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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:—

Third Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

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

This officer has displayed conspicuous bravery and extreme devotion to duty in the face of the enemy, constantly exemplified over a long period of operational flying. He has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them against most dangerous and difficult targets and the successes obtained are a magnificent tribute to his brilliant leadership and unsurpassed skill. On 3 occasions, Wing Commander Tait has led attacks on the German battleship "Tirpitz". The last occasion was on 12th November, 1944. The vessel was lying at Tromsø. Visibility was good as Wing Commander Tait led his squadron in to the attack. In spite of continuous fire from 3 ships and from land batteries, the attack was pressed home. The first bomb, dropped by Wing Commander Tait, hit the Tirpitz. Another hit was obtained almost immediately and another 12,000 lb. bomb fell close alongside. The battleship caught fire and smoke poured from her. Finally, she capsized. By his outstanding skill and leadership, Wing Commander Tait played a prominent part in the success of the operation. This officer has completed 98 sorties and through-out has set an example of a high order.

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Harold Arthur Cooper BIRD-WILSON, D.F.C. (40355), R.A.F.O.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has participated in a very large number of sorties. He has continued to display the highest qualities of leadership, skill and gallantry, qualities which have been well illustrated in the fine fighting spirit of the squadrons he commands. Within the past four months, Wing Commander Bird-Wilson has led large formations of aircraft on a variety of sorties during which much success has been obtained. Many enemy aircraft have been destroyed, whilst a good number of locomotives, wagons, mechanical transport and armoured fighting vehicles have been most effectively attacked. Throughout these operations, Wing Commander Bird-Wilson has set an example which has inspired all.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Russell BANNOCK (Can/C.1086), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed outstanding ability, great determination and devotion to duty. Within

recent months he has completed a number of sorties against air fields, some of them far into enemy territory. His sterling qualities were well evidenced one night in September, 1944, during an attack on an enemy airfield. Over the target, Squadron Leader Bannock shot down two enemy aircraft. In the second of the fights his own aircraft was damaged by flying debris. One engine failed but he flew his aircraft several hundred miles back to base where he effected a safe landing.

Acting Squadron Leader Arthur Gordon NORMAN, D.F.C. (125707), R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.

This officer has completed many operational missions since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and has consistently displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order. He is a forceful and inspiring leader, whose keenness and strong sense of duty have set an example worthy of high praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Leonard William Henry WELCH, D.F.C. (61463), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Welch has completed much operational flying. He has set a splendid example of skill, keenness and gallantry and has shown the utmost devotion to duty. In October, 1944, he participated in an attack on an airfield in Austria. In spite of intense anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader Welch was responsible for the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft. His own aircraft was hit but he flew safely to base, despite fighter interference on the homeward flight. On this notable sortie, Squadron Leader Welch displayed exceptional skill and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Denis WELFARE, D.F.C. (119194), R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

Flying Officer David Benjamin BELLIS, D.F.C. (142922), R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

These officers have participated in a very large number of sorties in the capacity of pilot and observer respectively. They have shown the highest qualities of keenness and devotion to duty and have set a very fine example. They have destroyed 8 enemy aircraft, successes which are a fine tribute to their great skill and fighting spirit.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Anthony BARKER (Can/J.6807), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed high qualities of skill, courage and resolution. He is in command of the squadron which has inflicted much loss on the enemy, having destroyed many enemy aircraft. Numerous successful attacks have also been made on enemy locomotives, mechanical transport and other targets on the ground. By his great skill and leadership, Wing Commander Barker has played a worthy part in the success achieved.

Acting Squadron Leader Ross Garstang GRAY (Can/J.7547), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a large number of varied sorties, including attacks on enemy airfields and railways. Throughout, he has displayed a high standard of leadership, skill and courage, qualities which have contributed materially to the operational efficiency of the flight he commands. In September, 1944, Squadron Leader Gray led a section of aircraft to attack an enemy airfield at Bad Aibling. During the operation, Squadron Leader Gray shot down 2 enemy aircraft over the sea. Some days later this officer again led a small formation of aircraft to attack the two enemy air fields, one of them far into enemy territory. Once again the operation was attended with good results. Several enemy aircraft on the ground were most effectively attacked, whilst in the air, Squadron Leader Gray shot down a Focke Wulf 190. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's careful planning, great skill and gallant leadership.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert James IMBER (60553), R.A.F.V.R., 298 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Imber has completed many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. He is a gallant and resourceful pilot whose keenness for air operations has set a fine example. Many of his recent assignments have been in the nature of supply dropping missions to our troops. Squadron Leader Imber has rendered much valuable service.

