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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.

Acting Wing Commander Richard Edgar Peter BROOKER, D.F.C. (39931), R.A.F.O.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of gallantry and determination in his attacks on the enemy. During a phase of intensive air operations over Northern France, prior to the landing of the invasion forces, Wing Commander Brooker led large formations of aircraft in attacks against a wide range of well defended targets, including a number of radio stations. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's careful planning, inspiring leadership and skill in action. His record is most impressive.

Squadron Leader Hugh Charles TRAINOR, D.F.C. (Can/C.1697), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has led the squadron on many sorties, during which considerable success has been achieved. Within a period of three weeks, some 385 enemy vehicles have been put out of action, many of them by Squadron Leader Trainor. In addition 17 enemy aircraft were shot down, two of them by this gallant and relentless fighter. Throughout these operations, Squadron Leader Trainor displayed magnificent leadership, great determination and devotion to duty.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander George Robert Arthur McGarel JOHNSTON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (72982), R.A.F.V.R.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, this officer has led large formations of aircraft on very many sorties during which, outstanding success has been achieved, including the destruction of 57 enemy aircraft. In attacks on targets on the ground some 600 rail cars, 97 locomotives and more than 1,000 mechanical vehicles have been put out of action; 93 barges have been sunk and very many more damaged. These achievements are a splendid tribute to Wing Commander Johnston's brilliant leadership, outstanding ability and courageous example which has inspired all.

Acting Wing Commander William Walter John LOUD, D.F.C. (136179), R.A.F.V.R., 19 Sqn.

This officer is a skilful and determined leader, whose fine qualities have contributed in a large way to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. Within a period of a few weeks the squadron has inflicted severe

losses on the enemy, including the destruction of 19 enemy aircraft, 30 locomotives and more than 200 mechanical vehicles. By his inspiring leadership, Wing Commander Loud has played a worthy part in the successes obtained.

Acting Wing Commander Charles William McNab NEWMAN, D.F.C. (33347), R.A.F., 613 Sqn.

Since the invasion of Northern France, Wing Commander Newman has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets in the battle areas. Throughout, this officer has continued to display a high degree of skill and courage, qualities which have contributed much to the successes obtained.

Squadron Leader Harry James DOWDING, D.F.C. (Can/J.16027), R.C.A.F., 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer continues to display the highest standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty. His example has greatly inspired the squadron which, within a period of a few weeks, has inflicted much loss on the enemy. More than 500 mechanical vehicles have been put out of action, many of them by Squadron Leader Dowding; in addition, this officer destroyed two of the 19 enemy aircraft which were shot down by the squadron during the period.

Acting Squadron Leader Dean Hugh DOVER, D.F.C. (Can/J.16342), R.C.A.F., 412 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Dover, now on his second tour of operational duty, has proved an outstanding leader, both in the air and on the ground. His great skill, coolness and tactical ability have contributed materially to the success of the squadron which, within a short period, has put out of action some 528 enemy vehicles. In addition 3 enemy aircraft have been destroyed. By his outstanding keenness, iron determination and untiring devotion to duty, Squadron Leader Dover has set a splendid example to all.

Acting Squadron Leader William John JOHNSON, D.F.C. (115410), R.A.F.V.R., 257 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has led the squadron in many attacks on vital targets in support of our ground forces, including attacks on bridges, strong points and road and rail communications. Throughout he has displayed inspiring leadership, great courage and unswerving devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader William LYLE, D.F.C. (49945), R.A.F., 226 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Lyle has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a variety of targets, such as power stations, airfields, shipping and lines of communication. In July, 1944, whilst leading a formation of aircraft against an enemy target, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft

fire was encountered. His aircraft was struck and sustained damage, and his navigator was wounded. Nevertheless, he continued with his task, and safely brought his formation to base without further incident. Squadron Leader Lyle has consistently displayed great skill and devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader James Whiteford MURRAY, D.F.C., D.F.M. (84977), R.A.F.V.R., 21 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his third tour of operational duty, most of which have been attacks on rail and road transport in or near the battle area. He has displayed notable skill and has invariably pressed home his attacks with great courage and determination. On more than one occasion, his aircraft has been damaged by anti-aircraft fire, but he has completed his mission successfully.

