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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 Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Colin George MILSON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (Aus.402379), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order this officer has participated in many sorties, including numerous attacks on enemy shipping. In February, 1945, Wing Commander Milson led a large formation of aircraft in an attack against a strong enemy naval force in the Ford fjord, Norway. The vessels were at anchor close in to shore. High mountains rise in close proximity to these narrow waters. Nevertheless, Wing Commander Milson, employing good tactics, led his formation into the attack with great determination. Enemy fighter opposition and considerable anti-aircraft fire were encountered but the attack was well pressed home. In this brilliantly executed operation, Wing Commander Milson showed skill, courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Edward Peter William HUTTON, D.F.C., A.F.C. (37178), R.A.F.

Wing Commander Hutton has completed a very large number of sorties involving many attacks on enemy shipping. He has consistently displayed outstanding devotion to duty and throughout has shown courage and enthusiasm of a high standard. His efficiency was amply demonstrated in May, 1945, when he led a successful low level attack against enemy shipping in the Baltic, much damage being inflicted on the enemy. Wing Commander Hutton has set a fine example of keenness, determination and gallantry.

Squadron Leader Arthur Graham DECK, D.F.C. (108160), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Deck has completed a large number of sorties including many attacks on enemy shipping. He is a highly skilled and courageous pilot and has set a fine example in pressing home his attacks. His excellent work has contributed materially to the successes obtained. On three occasions in the early part of May, 1945, Squadron Leader Deck participated in sorties against various types of enemy ships. One of the targets was a heavily armed enemy vessel. This officer led his formation in to the attack with great skill. Many hits with rocket projectiles and cannon fire were obtained and the vessel's guns were effectively silenced. He later attacked and set on fire a vessel of the coastal type. This officer has invariably displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter Stanley BLOMFIELD, D.F.C. (47767), R.A.F., 260 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Blomfield is a highly skilled and efficient pilot. He has completed a very large number of sorties against a variety of targets and his ability, coupled with great enthusiasm, has contributed materially to the successes obtained. During the Italian campaign, this officer led his squadron in attacks against gun positions, armoured vehicles and enemy occupied headquarters with a high degree of success. Much damage was inflicted on the enemy. Squadron Leader Blomfield is a fine leader whose example has been well reflected in the operational efficiency of his squadron.

Major Thomas Reginald James TAYLOR, D.F.C. (103704V), S.A.A.F., 93 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties on his third tour of operational duty. On 3 occasions in April, 1945, he led the squadron in harassing attacks on a variety of targets in the battle area. In these well planned and resolutely executed sorties much damage was inflicted on the enemy. The results obtained reflect the greatest credit on the gallant efforts of Major Taylor, whose skill and leadership were of a high order. Since the commencement of the final offensive in the Italian theatre in April, 1945, the squadron commanded by Major Taylor has been responsible for the destruction of a large number of mechanical vehicles, numerous barges and tanks. Many buildings occupied by the enemy, a good number of gun positions and various road and rail bridges have been most effectively attacked. This officer has set an example which has inspired all.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Johannes Morkel FAURE, D.S.O., D.F.C. (143113V), S.A.A.F.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, this officer has participated in many sorties much of the success of which can be attributed to Lieutenant-Colonel Faure's brilliant leadership and great skill. Within a period of a few weeks prior to the cessation of hostilities in the Italian theatre, Lieutenant-Colonel Faure led sections of aircraft in sorties on which some 27 mechanical vehicles, more than 30 buildings occupied by the enemy and various gun positions were destroyed. His coolness and courage in the face of the heaviest opposing fire has set an example which has inspired all.

Flight Lieutenant Thomas Hugh Evelyn GOLDIE, D.F.C. (61016), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

This officer is a highly skilled and efficient pilot and captain of aircraft. He has completed many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and his keenness and determination have set a fine example. During a sortie in May,

1945, a U-boat was located. Flight Lieutenant Goldie went in to attack with great determination, straddling the target with his depth charges. Shortly afterwards a large patch of oil was seen covering the scene. The skill with which Flight Lieutenant Goldie executed his attack was typical of that which he has invariably shown in his engagements with the enemy.