Flight Lieutenant Stanley Cecil ASKEW (109030), R.A.F.V.R., 196 Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage and has set a fine example to all.

Flight Lieutenant Duncan Lequesne BADLEY (N.Z. 416998), R.N.Z.A.F., 23 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and courage in pressing home his attacks and has been responsible for the destruction of much enemy transport on the roads. Flight Lieutenant Badley has also attacked very many locomotives to good effect. In November, 1944, this officer executed a most determined and successful attack on an airfield far into enemy territory. Although his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and one engine was put out of action, Flight Lieutenant Badley flew safely to base.

Flight Lieutenant Tom Archibald BURKE (80139), R.A.F.V.R., 602 Sqn.

This officer has completed two tours of operational duty during which he has attacked such targets as anti-aircraft gun sites, industrial plants, and locomotives. Among his successes is the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Burke is a courageous and determined fighter and has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Basil George DUCKETT (106677), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty in air operations. As observer he has taken part in a large number of sorties and has assisted in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. In addition to his work in the air, Flight Lieutenant Duckett has rendered splendid service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Flying Officer Alfred Joseph ARNOLD (Can/J.21168), R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As air bomber this officer has participated in a large number of bombing missions, many of them against strongly defended targets in Germany. Throughout, he has displayed the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty and his excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. On a recent occasion, a short circuit in the bombing gear caused a fire to start in the bomb aimer's compartment. Despite this, Flying Officer Arnold coolly directed the bombing run and, not until the bombs had been released, did he turn his attention towards extinguishing the fire.

Flying Officer Ross Frederick BUNCE (161255), R.A.F.V.R., 620 Sqn.

This officer has completed many bombing missions against various well defended targets; he has also taken part in numerous airborne operations. He has at all times displayed the greatest

keenness and his personal example of courage and resolution has been reflected in the fine fighting spirit of his crew. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flying Officer Vincent Roy GLOVER (Can/J.14713), R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

In October, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack on Homberg. Whilst over the target the aircraft sustained much damage. The port wing, two petrol tanks and the elevators were affected. The aircraft became difficult to control. Nevertheless, Flying Officer Glover executed a successful bombing run and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This officer has completed a number of sorties and has set a fine example of courage and determination.

Flying Officer Dennis Henden HARDWICK (170733), R.A.F.V.R., 299 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, some of them calling for a high degree of skill and resolution. On one occasion in September, 1944, he piloted an aircraft detailed to drop supplies to our ground forces in an area in Holland. Over the target, intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Just as the last of the containers had been released, the aircraft was hit. Much damage was sustained. One member of the crew was killed and a second member was wounded. The aircraft went out of control, diving steeply. Much height was lost before Flying Officer Hardwick succeeded in leveling out. Although the damaged aircraft was difficult to control this resolute pilot flew it to base and made a safe landing. Flying Officer Hardwick displayed commendable skill and coolness in hazardous circumstances.

Flying Officer Arthur JOHNSON (157672), R.A.F.V.R., 298 Sqn.

This officer is a successful and efficient captain of aircraft whose great keenness and devotion to duty have set a fine example to all. Flying Officer Johnson has participated in a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed commendable courage and skill.

Flying Officer Roy Emile LELONG (N.Z.42419), R.N.Z.A.F., 605 Sqn.

Pilot Officer John Anthony McLAREN (183413), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

These officers are pilot and navigator of aircraft respectively. They have completed very many sorties during which they have effectively attacked numerous locomotives, sundry barges and much mechanical transport. In October, 1944, they saw 13 Dornier 24s at their moorings at a Baltic base. Flying Officer Lelong immediately dived to the attack. His first burst of fire struck one of the flying boats which burst into flames. For ten minutes he pressed home a series of attacks, frequently flying through the thick smoke and debris hurled in the air by exploding aircraft, 5 of which were left in burning, broken and sinking condition; two more were emitting dense smoke. A little later, when out to sea, a B.V. 138 was encountered. A sharp engagement ensued. Following a burst of machine gun fire from Flying Officer Lelong's guns the enemy aircraft broke away with smoke pouring from it. Some time afterwards, whilst over enemy territory the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. One engine was put out of action but Flying Officer Lelong went on to reach base. Throughout this spirited sortie, this gallant and dauntless pilot was splendidly supported by his navigator, Pilot Officer McLaren, whose undoubted ability, great coolness and resolution contributed materially to the success achieved.

Flying Officer John Donald McLAREN (54344), R.A.F., 298 Sqn.

Flying Officer McLaren has completed a very large number of sorties many of them involving attacks on heavily defended targets in Germany. More recently he has completed numerous missions involving the dropping of supplies to our ground forces. Throughout he has displayed the highest standard of determination and devotion to duty and his navigational ability has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Kenneth Gerald ORMAN (N.Z.425590), R.N.Z.A.F., 186 Sqn.

