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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.*

Acting Squadron Leader Roderick Illingsworth Alpine SMITH, D.F.C. (Can/J.4561), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Squadron Leader Smith has completed numerous sorties against the enemy. In four days he achieved the remarkable feat of destroying seven enemy aircraft. As squadron commander this officer led 412 Squadron on six missions in three days during which period the squadron destroyed 27 enemy aircraft and damaged nine others. This was accomplished during the enemy's persistent efforts to destroy bridges in the Arnhem and Nijmegen area which were vital to our ground forces.

Flight Lieutenant George William JOHNSON, D.F.C. (Can/J.9262), R.C.A.F., 401(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Flight Lieutenant Johnson has continued his attacks against the enemy with great success. On two recent occasions while he was leading his squadron large formations of enemy aircraft were engaged. Owing to his fine leadership five enemy aircraft were destroyed and two were damaged. Flight Lieutenant Johnson has destroyed three and damaged one enemy aircraft. In addition he has destroyed a large number of enemy mechanical transport vehicles often in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. Flight Lieutenant Johnson continues to display outstanding courage and coolness in the face of danger.

Flight Lieutenant Donald Currie LAUBMAN, D.F.C. (Can/J.14013), R.C.A.F., 412(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Flight Lieutenant Laubman has completed many sorties against the enemy. He continues to show tenacity of spirit and outstanding courage in the face of overwhelming odds. Flight Lieutenant Laubman has led his flight with such ability that the formation shot down 16 out of 26 enemy aircraft destroyed by the squadron in 3 days. Flight Lieutenant Laubman was responsible for the destruction of 8 and the damaging of 2 of these aircraft, bringing his total to 13 enemy aircraft destroyed and two damaged. This officer's squadron was outnumbered by the enemy on all three occasions but with undaunted courage and determination they successfully broke up repeated enemy attempts to destroy bridges vital to our ground forces in the Arnhem and Nijmegen area.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Peter. HILLWOOD (120107), R.A.F.V.R., 127 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Hillwood has completed very many sorties against the enemy and has led his

flight with outstanding skill and courage. He has shown determination in always pressing home his attacks, often at low level, in the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire. Flight Lieutenant Hillwood is an excellent flight commander.

Flight Lieutenant Gartrell Richard Ian PARKER, D.S.M. (47140), R.A.F., 219 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Parker has completed many operational sorties against the enemy, and has destroyed five enemy aircraft. He has also destroyed six flying bombs at night. Flight Lieutenant Parker has always shown a fine fighting spirit and the utmost keenness and courage to seek out and destroy the enemy.

Flight Lieutenant Borden Earle MIDDLETON (Can/J.7820), R.C.A.F., 442(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Middleton has completed very many sorties against the enemy. He has destroyed much enemy mechanical transport, often pressing home his attacks in the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire. He is extraordinarily keen and daring, deliberately attacking the most heavily defended areas, thus setting a fine example of courage and ability.

Flight Lieutenant Gordon WONNACOTT (Can/J. 9868), R.C.A.F., 414(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Wonnacott has completed a large number of operational sorties of low level photography and tactical reconnaissance. In the initial stages of the liberation of Normandy this officer twice flew long sorties directing Naval bombardments. His day intruder activities have resulted in the destruction of two enemy aircraft and numerous trains and barges damaged. He has shown exceptional keenness and devotion to duty throughout a long period and has set a magnificent example to all. He is an outstanding officer who shows great qualities of leadership as a flight commander.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Walter Horace Brooke SHORT (136419), R.A.F.V.R., 137 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Short has completed numerous sorties against the enemy and has displayed great skill and courage. In August, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Short, as flight commander, led his section against some enemy mechanical transport of which six vehicles were destroyed, and also one armoured car. This intrepid officer then led his section in an attack against an anti-aircraft post. His own aircraft was badly damaged but he pressed home his attack with great skill and determination. When Flight Lieutenant Short landed at base, it was discovered that the port gun bays were on fire. On another occasion Flight Lieutenant Short's aircraft was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire whilst attacking dug-in tanks at Esquay. His engine stopped, but by skilful airmanship he made a successful forced landing. Flight Lieutenant Short has, at all times, shown considerable skill, courage and determination to engage the enemy.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Philip Henry STRONG (Aus.420405), R.A.A.F., 182 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Strong has completed many sorties against the enemy with great success. In August, 1944, as flight commander, this officer led his squadron against a tank formation in the Vasse-Conde area. In spite of intense heavy and light anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Strong repeatedly led the squadron in to attack until six tanks were destroyed and he had exhausted all his ammunition. His great courage, skill and accurate shooting were a magnificent example to his squadron.

Flying Officer Lloyd Frederick BERRYMAN (Can/J.24513), R.C.A.F., 412(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In September, 1944, this officer against tremendous odds destroyed three enemy aircraft and damaged another. On a subsequent occasion Flying Officer Berryman engaged a superior number of enemy aircraft. His own aircraft sustained severe damage but he destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged another. He has achieved much success against ground targets. Flying Officer Berryman has displayed a fine fighting spirit and his devotion to duty has been of a high order.

