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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.

Major Newton Francis HARRISON (47481), S.A.A.F., 229 Sqn.

This officer has a most impressive operational record. In the early part of his service he took part in operations in connection with the Abyssinian campaign. Afterwards Major Harrison participated in many sorties against targets in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Albania and Yugoslavia. On his second tour of operational duty, Major Harrison completed a large number of varied sorties during which he led his squadron in harassing attacks on the enemy's lines of communication, V weapon sites in the Pas de Calais area and other enemy targets. Throughout these operations much loss has been inflicted on the enemy. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's splendid leadership, great skill and determination. His devotion to duty has been of the highest order.

Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Alfred William Gordon COCHRANE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (N.Z.403429), R.N.Z.A.F., 156 Sqn.

One night in February, 1945, Squadron Leader Cochrane, as captain of aircraft, was detailed to attack enemy troop concentrations in Goch. Soon after reaching the target the port wing of his aircraft sustained severe damage and part of it fell off. Undeterred, Squadron Leader Cochrane, with superb airmanship and courage, continued with his task. This officer has set a magnificent example of fearlessness. His tenacity of purpose and cheerfulness have been an inspiration to his squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Daniel Bulmer EVERETT, D.F.C. (155223), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

One night in February, 1945, Squadron Leader Everett was pilot and captain of aircraft detailed to attack Goch. Whilst making his first run over the target his aircraft was badly hit. The starboard mainplane was extensively damaged and the starboard inner engine caught fire. Momentarily the aircraft went out of control. Squadron Leader Everett quickly levelled out though and feathered the propeller of the burning engine. The flames were then extinguished. Although unable to assess the full extent of the damage sustained, Squadron Leader Everett went on to several further runs over the target, which he left only after he was satisfied as to the success of the operation. He

afterwards flew the badly damaged aircraft safely to base. This officer displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution throughout.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Philip Hugh Capel HANBURY, D.F.C. (118400), R.A.F.V.R., 305 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Hanbury has participated in very many sorties. In February, 1945, he took part in a sortie over Germany. After successfully attacking a storage building in the railway sidings at Atterndorf, he also bombed a road/railway bridge. Later, he raked a train with machine gun fire, obtaining numerous hits. After attacking the last named target, Squadron Leader Hanbury had to feather the propeller of one of the engines, which had become overheated. On the return flight his aircraft twice came under considerable light anti-aircraft fire and sustained some damage. In spite of this, Squadron Leader Hanbury flew back to base. He effected a safe landing although both the tyres on the landing wheels had been punctured. This officer has consistently displayed a high standard of skill and courage.

Acting Squadron Leader Keith Granville TAYLOR-CANNON, D.F.C. (N.Z.412284), R.N.Z.A.F., 486 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Taylor-Cannon has participated in a large number of sorties, and has led his flight and often the squadron with skill and determination, always pressing home his attacks whatever enemy opposition was encountered. The success achieved by the squadron has been mainly due to his brilliant leadership. A typical example of this occurred recently when his formation of seven aircraft was attacked by 30 enemy aircraft. Although outnumbered, Squadron Leader Taylor-Cannon with dauntless courage unhesitatingly led the squadron in to attack. In the ensuing fight he personally destroyed one enemy aircraft of the four brought down by his squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Michael Marlow Julius STEVENS (37132), R.A.F., 106 Sqn.

Throughout his tour of operational duty, Wing Commander Stevens has displayed great determination, skill and courage. He has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on Königsberg, Stuttgart, Bremerhaven, Nuremberg and Munich. The good work of Wing Commander Stevens has contributed materially to the success of the squadron he commands. His attacks have always been pressed home to a successful conclusion.