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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:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald William Alexander MACKICHAN, D.F.C. (106195), R.A.F.V.R., 56 Sqn.

This officer continues to show the highest standard of skill and gallantry. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has led the squadron on many successful sorties far into enemy territory. During these operations, Squadron Leader Mackichan has, himself, effectively attacked a good number of locomotives, set several mechanical vehicles on fire and severely damaged many more; he has also shot down an enemy aircraft. In February, 1945, this officer led the squadron in an attack on an oil refinery east of Hanover. The attack was pressed home with the greatest determination. Six large oil containers and four smaller ones were set on fire; the refinery buildings were also set ablaze and before the formation turned away, a train of oil containers was machine-gunned. By his skilful leadership and exceptional determination, Squadron Leader Mackichan contributed materially to the success achieved.

Flight Lieutenant Raymond George PRICE, D.F.C. (50220), R.A.F., 248 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping. All these operations have demanded the highest standard of skill. The successes obtained reflect the greatest credit on the ability shown by Flight Lieutenant Price whose navigation in difficult circumstances has been faultless. This officer has proved himself to be a most valuable and courageous member of aircraft crew.

Flight Lieutenant Francis John RUSH, D.F.C. (Can/J.23331), R.C.A.F., 502 Sqn.

Flying Officer James Patrick LUCY, D.F.C. (Aus.414868), R.A.A.F., 502 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively, these officers have displayed the highest standard of skill and determination in attacks on enemy shipping. One night in February, 1945, they successfully attacked a large merchantman sailing in convoy. In spite of fierce anti-aircraft fire from a number of enemy ships a perfect bombing run was executed. Several hits were obtained on the target which soon became enveloped in flames. These officers displayed great skill and courage and set a splendid example throughout.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Greville Kaye WILLIAMSON, D.F.C. (107239), R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Frederick Ernest FORREST (63933), R.A.F.V.R., 219 Sqn.

As pilot and observer of aircraft respectively these officers have taken part in very many sorties, some of them in most adverse weather. They have shown a high degree of skill and courage during these operations and have destroyed 4 enemy aircraft. These successes have brought Flight Lieutenant Williamson's total victories to 9.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Captain Charles Henry Herbert BARRY (98440V), S.A.A.F., 60 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of reconnaissances covering a wide variety of targets. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and throughout his devotion to duty has been unflinching. On numerous occasions he has completed his mission successfully in the face of extremely bad weather, and the photographs he has secured are a fine tribute to his undoubted skill, great gallantry and perseverance. Captain Barry has rendered much valuable and devoted service.

Captain Kenneth Frederick D'ARCY (205802V), S.A.A.F., 72 Sqn.

In February, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack against the railway sidings at Vicenza. The area was heavily defended. Nevertheless, Captain D'Arcy executed a perfect bombing run and obtained 3 hits on the target. Later in the day he took part in an attack on a number of barges one of which he destroyed. This officer has taken part in a large number of varied sorties and has set a fine example of skill, courage and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald BREARLEY (124856), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

Flying Officer John SHELDON (165273), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.

These officers have set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations. As pilot and observer of aircraft respectively they have completed many sorties during which they have shot down two enemy aircraft. Their keenness to engage the enemy was well illustrated on one occasion in February, 1945, when attacking an enemy airfield in the Rhine area. In spite of poor visibility six runs, at low level, were made over a line of hangars which were attacked with the greatest determination in spite of considerable

opposing fire. Flight Lieutenant Brearley and Flying Officer Sheldon displayed commendable courage and resolution.

Flying Officer Jack BOWSKILL (133109), R.A.F.V.R., 268 Sqn.

This officer is a keen and resolute pilot. He has completed many successful reconnaissances over the battle area, some of them in very adverse weather. When returning from one of these missions one day recently, he was re-directed to reconnoitre positions over the immediate battle area. In the face of continuous, intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Bowskill flew over the enemy's lines at a very low level and secured information of much value to our ground forces. This officer set a splendid example of keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Preston Thomas HILL (150249), R.A.F.V.R., 186 Sqn.