Flying Officer John Martin BROWN (Aus.423662), R.A.A.F., 69 Sqn.

Flying Officer Brown has completed many sorties against the enemy. On a recent occasion this officer sighted a convoy of enemy vehicles. He came down to a low level to take photographs and immediately encountered intense anti-aircraft fire, which damaged several petrol pipes in the starboard engine nacelles and punctured the starboard tyre. As the pistol discharger would not function Flying Officer Brown made three more runs, still under intense fire, before the cameras functioned. This task completed he continued with his reconnaissance and sighted another enemy convoy. Three runs over the target had to be made before the pistol discharger functioned and here again he was under continuous fire from enemy guns. Having completed his reconnaissance, Flying Officer Brown flew his damaged aircraft safely to base, where he executed a masterly landing. Flying Officer Brown is a most determined and courageous officer, and his devotion to duty is worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer Wilmot John Lorton Spencer LOWES (174410), R.A.F.V.R., 247 Sqn.

Flying Officer Lowes has completed many sorties against a variety of enemy targets and has displayed courage and leadership of a high order. One morning in August, 1944, he was on an armed reconnaissance when a concentration of enemy tanks and mechanical transport was sighted. Flying Officer Lowes immediately brought his section down to attack, and great destruction was caused to the convoy in spite of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Flying Officer Lowes destroyed one tank and one other vehicle and a second tank was damaged. During the course of the day Flying Officer Lowes took part in 4 sorties and destroyed 4 tanks.

Flying Officer Lewis Farnell MAY (Can/J.14318), R.C.A.F., 414 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officer May has completed many sorties against the enemy and as a reconnaissance pilot has continuously displayed exceptional skill and courage in completing the many tasks assigned to him, frequently in the face of the most intense enemy opposition. He has also attacked a variety of ground targets, in enemy occupied territory. On the first day of the assault on the coast of Normandy this officer performed two very successful co-operation flights in support of the Naval bombardment.

Flying Officer Anthony Bethune Ewart RUTHERFORD (174074), R.A.F.V.R., 182 Sqn.

Flying Officer Rutherford has completed very many sorties over enemy occupied territory and has shown considerable courage and initiative. In September, 1944, he was detailed to attack a concentration of enemy mechanical and horse transport south-west of Aeltre. Owing to low cloud Flying Officer Rutherford descended to a low level and encountered severe anti-aircraft fire. Despite this Flying Officer Rutherford led his section with great determination and skill, scoring many direct hits both on the transport and enemy gun positions. His coolness and initiative have set a magnificent example to all ranks.

Flying Officer Niels Eric WESTERGAARD (133578), R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn. (since deceased).

As navigator, Flying Officer Westergaard has participated in many successful sorties against the enemy. In October, 1943, he was detailed to take part in an attack at Leipzig. During the flight all the navigational aids, including compasses, became unserviceable but, with no knowledge of the airspeed being maintained Flying Officer Westergaard, with outstanding skill and courage, navigated his aircraft back to this country. Throughout his operational tour, this officer has displayed a fine fighting spirit and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Pilot Officer George CLUBLEY (174402), R.A.F.V.R., 181 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Clubley has completed very many sorties against the enemy and has consistently displayed great coolness and courage. In September, 1944, this officer was detailed to attack a locomotive and trucks loaded with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles. Pilot Officer Clubley led his flight down to a low level attack with such success that a large explosion occurred and the train was enveloped in a dense pall of smoke. On a previous occasion Pilot Officer Clubley led a section to attack gun positions in the face of an intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire, and although his aircraft was severely hit in the petrol tank and numerous other places he successfully pressed home his attack and returned safely to base. His skill and determination to complete his task whatever opposition he encounters, is worthy of the highest praise.

Warrant Officer First Class Bernard Allan Marvin FOX (Can/R.163681), R.C.A.F., 614 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Fox has completed numerous sorties against many important and heavily defended targets in enemy and enemy occupied territory. He has proved himself to be an efficient, conscientious and resourceful air bomber, contributing considerably to the successes of his squadron. While taking part in an attack on Ploesti one night in August, 1944, his aircraft was illuminated by searchlights and encountered anti-aircraft fire whilst over the target. On the return journey the aircraft was hit by a heavy shell burst, and fire broke out. After being assured by the pilot that the aircraft was under control and although suffering from numerous injuries caused by shell splinters Warrant Officer Fox proceeded to extinguish the fires. Owing to his courage and determination Warrant Officer Fox enabled his captain to fly his aircraft safely back to base.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1398201 Flight Sergeant Donald Ling GODFREY, R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Godfrey has completed many sorties against the enemy, during which he has participated in the destruction of five enemy aircraft and the probable destruction of two more. He has also assisted in the destruction of five flying bombs. Throughout his operational tour he has displayed considerable skill and determination.

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