Acting Squadron Leader John Brown NIVEN, D.F.C. (109061), R.A.F.V.R., 485 (N.Z.) Sqn.

This officer is a highly efficient and zealous squadron commander. He has led his formation in many sorties and much loss has been inflicted on the enemy, including the destruction of 9 aircraft and a large number of mechanical vehicles. He is a brave and resourceful leader, whose tactical ability has played a good part in the good results obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Harry DAVIES, D.F.C. (104549), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Davies has commanded his flight in an exemplary manner. He has completed a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on flying bomb installations and radio buildings, railways and a variety of other targets on the ground. He has invariably displayed a high standard of skill and courage, and, throughout, his devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flight Lieutenant William Thomas KLEYSY, D.F.C. (Can/J.12199), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer is a keen and courageous fighter. He has completed a large number of sorties and his successes include the destruction of 7 enemy aircraft and many mechanical vehicles. His example of determination and devotion to duty has been of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Donald MATTOCK, D.F.C. (129469), R.A.F.V.R.

In October, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Mattock was captain of an aircraft detailed to photograph the sea wall at West Kappelle shortly after the attack of the main bombing force. In the run-in his aircraft was hit in the tail by an anti-aircraft shell. Despite this, Flight Lieutenant Mattock coolly continued his task. Although his aircraft was continually fired upon by the enemy's batteries, this resolute pilot spent much time over the target to secure excellent photographs. This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Edward Clifford WHEELER, D.F.C. (106240), R.A.F.V.R., 21 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Wheeler has recently completed a second tour of operational duty. In the course of his assignments, he has executed many successful attacks on enemy airfields, railways and road transport. He has at all times shown the greatest keenness and his example of skill and tenacity has won great praise.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Russell Reginald BOUSKILL (Can/J.10254), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill and courage. He has displayed the greatest keenness for air operations and his successes include the destruction of 5 enemy aircraft. Throughout a long period of fighter activity, his devotion to duty has been of a high order.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Douglas George BRANDRETH (155460), R.A.F.V.R., 137 Sqn.

This officer has displayed great courage and determination in air operations. He has participated in a large number of varied sorties, during which, such targets as enemy shipping, railways, military installations and gun positions have been relentlessly attacked. One day in September, 1944, he led the squadron in a successful attack on 2 gun emplacements in the Arnhem area. Before the day ended, Flight Lieutenant Brandreth led the formation in an attack on a gun position

sited in a wood. Both these attacks, which were pressed home with determination, were of great assistance to our ground forces.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Duckworth HAWORTH (80451), R.A.F.V.R., 266 Sqn.

In the course of his second tour of operational duty, this officer has taken part in many sorties, involving attacks on vital targets in close support of the ground forces in the battle area in Northern France and later in Belgium. During these operations, Flight Lieutenant Haworth has displayed great skill and resolution and has played a worthy part in the good results obtained.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Donald McGIBBON (80449), R.A.F.V.R., 266 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant McGibbon has proved a gallant and inspiring leader. He has taken part in a very large number of sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. He has displayed a high standard of skill, courage and tenacity, qualities which have won him much success. On one occasion, whilst over an enemy airfield, Flight Lieutenant McGibbon shot down 3 enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Robert Walter COLE (182716), R.A.F.V.R., 3 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, keenness and devotion to duty. He has participated in a large number of sorties involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Reginald Arthur ADAMS (120400), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

Flying Officer John Roy LAKE, A.F.C. (51282), R.A.F., 515 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Terence Alfred Kenneth GROVES (179314), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Robert Edwin PRESTON (179273), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Frederick Henry RUFFLE (175408), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1179612 Flight Sergeant Robert Bell DOCKERAY, R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