In February, 1945, Flying Officer Hill was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Gelsenkirchen. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and Flying Officer Hill was wounded in the arm in two places. Blood flowed freely from his badly lacerated wounds but this gallant pilot continued a steady run-in and executed a good bombing attack. Not until he had flown well clear of enemy territory would Flying Officer Hill consent to receive attention. He afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base and effected a safe landing. This officer set a fine example of courage and fortitude.

Acting Flying Officer Kenneth Edgar ROBERTS (Aus. 419973), R.A.A.F., 101 Sqn.

Flying Officer Roberts has completed many sorties against a variety of targets in Germany. On many occasions he has faced heavy enemy fire but has always pressed home his attacks with good results. Once, when detailed to attack Wiesbaden, an engine failed on the outward flight. This did not deter Flying Officer Roberts from continuing his mission and he eventually attacked his target with skill and vigour. He afterwards flew back to an airfield and effected a safe landing. This officer's operational record is worthy of much praise.

Pilot Officer Jeffrey BIRD (187516), R.A.F.V.R., 72 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties during which he has attacked a variety of enemy targets with much skill and determination. On a recent occasion, Pilot Officer Bird took part in a sortie during which six barges and a number of mechanical vehicles were most effectively attacked. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of courage in his attacks on the enemy and among his successes is the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft.

Warrant Officer Walter GILL (643099), R.A.F., 502 Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) Warrant Officer Gill has taken part in a very large number of sorties, including some attacks on enemy shipping. He has invariably displayed a high degree of skill and resolution and his example has been worthy of high praise. One night in February, 1945, Warrant Officer Gill was a member of the crew of an aircraft which successfully attacked a medium-sized enemy merchantman in convoy. His coolness and co-operation throughout this spirited sortie were typical of that which he has shown on all occasions when facing the enemy.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Geoffrey Horwood SMITH (177653), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1594904 Sergeant Albert SLEEMAN, R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and flight engineer respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack Reisholz one night in February, 1945. When nearing the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Pieces of shrapnel smashed the bomb doors. The hydraulic gear was put out of action, causing the flaps to fall down, thus reducing the speed of the aircraft and making it difficult to control. The fuselage petrol tank was pierced and a large fire commenced. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Sleeman at once directed his efforts towards quelling the flames. The fire threatened to get out

of control but Sergeant Sleeman worked strenuously and at last succeeded in extinguishing the fire. He had sustained several burns which caused him much pain. This did not prevent him from immediately turning his attention towards temporarily repairing the fuel cocks of the starboard tanks which had been damaged. Meanwhile, Flying Officer Smith displayed great coolness during this harassing period, kept his aircraft headed towards the target which he eventually attacked. Afterwards, he flew the badly damaged aircraft back to the nearest available airfield in this country. This officer displayed superb skill, great determination and devotion to duty. Sergeant Sleeman also proved himself to be an outstanding crew member. His courage and resource set a fine example.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1486967 Flight Sergeant Rupert Percy LONGLEY, R.A.F.V.R., 218 Sqn.

This airman was the wireless operator in an aircraft detailed to attack Neuss one night in January, 1945. During the operation the aircraft sustained severe damage. In spite of this the pilot succeeded in reaching Allied territory where he was forced to give the order to abandon as the aircraft had now become uncontrollable. One member of the crew, whose parachute had opened by accident inside the fuselage, was therefore unwilling to jump. He asked to be allowed to strap himself to Flight Sergeant Longley's back. The latter, without the slightest hesitation, agreed. After the two airmen had been strapped together they made their way, in total darkness, to the jumping point. On the way the ripcord of Flight Sergeant Longley's parachute caught in a projection. Although the parachute opened he was able to catch and hold the case intact and, with his comrade on his back, jumped clear of the aircraft. Unfortunately, in the descent, his comrade fell away. Flight Sergeant Longley came down on a tall tree from which he fell to the ground and badly injured his back. His action in allowing a comrade to descend with him on a single parachute, although unavailing, showed a spirit of gallantry and self-sacrifice which will long be remembered.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1581502 Flight Sergeant Peter Harrington EATON, R.A.F.V.R., 450 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Eaton has participated in a large number of sorties, most of them against targets in the forward battle areas. He has led formations of aircraft on many occasions against enemy strong points and has set a fine example by pressing home his attacks in the face of accurate fire from the ground defences. His resolute work has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained.

