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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.

One night in October, 1944, a force of bombers was detailed for an important low level mining mission, an operation requiring considerable skill and accuracy in flying. The target was strongly defended by heavy and light anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and balloons. Undeterred by these hazards and the most adverse weather, the operation was completed successfully. The success achieved reflects the greatest credit on the following personnel.

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Robert Jerram GOSNELL, D.F.C. (33002), R.A.F., 571 Sqn.
Acting Squadron Leader William Craig BRODIE, D.F.M. (49225), R.A.F., 692 Sqn.
Acting Squadron Leader Edward John GREENLEAF (47663), R.A.F., 571 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Robert TRIGGS, D.F.C. (128032), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant William Irving DRINKALL (103513), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
Acting Flight Lieutenant Andrew Wesley LOCKHART, A.F.C. (Can/J.10978), R.C.A.F., 692 Sqn.
Flying Officer Richard Wortley McLERNON (170214), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
Flying Officer Joseph Ralph WOOD (Can/J.16617), R.C.A.F., 692 Sqn.

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Acting Wing Commander Thomas Leigh BINGHAM-HALL, D.F.C. (39848), R.A.F., 156 Sqn.

Wing Commander Bingham-Hall has completed many sorties against targets deep in enemy and enemy occupied territory. He has proved a skilful and courageous leader. In October, 1944, he was detailed for a daylight attack on an important oil installation in the Ruhr. Very heavy and extensive anti-aircraft was encountered and his aircraft was hit in many places. Undeterred he continued to direct the attack, which was highly successful. Later, this officer was again detailed to attack a target in North West Germany. On this occasion his aircraft was severely hit and one engine was put out of action. Nevertheless he

continued with his task and successfully completed his mission. By his personal example Wing Commander Bingham-Hall has imbued his squadron with a high standard of efficiency.

Acting Wing Commander Charles Michael MILLER, D.F.C. (72437), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

During a long and varied operational career this officer has consistently displayed exceptional leadership and skill in both offensive and defensive operations. Recently, in offensive operations, the squadron has destroyed at least 13 enemy aircraft and damaged others without loss to themselves. The successes achieved are mainly due to this officer's careful planning and personal example.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander Hamilton Wellesley CONNOLLY, D.F.C. (Aus.402492), R.A.A.F. 466 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has continued to display high courage and devotion to duty. In July, 1944, he was detailed to lead a formation of aircraft in an attack on a flying bomb site. On approaching the target intense and accurate fire was encountered and, although his aircraft sustained severe damage, Wing Commander Connolly flew a straight course and bombed his objective accurately. His high courage and determination on this occasion contributed much to the success achieved in the attack.

Acting Squadron Leader Michael John GRAY, D.F.C., (106182), R.A.F.V.R., 2 Sqn.

This officer has displayed outstanding ability and zeal. He is a gallant and forceful leader, whose personal example has contributed materially to the high standard of efficiency of the squadron which has obtained much success. He has commanded the squadron for some months during which period the formation has completed many sorties, involving reconnaissances and attacks on radio buildings and flying bomb sites. Squadron Leader Gray has taken part in many of these assignments.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Francis Christopher GARVEY, D.F.C. (44811), R.A.F., 541 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous reconnaissance sorties, setting an example of great courage and devotion to duty. In October, 1944, he was detailed to obtain photographs of a certain objective. After completing his photographic runs Flight Lieutenant Garvey noticed two enemy fighters behind him. Their leader opened fire. Flight Lieutenant Garvey spiralled almost to ground level, pulling out of his dive at the last moment. His attacker, who had followed him