine-gun fire. He displayed an unbeatable spirit and outstanding endurance, setting an example in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Hugh McLACHLAN (Can/J.8408), R.C.A.F., 94 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant McLachlan has proved himself to be an able and daring flight commander and has completed successfully a very large number of sorties. He has led the squadron on bomber escort duties over Crete on many occasions and has displayed ability and courage of a high degree. He has shot down 3 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Forrest Bee Young (Can/J.39819), R.C.A.F., 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of operational sorties. Since the invasion of Northern France he has destroyed or damaged 73 enemy vehicles. In addition he has shot down 2 enemy aircraft. His fine fighting spirit, great skill and tenacity have set a fine example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Jack EAMES (81548), R.A.F.V.R., 409 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties. He is an observer of high merit and has proved himself to be a keen and determined member of aircraft crew. He has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Clinton Warren CHOWN (Can./J.19991).
R.C.A.F., 515 Sqn.

Flying Officer Chown has successfully completed numerous sorties over Germany and German-occupied territory. He has destroyed 4 hostile aircraft, one of which he shot down during a daylight mission far into Reich territory despite the accurate anti-aircraft fire that was directed at his aircraft from the ground. He has consistently displayed the greatest skill, resource and tenacity.

Flying Officer Robert Monroe DAVENPORT (Can./J.18048), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination in his attacks on the enemy. He has shot down 3 enemy aircraft and in attacks on road transport he has put out of action some 60 mechanical vehicles. He has at all times shown outstanding keenness.

Flying Officer Alfred Ernest NYE (161741),
R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

As navigator, this officer has taken part in a large number of sorties against a wide range of targets. During a recent sortie, Flying Officer Nye sustained burns on his face and hands when his aircraft was hit by a shell. Although dazed and in considerable pain he insisted on fulfilling his navigational duties and guided his pilot home with his usual skill. He set a fine example of fortitude and devotion to duty.

Acting Flying Officer Lawrence Cuthbert AINSLEY (175307), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.

This officer is a most competent pilot and a first-class captain of aircraft. One night in September, 1944, he was detailed for an attack on a synthetic oil plant at Nordstern. When nearing the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the starboard inner engine was rendered unserviceable. Shortly afterwards the aircraft was hit in the port aileron, making it difficult to steer correctly. In spite of this, Flying Officer Ainsley continued to the target and bombed it. On the turn for home the bomber was hit once more. The port engine was affected and the hydraulic system was put out of action. After crossing the English coast the defective port engine became useless. Flight Lieutenant Ainsley thereupon headed for the nearest airfield where he made a safe landing with the undercarriage retracted. This officer set a fine example of skill, courage and tenacity.

Flying Officer Henry Joseph Love MCKINLEY (Can./J.24177), R.C.A.F., 575 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Albert Edward SMITH (751679).
R.A.F.V.R., 575 Sqn.

In September, 1944, Flying Officer McKinley and Warrant Officer Smith were navigator and map reader respectively in an aircraft detailed for a glider towing mission. The target was in Holland. When over enemy positions the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was killed and Flying Officer McKinley was wounded. Despite this, he unhesitatingly went to assist his comrade, Warrant Officer Smith who, with great promptitude and resource had taken over the controls and was keeping the aircraft on its course towards the target. The glider had been badly damaged and later its pilot was compelled to release. Warrant Officer Smith afterwards flew the aircraft back to an airfield where he effected a landing without incurring any further damage to the aircraft. Throughout the return flight, Flying Officer McKinley, though suffering much pain, displayed the greatest determination and his accurate navigation was an important factor in the safe return of the aircraft. These members of aircraft crew set a fine example of courage and resource in the face of great difficulties.

Flying Officer Donald Arthur LITTLE (Aus. 403934),
R.A.A.F., 461 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer Little captained an aircraft in an attack on a U-boat one night in August, 1944. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Little pressed home his attack with great courage and determination. The engagement ended with the destruction of the submarine. This officer has completed many sorties and has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Ivan Francis SOUTHALL (Aus. 418900),
R.A.A.F., 461 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the captain of an aircraft which attacked a U-boat one night in August, 1944. Pilot Officer Southall made his approach with great skill and released his depth charges in a perfect straddle, causing the destruction of the submarine. This

officer has undertaken very many sorties and has invariably displayed commendable courage and determination.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Thomas BUTT (125616),
R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1339110 Flight Sergeant Frederick Richard James RICHARDSON, R.A.F.V.R., 140 Sqn.

In September, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Butt and Flight Sergeant Richardson were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft detailed for a reconnaissance over an area in Germany. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by machine-gun fire from 2 enemy fighters. The starboard engine was disabled and other damage was sustained. The fight continued for half an hour. Nevertheless Flight Lieutenant Butt, aided by Flight Sergeant Richardson's able evading directions, manoeuvred with great skill to frustrate the attackers until apparently all their ammunition expended. One of the enemy aircraft then flew away but the pilot of the other tried to force the bomber down by flying directly at it. The aircraft touched and both fell towards the ground. Flight Lieutenant Butt regained control of his aircraft after much height had been lost. The port wing tip had been ripped off and the aileron damaged but he flew back to an airfield in Belgium and made a landing with the undercarriage retracted. He displayed outstanding skill, great courage and determination. Flight Sergeant Richardson also proved himself to be a valiant, cool and dependable member of aircraft crew and his example throughout this spirited fight was most commendable.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1825315 Sergeant James SHERRY, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

In September, 1944, during a daylight attack on Le Havre the aircraft in which Sergeant Sherry was flight engineer was hit by anti-aircraft fire and he sustained severe burns and shrapnel wounds. In spite of great pain and loss of blood, Sergeant Sherry refused to leave his post and for the remainder of the flight fulfilled his engineering duties with resolution. Sergeant Sherry has taken part in numerous operational sorties and has invariably displayed skill and devotion to duty of a high order.

1808451 Sergeant Albert Francis BECKFORD,
R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.

As air gunner, Sergeant Beckford has taken part in a very large number of sorties. He is keen and a highly efficient member of aircraft crew and on more than one occasion he has defended his aircraft with great resolution. In July, 1944, during an attack on Aulnoye, his aircraft was engaged by a fighter. After giving his pilot the necessary combat manoeuvre Sergeant Beckford opened fire. His bullets struck the enemy aircraft which fell to the ground with flames issuing from it. On another occasion in August, 1944, Sergeant Beckford engaged a Focke Wulf 190. Before its pilot could bring his guns to bear an accurate burst of fire, Sergeant Beckford caused the enemy aircraft to fall to the ground on fire.

Air Ministry, 31st October, 1944.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred upon the officers indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF NORWAY.

Chevalier of the Order of St. Olav (First Class.)

Acting Squadron Leader Charles Kenyon SQUIRES (81280), R.A.F.V.R.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

Order of Kutuzov. (First Class.)

Air Marshal Sir Trafford L. LEIGH-MALLORY, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.A.F.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 17th October, 1944 (p. 4747, col. 1), under heading Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross. *Delete* Acting Wing Commander David Walter Sealy CLARK, D.F.C. (36213), R.A.F.O., 635 Sqn., and Acting Squadron Leader James Richard Dow, D.F.C. (Can/J.5691), R.C.A.F., 635 Sqn., and subsequent citation and *insert* following:—

Acting Wing Commander David Walter Sealy CLARK, D.F.C. (36213), R.A.F.O., 635 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Stettin. When over the target, anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft whilst it was illuminated in the searchlights. The bomber was hit. One

engine was rendered useless and a second became erratic. Nevertheless, Wing Commander Clark flew safely to base and effected a masterly landing.

Acting Squadron Leader James Richard Dow, D.F.C. (Can/J.5691), R.C.A.F., 635 Sqn.

One night in August, 1944, this officer was the bomb aimer in one of a force of bombers detailed to attack Stettin. By his appreciation of the responsibilities entrusted to him, together with the accuracy of his bombing, Squadron Leader Dow played an important part in the success of the operation. This officer has rendered most valuable service.

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