Air Ministry, 13th April, 1945.

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

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain.

Geoffrey Harland WOMERSLEY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (43696), R.A.F., 139 Sqn.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Francis Stanislaus GONSALVES, D.F.C. (86378), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

Alfred John OGILVIE, D.F.C., A.F.C. (42427), R.A.F., 90 Sqn.

John Mortimer VINEY, D.F.C. (42283), R.A.F. 640 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Frederick William Winslow CHANDLER, D.F.C. (116207), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

Ronald George CHURCHER, D.F.C. (68172), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

Ronald George WOODMAN, D.F.C. (69464), R.A.F.V.R., 169 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

Gordon Webster McCash NEILL (113334), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Wing Commander.*

Hubert Patrick CONNOLLY, D.F.C., A.F.M. (44636), R.A.F., 635 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

John Hemsworth DAY, D.F.C. (102603), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
 Thomas Liddle HILDREW, D.F.C. (134369), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 John Worsley JORDAN, D.F.C. (66526), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 Brian John REDMOND, D.F.C. (68143), R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.
 Alexander Augustus St. CLAIRE-MILLER, D.F.C. (123011), R.A.F.V.R.
 Wilfred SPOONER, D.F.C. (82709), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Jeffrey Charles CHAPMAN, D.F.C. (131138), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Cecil Ronald JACOBS, D.F.C. (103488), R.A.F.V.R., 608 Sqn.
 Robert Edward SCHOLES, D.F.C. (133569), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.
 Ferguson George Donaldson SMITH, D.F.C. (133655), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 Richard Alexander STRACHAN, D.F.C. (102550), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 Frederick WRIGHT, D.F.C. (123682), R.A.F., 15 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Cyril Frank BOND, D.F.C. (139725), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 George HALL, D.F.C. (151253), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Neville Henry KIRBY, D.F.C. (54052), R.A.F., 105 Sqn.
 Kenneth Lionel TRENT, D.F.C. (176283), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Group Captain.*

Ulic Young SHANNON (28258), R.A.F., 10 Sqn.

Wing Commanders.

Stafford Puelleine COULSON (33232), R.A.F., 35 Sqn.
 Hugh James Felce LE GOOD, A.F.C. (32200), R.A.F.O., 635 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commander.

Frederick William TWIGGS (104506), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Richard Gordon ALLEN (113430), R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.
 Dennis Vernon ANDERSON (102120), R.A.F.V.R., 141 Sqn.
 John Patrick CRUMP (106096), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 Anthony White FARRELL, A.F.C. (85281), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 Rowland Henry FARRELL (64911), R.A.F.V.R., 515 Sqn.
 Michael Peregrine FELLOWES (72053), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 Kenneth Chambers GOOCH (61254), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Peter Pearson HAGUE (122122), R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.
 Alfred William Douglas JAMES (72260), R.A.F.V.R., 142 Sqn.
 Frederick Curtis JAMES (104582), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 William Francis JORDAN (128675), R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.
 Ronald Ian Peter MACKENZIE (60089), R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
 Charles Lancaster OWEN (45945), R.A.F., 162 Sqn.
 Vivian Glyn OWEN-JONES (86710), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 Barry George Forester PAYNE (110844), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn.
 Robert Marshall SLEEP (104434), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Robert Victor ALLAN (80121), R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 Alexander William BATCHELOR (134045), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 Colin Stuart BELL (124149), R.A.F.V.R., 608 Sqn.
 Alfred Edward Ralph BEXTON (124920), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Bramwell BOOTHRIGHT (135869), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.

Peter Hunt CLEAVER (103590), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.
 John Francis DALY, D.F.M. (133537), R.A.F.V.R., 627 Sqn.

Robert Ogilvie DAY (42559), R.A.F.O., 139 Sqn.
 Frederick George FRENCH (136325), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

Peter FULLERTON (139216), R.A.F.V.R., 142 Sqn.
 Samuel HEMMINGFIELD (128930), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

Robert Anthony HORTON (115937), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

Alan William HUCKLE (128891), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

William Durrant Squier JACKSON (151072), R.A.F.V.R., 103 Sqn.

Derick Claude JAMES (62705), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 David JONES (184502), R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.