1623758 Flight Sergeant Fred VERITY, R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.

One night in October, 1944, these officers and airmen took part in an operation involving a mine-laying mission. Their task, which necessitated a high degree of skill and perfect co-ordination, was to detract the concentrated fire of the defences. Gun positions and searchlight defences were relentlessly attacked and a number of them put out of action. The results obtained reflect the greatest credit on the ability and resolution displayed by these officers and airmen, whose efforts contributed materially to the success of a hazardous mission.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Flying Officer Dakroy Keith GRATTON (Aus.422499), R.A.A.F., 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Aus.426907 Flight Sergeant Albert Vivian PEARSON, R.A.A.F., 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

One afternoon in October, 1944, this officer and airman were pilot and wireless operator (air) of an aircraft detailed to attack Emmerich. Whilst over the target area the aircraft sustained extensive damage. One engine was put out of action. The intercommunication system was rendered unserviceable. Two petrol tanks were holed, one of them so badly that all the contents drained away. The port aileron became ineffective and the bomber went into a steep dive. Much height was lost, before Flying Officer Gratton succeeded in levelling out. A fire had commenced in the wireless operator's cabin. Undaunted, Flight Sergeant Pearson devoted his full energies towards quelling the flames. His task was difficult. The flames assumed alarming proportions and it seemed as though the aircraft would have to be abandoned. Flight Sergeant Pearson fought on heroically, however, and finally succeeded in extinguishing the fire. The aircraft was difficult to control but Flying Officer Gratton set course for home. Eventually the English coast was reached, and this pilot headed for the nearest airfield and executed a safe landing. In the face of most harassing circumstances, Flying Officer Gratton and Flight Sergeant Pearson displayed outstanding coolness, courage and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Lindsay Northcote Beavis CANN
(136936), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1602488 Sergeant Raymond Victor FISHER,
R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and navigator of an aircraft detailed for an attack on an oil refinery at Sterkrade one day in October, 1944. In the run-in the aircraft was heavily engaged by anti-aircraft fire. A shell exploded near the bomber and fragments smashed through the pilot's windscreen. Flying Officer Cann was struck in the arm and shoulder. Although bleeding profusely he continued his run. Not until the target had been bombed did he seek assistance. Sergeant Fisher promptly dressed his captain's wounds and applied a tourniquet to his arm. He then removed his almost fainting comrade from the pilot's seat, took over the controls and afterwards flew the aircraft back to this country. When nearing base, Flying Officer Cann, although very weak from the loss of blood, took over the controls and executed a perfect landing on the airfield. This officer set a fine example of courage and fortitude. Sergeant Fisher also proved himself to be a valiant and resourceful member of aircraft crew and proved a tower of strength in a difficult situation.

Air Ministry, 1st December, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services:—

Military Cross.

Squadron Leader Andrew William BARR, D.F.C.
(Aus.250774), R.A.A.F.

Squadron Leader Count Manfred CZERNIN, D.F.C.
(37148), R.A.F.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Arthur Eric MILTON
(42866), R.A.F.O.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Warrant Officer William Gerald REED (Aus.402479),
R.A.A.F.

Military Medal.

710276 Sergeant Laurence Paul PEARSON,
R.A.F.V.R.

Air Ministry, 1st December, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Distinguished Service Medal.

521022 Flight Sergeant Albert DOCHERTY, R.A.F.,
H.M.S. "Bulolo".

This airman is the senior non-commissioned officer of the Royal Air Force section embarked in H.M.S. "Bulolo" and has served in the ship since October, 1942. During the amphibious operations in North Africa, Sicily and Anzio and, finally, during the landings on the Normandy coast on 6th June, 1944, he displayed skill and unremitting devotion to duty as a wireless operator, and set a fine example to his subordinates by his cheerfulness, tact and sound discipline.

Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa.
1st December, 1944.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Air Force Cross.

Flying Officer Horace William WESTAWAY (C.10734).

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 9th November, 1943 (p. 4919, col. 1), regarding award of D.F.M. to 941556 Flight Sergeant HALL for "Leonard Gordon" read "Leonard Charles."

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