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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander David Leslie CARTRIDGE, D.F.C. (40590), R.A.F.O., 254 Sqn.

Within recent months, this officer has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping and throughout has set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty. In January, 1945, he led a force of aircraft in an attack on shipping in the harbour at Den Helder. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered and several aircraft were hit. Nevertheless, the attack was pressed home with good results. Much of the success obtained can be attributed to Wing Commander Cartridge's skilful leadership. This officer has displayed outstanding keenness and his determination to obtain the best results has won great praise.

Acting Squadron Leader William Geoffrey WISHART, D.F.C. (147583), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.

This officer has now participated in a very large number of sorties, including eleven attacks against Berlin and others against strongly defended targets in the Ruhr area; Squadron Leader Wishart has also flown with distinction against such far distant targets as Peenemunde, Danzig and Gdynia. He has at all times displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination, setting an example which has impressed all. In January, 1945, Squadron Leader Wishart took part in an attack against the Dortmund-Ems Canal and his outstanding ability as navigator contributed materially to the success obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Bruce Cunynhame DAYMOND, D.F.C. (Aus. 403323), R.A.A.F., 240 Sqn.

Within a short period, this officer has completed several operational flights, necessitating the highest standard of skill, perseverance and resource. That success was achieved in each case is a splendid tribute to Flight Lieutenant Daymond's outstanding ability, great daring and resolution. He set an example of the highest order.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant David Charles FAIRBANKS, D.F.C. (Can./J.9069), R.C.A.F., 3 Sqn.

This officer continues to display a high standard of skill and gallantry. Within recent weeks he has destroyed five enemy aircraft, bringing his victories to eight. Flight Lieutenant Fairbanks has also effectively attacked many enemy targets on the ground. His keenness and determination have set a high example to all.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander David Guthrie HALL (39985), R.A.F.O., 236 Sqn.

In January, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack on shipping at Den Helder. Intense

anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Despite this, Wing Commander Hall pressed home his attack with great skill and determination. This officer has taken part in very many sorties and has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and resolution.

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Brian MORISON (33516), 89 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of skill in air operations. He has completed very many sorties and throughout his devotion to duty has been unflinching. He has destroyed two enemy aircraft at night.

Acting Squadron Leader Trevor John WARNER (41884), R.A.F., 101 Sqn.

Flying Officer David Walter WESTON (157909), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

These officers were pilot and wireless operator respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack St. Vith in December, 1944. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by a shell. The port inner engine was damaged, the control trimmer wires were severed and the mid-upper turret was set on fire. Almost immediately further hits were sustained. The rear gunner was killed. His turret caught fire and the intercommunication system was rendered unserviceable. Whilst Squadron Leader Warner strove to control the damaged aircraft, Flying Officer Weston promptly took the lead in fighting the fire. Ammunition was constantly exploding, adding to the danger, but this officer and his comrades succeeded in subduing the fire around the mid-upper turret. Meanwhile, Squadron Leader Warner had shown the greatest coolness at the controls and, at this stage, the bombs were released manually. The aircraft was losing height and the fire around the rear turret was blazing furiously. Squadron Leader Warner was determined, if possible, to reach Allied territory and headed for the nearest airfield as Flying Officer Weston worked strenuously with other members of the crew to control the fire in the rear turret. At last they succeeded in getting the fire under control and finally a safe landing was made. In perilous circumstances, these officers set a fine example of courage, leadership and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Hamilton PINKERTON (125742), R.A.F.V.R., 254 Sqn.

This officer has taken part in a very large number of operational missions and throughout has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty. He is a navigator of high merit and, since joining his present squadron, has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping. During these operations he has proved himself to be a gallant and determined crew member, whose excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Richard John ROSE (Can./J.12271), R.C.A.F., 150 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous operational missions and throughout has set a fine example of devotion to duty. One night in January, 1945,