Douglas John KINGSBURY (50857), R.A.F., 10 Sqn.
 Richard Arthur LOCATELLI (139512), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

George William MEADON (138100), R.A.F.V.R., 149 Sqn.

Malcolm Herbert MIDDLETON, D.F.M. (136348), R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.

Adrian Derek MONK (132416), R.A.F.V.R., 12 Sqn.
 Cyril Francis MULLER, D.F.M. (129251), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.

Ronald Wilson PLUNKETT (125564), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.

Michael Henry Clarmont PHILLIPS (115785), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

Charles George ROGERS (151090), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.

Edward REYNOLDS (121941), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn.
 Joseph Shaw ROSS (114404), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.

Francis William SAVAGE (129071), R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn.

Peter SLEIGHT (123017), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.
 Derek Viney SMITH (116688), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

Harry Chamberlain TAFFS (124882), R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn.

Vernon Maurice Henry St. John TODD (116455), R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.

Vincent Frederick Joseph TORRISI (125166), R.A.F.V.R., 460 (R.A.F.) Sqn.

Robert VOLLUM (139641), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Dyson William Barber WADDINGTON (84732), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Robert Frank WATKINS (136530), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.

Dennis Arthur WATSON (85019), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Robert McCara WILLIAMS (135408), R.A.F.V.R., 142 Sqn.

Wilfred Cedric WILSON, A.F.C. (130108), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

Henry John WORLEY (128678), R.A.F.V.R., 218 Sqn.

Henry Charles YATES (141776), R.A.F.V.R., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Victor Brian ANSELL (177915), R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.

Lawrence ARTHUR (55120), R.A.F., 576 Sqn.
 William John BENTLEY (159597), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Vincent BRAMMAR (173748), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Harold William BRATLEY (145716), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

Boris BRESSLOFF (152515), R.A.F., 635 Sqn.
 Walter James BROOKES (179579), R.A.F.V.R., 78 Sqn.

James Edward BROWN (177621), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.

Jack Allen BURGESS, D.F.M. (157279), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.

Robert Rufus CAREY-EVANS (152357), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

Philip Harcourt CLIFTON (157577), R.A.F.V.R., 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

William Norman COOK (155754), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

Norman Charles CRESSWELL (153192), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.

Raymond Joseph CUPIT (175396), R.A.F.V.R., 207 Sqn.

Arthur Bryan CURTIS (169320), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Lewis Arwyn DAVIES (179278), R.A.F.V.R., 61 Sqn.

Jack Evelyn DAWES (148397), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
 John William DRIVER (178881), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

Robert William Harry GOODRUM (185228), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

- Robert Henry Norman HICK (55116), R.A.F., 90 Sqn.
 Reginald Thomas HUSSEY (152223), R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.
 David Cromwell JENKINS (137414), R.A.F.V.R., 155 Sqn.
 William Anwyl JONES (146013), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 John Felstead KELHAM (148901), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 George Robert KENT, D.F.M. (143587), R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.
 Walter Campbell KERR (161323), R.A.F.V.R., 10 Sqn.
 Richard Barry KING (171101), R.A.F.V.R., 77 Sqn.
 Clements KODER (158106), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.
 Brian Roy MARKS (162953), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.
 Eric Keith MARTIN, D.F.M. (157040), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.
 George William MATTHEWS (152440), R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.
 Arthur William PARLOUR (155950), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Geoffrey Alfred PERROTT (148112), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.
 Denzil PHILLIPS (53492), R.A.F., 218 Sqn.
 Grahame Nowlan ROSE (153289), R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 James SHEPHERD (174387), R.A.F.V.R., 149 Sqn.
 Graham Clyde SKELTON (146876), R.A.F.V.R., 467 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Arthur SLINN (152261), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Stanley Robert SMITH (154316), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Leslie Henderson TAYLOR (152672), R.A.F.V.R., 153 Sqn.
 William Kenneth THOMAS (186493), R.A.F.V.R., 622 Sqn.
 Clarence John WAIT (169082), R.A.F.V.R., 186 Sqn.
 Arthur James WARD (160719), R.A.F.V.R., 617 Sqn.
 Jeffrey Walter WATKINS (168633), R.A.F.V.R., 109 Sqn.
 John Stevenson WATSON (146415), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 Thomas Christie WAUGH (159574), R.A.F.V.R., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.
 Anthony Harold Ernest WELCH (175158), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 Lionel Arthur WHEELER (153047), R.A.F.V.R., 153 Sqn.
 William Ernest WILLIS (162978), R.A.F.V.R., 51 Sqn.
 Clarence Maurice WILSON (188496), R.A.F.V.R., 115 Sqn.
 Alan YATES (55789), R.A.F., 166 Sqn.
 John Frederick William YATES (52163), R.A.F., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Alan Dixon YOUNG (177158), R.A.F.V.R., 550 Sqn.