Flight Lieutenant Clive Gordon THOMPSON, D.F.C. (Aus.402453), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties, including 14 attacks on enemy shipping. In these operations he has displayed great skill and has invariably pressed home his attacks with resolution. As a result he has been responsible for inflicting much damage on the enemy. In April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Thompson led a formation of aircraft in an attack against an enemy merchantman, escorted by 3 other vessels, in the narrow Risnes Fjord. Although the approach to the target was over difficult terrain, a well executed attack was made. This officer has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Captain Patrick McCURE, D.F.C. (206245), S.A.A.F., No. 40 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has consistently displayed great skill and determination and has inflicted much damage on enemy ground targets. The courage and fearlessness shown by Captain McCure in the face of intense enemy opposition have set a fine example to all.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley Robert HYLAND, A.F.C. (44978), R.A.F., 236 Sqn.

This officer is a most capable pilot. Since joining this squadron he has completed a large number of sorties, 10 of which have been attacks on enemy shipping. In these operations he has consistently shown a high degree of skill and courage. In May, 1945, Squadron Leader Hyland led a formation of aircraft in an attack against shipping in Kiel Bay. During the operation two U-boats were sunk and much destruction was caused to surface vessels. By his skilful leadership and great determination, Squadron Leader Hyland contributed greatly to the successes obtained.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Stirling Neilson BROWN (143238), R.A.F.V.R., 260 Sqn.

In April, 1945, this officer led a formation of aircraft in an attack against an enemy gun position south of Ferrara. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and damage to his aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Brown led his section in to the attack at low level. As a result the gun position was completely destroyed. Flight Lieutenant Brown has participated in a very large number of sorties and on numerous occasions has led his section with conspicuous success. His courage and keenness to engage the enemy have materially assisted his squadron in maintaining their high standard of operational flying.

Flight Lieutenant Guy Fountain BROWNE (130223), R.A.F.V.R., 143 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Browne has participated in a good number of sorties including 14 attacks on enemy shipping. During these operations the enemy has suffered much damage. By his exceptional skill, great courage and determination, Flight Lieutenant Browne has contributed materially to the success achieved. In March, 1945, this officer took part in an attack against a small sized merchant vessel at Sand. Flight Lieutenant Browne pressed home his attack with his usual determination obtaining many hits. Within a short period following this, this officer took part in three successful attacks on shipping in Southern Norwegian harbours. His devotion to duty has been of a high standard.

Flight Lieutenant Keith Norman CLARK (101062), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

In April, 1945, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack against shipping far into the Kattegat. Flight Lieutenant Clark's target was a medium sized merchantman. As he went into the attack much anti-aircraft fire was directed at his aircraft. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Clark executed a good bombing run, obtaining a hit on the fore-deck of the vessel. His determination was typical of that which he has invariably shown in all his

attacks on enemy shipping. In addition to his work in the air, Flight Lieutenant Clark has rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ward Hargrove FULTON (Can/J. 23399), R.C.A.F., 236 Sqn.

This officer has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping, including the successful operations against such targets in Kiel Bay on two successive days early in May, 1945. His keenness has always been evident and he has consistently shown a high standard of skill and courage in pressing home his attacks in the face of much opposition. The photographs which he has secured have well proved his successes.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Horsley GOLIGHTLY (60117), R.A.F.V.R., No. 333 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty over a long period of operational flying. He has completed a large number of varied sorties including numerous notable reconnaissances. In attacks against enemy shipping, Flight Lieutenant Golightly has displayed great skill and courage. In April, 1945, he led a large formation of aircraft in a successful attack against enemy shipping at Aalesund. Some days later, Flight Lieutenant Golightly took part in another attack on shipping targets in the Kattegat. His successful and resolute work on both occasions won much praise.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth James HIRSH (55057), R.A.F., 55 Sqn.

