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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 Wilfrith Peter GREEN, D.F.C. (39518), R.A.F.O., 219 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of keenness and devotion to duty in operations against the enemy. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Wing Commander Green has completed a large number of sorties. His successes include the destruction of 7 enemy aircraft, 3 of which he shot down one night in October, 1944. His sterling qualities have been well reflected in the high standard of efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Squadron Leader John Harold COLLIER, D.F.C. (115590), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

In air operations this officer has displayed bravery, fortitude and devotion to duty in keeping with the best traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Acting Squadron Leader Allan Sydney DREDGE, D.F.C. (63758), R.A.F.V.R., 3 Sqn.

This officer has led the squadron on a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. Shipping, airfields, locomotives and various other targets have been most effectively attacked. Throughout these operations, Squadron Leader Dredge has displayed inspiring leadership, great courage and determination, qualities which have contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Colin Maxwell HAY (Can/J.39394), R.C.A.F., 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in September, 1944, Flying Officer Hay was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack Bottrop. It was his third operational mission. Whilst over the target the pilot was severely wounded and lost control of the aircraft which went into a dive. Displaying great promptitude, Flying Officer Hay took over the controls and succeeded in levelling out. Although inexperienced as a pilot and despite the fact that some of the instruments were unserviceable he flew the aircraft back to an airfield and landed it. On touching down the under-carriage collapsed and the aircraft caught fire but the crew got clear uninjured. This officer displayed great coolness and resource and was undoubtedly responsible for the ultimate safety of his comrades.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander James Brian TART, D.S.O., D.F.C. (33291), R.A.F., 617 Sqn.

Recently, this officer led a formation of aircraft in an attack on the sluice gates of the Kembs Barrage. When nearing the target considerable

light anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Nevertheless Wing Commander Tart led his formation into the attack with his usual skill and determination. Although his aircraft was hit and sustained damage, Wing Commander Tart pressed home his attack with precision. Some time previously this officer flew with great distinction in a successful attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal. He displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty in both attacks on dangerous and difficult targets.

Flying Officer John Alfred SANDERS, D.F.C. (168674), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.

In October, 1944, this officer piloted one of a formation of aircraft detailed to bomb the sluice gates of the Kembs Barrage. In the face of much light anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Sanders pressed home his attack with great determination. His heavy bomb fell very close to the required position. This officer has completed many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and has displayed the highest standard of skill and captaincy.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Jack Norton KENTISH (40543), R.A.F.O., 78 Sqn.

This officer has displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high order. He has completed two tours of operational duty, during which he has attacked a wide range of enemy targets. His determination to make every sortie a success has set a fine example.

Acting Squadron Leader Leslie Harry GILBERT (141412), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Gilbert has displayed great ability and determination in operations against the enemy. He has participated in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on Gelsenkirchen. In the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader Gilbert directed his pilot on a steady run to execute a determined attack. The photograph which he obtained was a good tribute to the accuracy of his bomb aiming.

Acting Squadron Leader Reginald William Lee MULLINER (115654), R.A.F.V.R., 183 Sqn.

This officer has led the squadron in a large number of sorties. During these operations a wide range of targets such as mechanical vehicles, gun emplacements, ferries and barges have been resolutely attacked. Throughout, Squadron Leader Mulliner has displayed exceptional devotion to duty and his leadership has been most inspiring.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Frederick CHILDS (Can/J.9356), R.C.A.F., 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Childs has completed numerous sorties against such heavily defended targets as Stuttgart, Hamburg, Kiel and centres