Flying Officers

- Anthony Alec ALEANDRI (147982), R.A.F.V.R., 15 Sqn.
 Jack ANDREWS (182235), R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 Frederick William Albert ASKER (153275), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Peter BAILEY (178884), R.A.F.V.R., 102 Sqn.
 Derek Percy BALCOMBE (151728), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 Arthur John BALL (179079), R.A.F.V.R., 625 Sqn.
 Roland BANNISTER (176679), R.A.F.V.R., 434 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 John BARRIE (171899), R.A.F.V.R., 49 Sqn.
 Royce BATEMAN (177676), R.A.F.V.R., 619 Sqn.
 Trevor BATLEY (176230), R.A.F.V.R., 166 Sqn.
 Herbert Geoffrey BERRIMAN (168746), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 Bertie BEVAN (170984), R.A.F.V.R., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).**Acting Warrant Officer.*

- Victor Arthur ROE, D.F.M. (1813968), R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

- 1001091 David Doig ADAM, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 2210278 James ALLEN, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1338097 Reginald James ARTHUR, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.
 1292323 Harry Raine BANNER, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 1046311 Ronald BARNES, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1387535 Frank BARRETT, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.
 1564084 Samuel BLAIR, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.

- 1523125 Joseph Ewing BLYTH, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 1142150 Leslie Arthur BOOTH, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 1808484 Philip Charles BRANSON, R.A.F.V.R., 199 Sqn.
 1578290 Kenneth William BRUDENELL, R.A.F.V.R., 83 Sqn.
 1434266 James BURGESS, R.A.F.V.R., 156 Sqn.
 1521000 James Conway BURNS (now Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 106 Sqn.
 1713602 Richard Frederick BUSH, R.A.F.V.R., 99 Sqn.
 1802927 Ernest Herbert Arthur CANTWELL, R.A.F.V.R., 101 Sqn.
 1399611 Reginald Rupert CORDELL, R.A.F.V.R., 571 Sqn.
 1027846 Frank James CURTIS, R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 928251 Edward Decimus Paulham DAGGER, R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 1386716 Vincent John DAY, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 2210977 Frederick EPLETT, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1600593 Frederick Gilbert FISHER, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1891060 Ernest Edgar FREAKE, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 2206841 Frank FRISK, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.
 1567211 John McCune GILMOUR, R.A.F.V.R., 514 Sqn.
 2209260 Joseph HAYES, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 1866576 Walter Henry HITCHCOCK, R.A.F.V.R., 635 Sqn.
 1607347 Frederick Edmund HOLBROOK, R.A.F.V.R., 97 Sqn.
 1867896 Nathaniel Leonard HUMPHRIES, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 1332953 Gordon Albert Ronald KING, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1892640 William Henry LANNING, R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.
 1801349 John Richard LASLETT, R.A.F.V.R., 76 Sqn.
 1198393 Dennis Albert LOVE, R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.
 618013 John Abdon LYNE, R.A.F., 7 Sqn.
 1686206 Thomas McCormick, R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1796842 Thomas Patrick McDONAGH (now Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.
 1561906 William Roy McINTYRE, R.A.F.V.R., 218 Sqn.
 1563607 William Alexander McLEAN (now Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.
 1592458 William Edward MAYES, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.
 1579462 Edward George MEREDITH, R.A.F.V.R., 35 Sqn.
 2211546 Sydney James MOORES (now Pilot Officer), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Wing Commander.*

- William Edmunds ROBERTS, D.F.C. (Aus.411959), 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader.

- Francis William BOYLE, D.F.C. (Aus.404231), 627 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

- Peter Harrison SWAN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.400498), 635 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

- Reginald Charles DAVIE, D.F.C. (Aus.425133), 207 Sqn.
 Sidney Harley JOHNSON, D.F.C. (Aus.427362), 7 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

- Alan Hamilton DREW, D.F.C. (Aus.409297), 582 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leaders.*

- John Jeffrey Mervyn BUTTON (Aus.414464), 199 Sqn.
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Flight Lieutenants.

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 James Patrick MOLONY (Aus.405318), 105 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

- John Bertram BENNETT (Aus.418911), 78 Sqn.
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Flying Officers.

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*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

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 William Jacob Lewis WEICKER, D.F.C. (Can/J.15301), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

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 Peter HEATON, D.F.C. (Can/J.16801), 640 Sqn.
 Thomas Wilfred KETTLEWELL, D.F.C. (Can/J.24254), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Alfred Borden Secord LYNDON, D.F.C. (Can/J.16674), 105 Sqn.
 Gordon William WEBB, D.F.C. (Can/J.19654), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flying Officer.

Walter Gordon FORSBERG, D.F.C. (Can/J.88878), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

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Acting Wing Commander.

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Squadron Leader.

Thomas Matthew JONES (Can/J.15168), 142 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Tom Herbert CHAPMAN (Can/J.11763), 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 George Edward NICKERSON (Can/J.13067), 434 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Clinton Norton CROWE (Can/J.22104), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leo Lloyd CURRIE (Can/J.9582), 514 Sqn.
 William Thomas GLASS (Can/J.28485), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Gerald Joseph Laverin JONES (Can/J.13443), 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 John Eugene MARIER (Can/J.13819), 434 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Charles Stewart POPE (Can/J.16309), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Douglas Rollen REDMOND (Can/J.13751), 608 Sqn.
 Ivan Paul STONEHOCKER (Can/J.13070), 408 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 George Cecil James VANN (Can/J.10122), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

Lehman Francis BOYD (Can/J.86510), 635 Sqn.
 William Bruce BRITTON (Can/J.25816), 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Lloyd Albert CARLEY (Can/J.16922), 138 Sqn.
 John William KAISER (Can/J.27998), 90 Sqn.
 James Patrick LEYDON (Can/J.25201), 35 Sqn.
 Ralph Patrick MADDEN (Can/J.88080), 186 Sqn.
 Gerhard Henry SOBERING (Can/J.88682), 115 Sqn.
 Donald Ivan THOMSON (Can/J.87732), 77 Sqn.
 Percy Chapman THOMPSON (Can/J.28501), 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Walter Lundy TURNBULL (Can/J.35824), 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

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 Francis Henry BIDDELL (Can/J.28345), 429 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Irvine Joseph BITTNER (Can/J.86219), 514 Sqn.
 Joseph Alphonse Camille BOUCHARD (Can/J.26027), 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
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 Robert Davis IRVINE (Can/J.36336), 101 Sqn.
 Stuart Henry JACOBS (Can/J.27416), 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Lyle Franklin JAMES (Can/J.26115), 101 Sqn.
 Donald Alexander JOHNSON (Can/J.19041), 10 Sqn.
 Cornelius Reece JONES (Can/J.29368), 428 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Howard Joseph Christopher KEON (Can/J.38695), 90 Sqn.
 Donald Graham KING (Can/J.25207), 102 Sqn.
 Melville Stephen KYTE (Can/J.27719), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Joseph Henri Geoffrey LARBAU (Can/J.87435), 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Alan Clifford McCOLL (Can/J.26363), 10 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.**Flight Sergeants.*

Can/R.205591 George Cecil BRAGG, 420 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Can/R.190809 Neil Donald DIXON, 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leader.*

Allan Charles BRAY, D.F.C. (N.Z.402846), 7 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

Harold John SHIELD, D.F.C. (N.Z.404953), 105 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.**Acting Squadron Leader.*

Robert Walter Preston CAMERON (N.Z.414584),
15 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Alan Roy Bidwell BALTON (N.Z.413930) 75 (N.Z.)
Sqn.