One night in April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Hirsh was pilot and captain in an aircraft detailed to attack forward enemy positions over Budrio in the Po Valley. During the bombing run a violent explosion occurred beneath the aircraft. The turret gunner was wounded. The aircraft sustained serious damage. The starboard engine was put out of action and the propeller could not be feathered. The rudder control was severed. In circumstances of great difficulty, Flight Lieutenant Hirsh retained a measure of control. When nearing our own lines he ordered his crew to leave by parachute as the aircraft had become almost uncontrollable and was falling rapidly. Owing to his injuries, the front gunner was unable to leave. Flight Lieutenant Hirsh, therefore remained at the controls and headed for base. Displaying superb skill and exceptional resolution he reached the airfield where he executed a successful crash landing. In most harassing circumstances this officer displayed courage and coolness of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice Cecil KAY (151376), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Kay is a successful and determined pilot. He has completed very many sorties. On three occasions he has executed attacks on U-boats with a measure of success which reflects the greatest credit on his ability and persistence. He has at all times set a fine example of keenness.

Flight Lieutenant Nevill Charles Hilder TUFNELL (127947), R.A.F.V.R., No. 225 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Tufnell has displayed a high degree of skill and courage in air operations. He has completed a very large number of sorties, including many reconnaissances on which he has obtained information of great value. On one occasion this officer was detailed for a photographic reconnaissance along the strongly defended line of the Brenner Pass. Undeterred by intense enemy opposition, he secured good photographs of every bridge from Reverso, along the Adige river to the coast. Throughout two tours of operational duty, Flight Lieutenant Tufnell has shown great efficiency and keenness and his determination to make every sortie a success has won much praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Lindley HIRONS (176564), R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn.

This officer has proved a valuable asset to the squadron. He has participated in a large number of varied sorties and has displayed skill, courage and tenacity of a high order. On three occasions in April, 1945, Flight Lieutenant Hiron led small formations of aircraft in attacks on various targets in the battle area. On one occasion the target was a fortified factory and four gun sites. The attack was well pressed home. The factory was demolished and the gun sites rendered useless. On another occasion the target consisted of several field guns well placed for defence and which were

giving considerable trouble to our ground forces. Flight Lieutenant Hiron led his section into the attack with great skill. As a result three of the gun positions were put out of action. In other sorties this determined pilot has been responsible for destructive attacks on much mechanical transport, several barges and a number of locomotives. He has at all times displayed the greatest coolness and set a splendid example to all.

Captain William Edward COLAHAN (328383V), S.A.A.F., 72 Sqn.

This officer is an exceptionally able pilot and a fearless fighter. He has completed very many sorties during which he has successfully attacked a wide range of enemy targets. In April, 1945, Captain Colahan led a small section of aircraft in an attack against an enemy strongpoint consisting of one large and three smaller heavily defended houses. The attack was pressed home with great skill and vigour. The objective was completely destroyed. As a result our ground forces were able to advance for some distance. Some days later, Captain Colahan led a section in an attack against another heavily defended strongpoint. In spite of considerable enemy fire the attack was pressed home with great success. The determination shown by this officer was in keeping with that which he has shown throughout his tour of duty.

Captain Graham GARLICK (205773V), S.A.A.F. 250 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has consistently displayed the highest standard of efficiency and courage. In April, 1945, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on enemy military buildings north of Budrio. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire the buildings were successfully attacked and destroyed. Captain Garlick's example of coolness and determination on this sortie undoubtedly inspired the rest of his flight. On another occasion he led an attack against two enemy tanks sheltering between buildings near Massa Lombarda. This officer destroyed one of the buildings and it was later confirmed that the tanks had also been destroyed. This officer has at all times displayed exceptional zeal and devotion to duty. He has set a fine example to all.

