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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 Roy Gilbert DUTTON, D.F.C. (39072), R.A.F.O., 512 Sqn.

This officer was detailed to lead the glider train comprising well over 400 tug and glider combinations which conveyed members of the airborne division concerned to a point between Weser and Emmerich in March, 1945. Keenly aware of the responsibility entrusted to him, Wing Commander Dutton led this great force with skill and good judgment to the battle area. First to reach the zone, his tug glider combination was subjected to heavy fire but Wing Commander Dutton flew straight and steady to the landing zone several miles behind the enemy's lines. Only when sure that the glider could reach the objective would he give the order to release. This officer displayed skill, courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

Lieutenant Colonel Pierre Simond JOUBERT, A.F.C. (129204V), S.A.A.F., 271 Sqn.

This officer has a fine operational record. He has displayed the highest qualities of skill, courage and leadership and his example has been well reflected in the efficiency of the squadron he commands. Lieutenant Colonel Joubert has taken part in three airborne operations, including the Rhine crossing. In these undertakings his work has been outstanding. In addition to his work in the air against the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Joubert has rendered yeoman service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Alexander CLARKE (42193), R.A.F., 512 Sqn.

As flight commander, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including thirty-one bombing missions during which he has attacked a wide range of enemy targets. He has displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order and his determination to press home his attacks in the face of intense opposition has set a fine example.

Acting Squadron Leader Rex Donald DANIELL, A.F.C. (43701), R.A.F., 233 Sqn.

This officer is a highly efficient flight commander, whose great keenness for air operations, coupled with fine qualities of courage and resolution has

set a worthy example. He has participated in a very large number of sorties, including the Arnhem and the Rhine crossing airborne operation. The skill with which he executed his allotted task in these operations was an important factor in the success achieved.

Acting Squadron Leader John Thomas REED (Can/C.1646), R.C.A.F., 437 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Reed has displayed noteworthy skill, courage, and resource in action against the enemy. In the airborne operations against Arnhem he led his flight with the greatest resolution in the face of extremely heavy opposition. Later, Squadron Leader Reed flew with much distinction in the operations in support of the Rhine crossing. His work won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant James William ATKIN (125995), R.A.F.V.R., 575 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties and has also taken part in various airborne operations, including the recent Rhine crossing. He has at all times proved to be a keen and courageous captain and has pressed home his attacks regardless of enemy opposition. On one occasion, his aircraft was hit by enemy fire and an engine was rendered unserviceable. Undeterred, he went on to the dropping zone and afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to this country where he made a safe landing. His example has been an inspiration to all.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Edmund CHARLTON, D.F.M. (51327), R.A.F., 575 Sqn.

This officer is a most devoted and efficient member of aircraft crew. As navigator he has participated in a very large number of varied sorties and throughout his ability, coupled with the greatest determination has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained. Since joining his present squadron, Flight Lieutenant Charlton has participated in a number of airborne operations, including the mission against Arnhem and the operation in support of the Rhine crossing. His skilful work on these occasions was most commendable.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Alfred DAVIS (129232), R.A.F.V.R., 512 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a good number of sorties, including many bombing attacks on enemy targets in the Middle East and numerous supply dropping missions to our ground forces. Whilst serving with this squadron, Flight Lieutenant Davis has taken part in three large airborne operations during which he displayed the highest qualities of skill and courage.