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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 Squadron Leader James Arnold HARRISON, D.F.C. (N.Z.404870), R.N.Z.A.F., 76 Sqn.

This officer has completed two tours of operational duty during which he has attacked a wide variety of targets, many of them far into enemy territory. He has set a magnificent example of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty, qualities which have been well illustrated in the high standard of operational efficiency of the flight he commands. On a recent occasion, Squadron Leader Harrison led a large formation of aircraft in an attack against Scholven Buer. By his outstanding skill, this officer contributed in good measure to the good results obtained.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Alan BARKER (141101), R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of bombing missions, including attacks on such targets as Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg, Essen and Cologne. On one occasion, in an attack on Brest, his aircraft was badly damaged when hit by anti-aircraft fire. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Barker made a second run over the target to complete a successful bombing attack. Although one engine had been put completely out of action, Flight Lieutenant Barker flew his damaged aircraft to base. Throughout a noteworthy tour this officer has displayed commendable skill, courage and resolution.

Flying Officer Eric George FILLMORE (152245), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.

In October, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. When nearing the target the aircraft came under heavy fire from the ground defences and was hit. Much damage was sustained. One engine was put out of action, the petrol tanks in the starboard wing were pierced and the flaps and a landing wheel were damaged. In spite of this, Flying Officer Fillmore pressed home his attack and afterwards flew the aircraft to base where he effected a safe landing. This officer, who has completed many sorties, has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and determination.

Flying Officer Aurele Mederic SAUVE (Can/J.18874), R.C.A.F., 514 Sqn.

As rear gunner, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, many of them far into enemy territory. He has proved himself to be a

most devoted crew member, whose vigilance and coolness have contributed materially to the success of many missions. On one occasion whilst over an enemy target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft shells. A fire started near the bomb bays. Flying Officer Sauve, displaying great coolness, soon got the fire under control and, with the assistance of another member of the crew, eventually extinguished the flames completely. His promptitude and resolution set a fine example.

Flying Officer Eric Ellis WILLIAMS (Aus.423963), R.A.A.F., 514 Sqn.

This officer is a most efficient captain and pilot of aircraft. He has completed very many sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination in pressing home his attacks. On one occasion, in October, 1944, Flying Officer Williams took part in an attack on Bonn. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained extensive damage. One shell exploded in the nose of the aircraft. The bomb aimer was wounded, whilst many instruments were rendered unserviceable. The bomber became extremely difficult to control. Even so, Flying Officer Williams flew the badly damaged aircraft to this country and made a safe landing at the nearest available airfield. This officer set a fine example of skill and determination in most difficult circumstances.

Acting Flying Officer Charles Donald ANDREWARTHA (56146), R.A.F., 115 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties and has set a fine example of skill and keenness throughout. In October, 1944, he was captain and pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. On his first run over the target the bomb release mechanism became defective and the bombs failed to drop. In spite of considerable anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Andrewartha made a second, and yet a third run over the target on which the bombs were dropped manually. Some days later, Flying Officer Andrewartha again attacked the same target. Although his aircraft sustained extensive damage when hit by anti-aircraft fire he completed his mission successfully. He displayed the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flying Officer Gilbert Leslie DOWLING (Aus. 412500), R.A.A.F., 76 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and devotion to duty in operations against the enemy. In spite of a trying experience on his first operational mission, Flying Officer Dowling has shown outstanding keenness and has now completed a large number of sorties. On a recent occasion he flew with great distinction in an attack against Scholven Buer. His determination on this occasion was typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour.