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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