As pilot and captain, this officer has participated in a number of sorties against various targets. In December, 1944, he was pilot in an aircraft detailed to attack Dortmund. When nearing the target the aircraft came under fire from the ground

defences and was hit. Flying Officer Orman was wounded in the face. In spite of this he went on to execute a successful attack. Not until the aircraft was well clear of the defences on the home-ward flight did this resolute pilot inform any of his crew of his injury. His tenacity and devotion to duty were typical of that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer Eric Francis RAMPLING (156332) R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties on his second tour of operational duty. Throughout he has displayed a high standard of skill and devotion to duty and has played a worthy part in the success of the squadron. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer Rampling was detailed for a mission calling for a high degree of skill and resolution. In spite of unfavourable weather, Flying Officer Rampling successfully completed his assignment.

Flying Officer Alexander TURNBULL (145071) R.A.F.V.R., 644 Sqn.

One night in September, 1944, this officer was captain and pilot in an aircraft detailed for a supply dropping mission in Holland. Before reaching the target the aircraft came under continuous light anti-aircraft fire for some ten minutes and was hit in several places. One engine was affected but Flying Officer Turnbull continued his flight to the target over which he made two runs to ensure that his supplies would be dropped in the proper area. On the return flight the aircraft was again hit and the defective engine caught fire. The propeller had to be feathered. Despite the loss of engine power, Flying Officer Turnbull flew the damaged aircraft to base. On this his first sortie as a captain he displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high standard.

Pilot Officer Thomas Roger Murray JOHNSON (Can/J.85807) R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Johnson has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. As rear gunner he has taken part in very many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig and Kiel. On one occasion, Pilot Officer Johnson shot down an enemy fighter which attempted to close in. On several other occasions his timely warnings have enabled his pilot to avoid enemy fighters. Pilot Officer Johnson has proved himself to be a model crew member and has rendered much valuable service both in the air and on the ground.

Pilot Officer Richard Gerard MANSFIELD (Can/J.85770) R.C.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officer Mansfield has participated in many attacks on various enemy targets and has displayed a fine fighting spirit and great keenness. On a recent occasion he captained an aircraft detailed to attack Duisburg. During the operation the aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences and the mid-upper gunner was badly wounded. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Mansfield completed a successful attack and flew the aircraft to an airfield near the English coast where he effected a landing so that his wounded crew member could be taken off for medical attention. Pilot Officer Mansfield then took off again and flew the aircraft to base. This officer is a most able and inspiring captain whose example has been well reflected in the high standard of efficiency of his crew.

Pilot Officer Carl Robert OLSON (Can/J.88426) R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the wireless operator in an aircraft detailed to attack Bochum one night in October, 1944. During the operation the aircraft was hit by high explosive shells. The mid-upper gunner was killed and Pilot Officer Olson was badly wounded in the face and arm. Although suffering acutely, this courageous crew member insisted on remaining at his post. He became weak from the loss of blood yet he diligently worked at his wireless apparatus transmitting messages as required. On this, his second operational mission, this airman displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Glenn William ANSON PEARCE (Can/J.89640), R.C.A.F., 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in October, 1944, Pilot Officer Pearce, as captain of aircraft, was detailed to attack Wilhelmshaven. In spite of considerable anti-aircraft opposition, this resolute pilot remained over the target for a protracted period to press home a vigorous and successful attack. Pilot Officer Pearce has completed numerous bombing missions

and has set a fine example of courage and resolution throughout.

Pilot Officer Maxwell Fred SANDERS (Aus.428164), R.A.A.F., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high degree of courage and determination in air operations. He is a most keen and devoted crew member, whose navigational ability has played a good part in the success of many missions in which he has taken part. On one occasion in September, 1944, Pilot Officer Sanders took part in an attack on Bottrop. Whilst over the target the aircraft was extensively damaged but the bombing run was completed. The aircraft became very difficult to control and some height was lost. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Sanders navigated the badly damaged bomber to an airfield near the English coast with great accuracy.

● *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Arnold John CRAVEN (126815), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1801629 Flight Sergeant Leonard William WOODARD, R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively this officer and airman have completed very many sorties during which a variety of enemy targets on the ground have been successfully attacked. In October, 1944, they participated in an attack on an enemy airfield. The operation involved a flight far into enemy territory. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Woodard navigated the aircraft to the target with great accuracy. In spite of much opposition, Flight Lieutenant Craven pressed home a determined attack during which 2 enemy aircraft were badly hit. They then went on to another airfield. Here, many aircraft were dispersed on the ground. The airfield defences opened up with considerable fire but Flight Lieutenant Craven pressed home a series of attacks which resulted in severe damage to 7 enemy aircraft on the airfield. Flight Lieutenant Craven and Flight Sergeant Woodard displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution and their achievement was outstanding.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1042105 Flight Sergeant George Douglas GREENWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 196 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Greenwell has displayed outstanding keenness for air operations and has participated in very many sorties. On one occasion, whilst over the Brest peninsular, his aircraft was extensively damaged when hit by anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this and in the face of adverse weather, Flight Sergeant Greenwell navigated the aircraft to an airfield. On another occasion the aircraft in which he was a member was badly hit and caught fire. The crew were forced to leave by parachute. Flight Sergeant Greenwell descended safely and lost no time in re-joining his squadron. This airman has invariably displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty.

934837 Flight Sergeant George Edward THOMPSON, R.A.F.V.R., 190 Sqn.

As wireless operator/air, Flight Sergeant Thompson has taken part in many sorties, involving the dropping of troops and supplies in the battle areas. On one occasion, when over Arnhem, the aircraft in which he was a member sustained severe damage. Flight Sergeant Thompson was wounded. Nevertheless this resolute airman continued to work at his wireless apparatus, transmitting messages and doing all he could to help his captain to reach friendly territory where a successful crash-landing was made. Flight Sergeant Thompson displayed commendable fortitude and devotion to duty throughout.

Can/R.201625 Flight Sergeant James Harry WAUGH, R.C.A.F., 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman has taken part in a number of sorties and has proved himself to be a cool and confident crew member. One night in November, 1944, he was the rear gunner in an aircraft detailed to attack Oberhausen. After leaving the target area the bomber was intercepted by a fighter. The enemy aircraft came in with guns blazing. Flight Sergeant Waugh coolly withheld his fire and gave the necessary evading directions to his pilot. When the attacker was within close range, Flight Sergeant Waugh opened fire. His bullets struck the enemy aircraft which burst into flames, fell away and afterwards crashed on the ground. This airman displayed skill and coolness worthy of much praise.

1515049 Sergeant Alva KENYON, R.A.F.V.R., 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As flight engineer, Sergeant Kenyon has taken part in very many sorties. He is a fearless and devoted crew member and on more than one occasion his skill and resource in the face of difficulties have played a good part in the return of the aircraft to this country. His conduct has at all times been exemplary.

612885 Sergeant Sydney SCOTT, R.A.F., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This airman is a most devoted and determined member of aircraft crew. As flight engineer, he has participated in very many sorties, including attacks on such targets as Kiel, Hamburg and several industrial centres in the Ruhr area. On one occasion, whilst over Essen, the aircraft in which he was a member was hit by anti-aircraft shells. Sergeant Scott was wounded by fragments of shrapnel. Despite this he insisted on executing various engineering tasks and thus greatly assisted his pilot in his successful effort to fly the extensively damaged aircraft back to this country. This airman set a fine example of courage and fortitude.

Air Ministry, 9th January, 1945.

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

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander.

Michael John Althorpe SHAW (40855), R.A.F.O., 69 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Charles Frank BRADLEY (65493), R.A.F.V.R., 127 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

Arthur Maurice CROW, D.F.M. (116137), R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Anthony Tennant LEANING, D.F.C. (89323), R.A.F.V.R., 540 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Arthur Stanley WICKINS (47997), R.A.F., 6 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn., with effect from 9th Sept. 1944.

Robert Edward WILLIAMS (45548), R.A.F., 521 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Raymond William DEAN (145813), R.A.F.V.R., 524 Sqn.

Lambert Wallington EDDY (139629), R.A.F.V.R., 251 Sqn.

Leonard Reginald ORNELLAS (152651), R.A.F.V.R., 254 Sqn.

Alan THOMPSON (136455), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

Samuel Bryans HARBISON (617515), R.A.F., 210 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

1681825 Alexander BARRAN, R.A.F.V.R., 544 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Norman Milton BURFIELD (Aus.416927), 544 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

Gerard Gray CASEY (Aus.418251), 10 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader.

John Aldridge REYNOLDS, D.F.C. (Can/J.8421), 489 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Ivar JOHNSSON (Can/J.13346), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Ralph Gardner KEEFER (Can/J.4876), 540 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Herbert Ernest HALLATT (Can/J.85078), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Jean HEBERT (Can/J.16485), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Robert Ashley WALLACE (Can/J.23316), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Albert David GLASGOW (Can/J.92197), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Jack Jones TEMPLE (Can/J.90711), 404 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

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