Arthur Gethin CREAGH (N.Z.404340), 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.
Anthony Charles HARLEY (N.Z.413064), 161 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenant.

Louis Basil LAWSON (N.Z.405800), 35 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Dudley Watson ALLEN (N.Z.416434), 105 Sqn.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Air Ministry, 13th April, 1945.

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

Military Medal.

964295 Sergeant George Daniel TOYE, R.A.F.V.R.,
R.A.F. Regiment.

In January, 1945, Sergeant Toye was in command of a detachment which had been withdrawn from action for airfield patrol duties. The gun had been left in a position ready for action. At about 09.25 hours another airman, who was on sentry duty, warned Sergeant Toye of the approach of between 36 and 50 enemy aircraft. Sergeant Toye immediately ordered his men to "take post" and in spite of the automatic loader being filled with A.P. ammunition, got the gun into action with such speed that he was able to engage the first of 6 M.E.109's which came in to attack a nearby dispersal ground. Immediately afterwards 4 F.W.190's and 2 M.E.109's attacked Sergeant Toye's gun post. Cannon shells and machine gun bullets struck all around and casualties were sustained. Undeterred Sergeant Toye continued to instruct his men and engaged the attackers as they dived low to attack; one after another in rapid succession. The deliberate attack against the gun post was temporarily abandoned. Sergeant Toye then engaged a M.E.109 which was coming in to attack aircraft on the ground; a hit was obtained and the enemy aircraft was observed to go down omitting black smoke. A further 2 F.W.190's then came in to attack the gun post. Sergeant Toye remained unperturbed and engaged the aircraft as they came in to attack almost simultaneously from different angles. One of the attackers was hit and set on fire. This was the first occasion on which the detachment had been under enemy fire. Sergeant Toye's outstanding courage, initiative and leadership inspired his comrades and contributed largely to the success achieved.

743170 Corporal Alexander George BRADFIELD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, R.A.F. Regiment.

Throughout the period his Squadron has been under the command of the Eighth Army, Corporal Bradfield, who is non-commissioned officer in

charge of signals, has been responsible for the communications between Headquarters and the various flights and commanding formations. He has displayed very great endurance under exceptionally hard conditions in the mountains when operating south of Ravenna and, later, on the River Lamone with a Canadian Armoured Brigade. During the period November 19/30th, 1944, covering the attack and occupation of the enemy strong-point known as the Sugar Factory at Classe Fuari, Corporal Bradfield showed great bravery in going out to repair broken wires along stretches of open road which were continually being swept by enemy shell and mortar fire. On one occasion he was pinned down for over an hour by very accurate mortar fire but he carried on and completed the task. Although fully aware of these experiences of the danger of his work he has never hesitated and has gone out at all hours by day and night and up to the end of the squadron's operational period he has displayed the same disregard for danger. His courage, steadiness and devotion to duty under the most harassing conditions have been outstanding.

1495461 Leading Aircraftman William WEARDEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, R.A.F. Regiment.

During the period September/December, 1944, Leading Aircraftman Wearden's Squadron has been under the command of the Eighth Army and has operated in the mountains, and, after the fall of Ravenna, on the Lamone River with a Canadian Armoured Brigade. Throughout these operations Leading Aircraftman Wearden has carried out the duty of Flight Signaller in an exceptional and outstanding manner. He has gone out on many patrols to make contact with the enemy and kept a wireless link with his headquarters whilst thus operating. During the period 19th to 30th November, 1944, whilst operating near the Sugar Factory of Classe Fuari and from 8th to 17th December when his Flight was holding a very exposed position on the River Lamone, north of Messano, he has maintained his communications under long periods of enemy fire by shell and mortar, showing a total disregard for his own safety and often working on open stretches of road in full view of enemy observation and fire. Leading Aircraftman Wearden has worked for very long periods without rest and his courage and devotion to duty under circumstances of great hardship have set a fine example.

Air Ministry, 13th April, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished service:—

Military Cross.

Lieutenant Cecil William Emil BLAKE (47888), South African Air Force, 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Military Medal.

657020 Flight Sergeant Cecil Arthur TARDIF, R.A.F.,
683 Sqn.

775137 Corporal Jacob GEWELBER, R.A.F.V.R., 33
Sqn.

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