Flying Officer Jack Geoffrey COX (Aus.411750), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of operational missions, including many valuable reconnaissances during which he has obtained information of great value; he has also taken part in numerous successful attacks on enemy shipping. On one occasion, early in his operational career, Flying Officer Cox piloted an aircraft in an attack against 4 enemy minesweepers. During the run-in, his aircraft was hit. Flying Officer Cox was struck in the arm by a piece of shrapnel. Despite this he executed his attack and afterwards flew his badly damaged aircraft back to an airfield where he effected a successful crash-landing. This officer has set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Gerald John DALY (149886), R.A.F.V.R.

As navigator, Flying Officer Daly has taken part in numerous notable attacks on enemy shipping. Throughout these operations he has displayed the highest standard of skill and co-operation, qualities which have played a good part in the successes obtained. In May, 1945, he was navigator in the leading aircraft of a large formation which attacked shipping in the Baltic area. His faultless work on this occasion won great praise. Flying Officer Daly has at all times shown exceptional keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Brian GIBSON (158739), R.A.F.V.R., 93 Sqn.

Flying Officer Gibson has completed a large number of sorties over the battle area and has been responsible for the destruction of very many mechanical vehicles and other enemy equipment. In April, 1945, he took part in a sortie during which some 18 large motor transports and heavily defended vehicles were most effectively attacked. This officer has proved himself to be a highly skilled and fearless pilot whose example in pressing home his attacks has played a good part in the great success of his squadron. His devotion to duty has been unswerving.

Flying Officer Philip Frederick SOUTHERNWOOD (N.Z.422438), R.N.Z.A.F., 489 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Sqn.

Throughout his tour of operational duty this officer has consistently shown a high degree of skill and determination. He has taken part in many successful attacks on shipping and his accurate and resolute work has played a good part in the successes obtained. In May, 1945, Flying Officer Southernwood executed a good attack on an escorted tanker, setting it on fire. This officer has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Lieutenant Philip Jacobus LAGESEN (203584V), S.A.A.F., 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer was the second pilot in an aircraft detailed to attack the Parona rail/road bridge at Verona. Soon after leaving the target area the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Evading action was taken but the aircraft was hit by a burst of machine gun fire. Much damage was sustained. A fire commenced in the rear of the aircraft. Being unable to communicate with other members of the crew, owing to the unserviceability of the inter-communication system, Lieutenant Lagesen went aft to investigate. He found the rear gun turret on fire. The rear gunner lay wounded just outside the turret. Ammunition was exploding intermittently. Despite this, Lieutenant Lagesen fought strenuously to overcome the flames and finally subdued them by means of extinguishers. He then turned his attention to aiding his wounded comrade. Just then, another fighter closed in. Lieutenant Lagesen promptly manned the beam gun and assisted the mid-upper gunner to drive off the attacker. Fire again broke out in the rear of the aircraft. All the effective extinguishers had been used. Nevertheless, Lieutenant Lagesen tore down and threw out some burning material and then beat out the remainder of the fire with his hands. This officer set a splendid example of courage and coolness in the face of great danger.

Lieutenant Sydney John TREZISE (206389V), S.A.A.F., 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Lieutenant Trezise was the pilot in an aircraft engaged on a sortie one night in April, 1945. At one stage during the operation, the aircraft was attacked by 2 enemy fighters. In the engagement the rear gunner was wounded. Lieutenant Trezise had manoeuvred with much skill to finally evade the attackers but his aircraft had sustained much damage. The elevators were shot away. The throttle control cables to the two starboard engines were severed, whilst the intercommunication system and the wireless apparatus were rendered useless. In spite of this, Lieutenant Trezise flew back to base. Although the aircraft was difficult to control, this resolute pilot effected a safe landing. He set a very fine example of skill and coolness throughout.

Pilot Officer Leslie HOPWOOD (195417), R.A.F.V.R., 254 Sqn.

Pilot Officer Hopwood has completed much operational flying. He completed a tour of duty in the Middle East theatre and throughout set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. Since joining this squadron, Pilot Officer Hopwood has participated in numerous attacks on enemy shipping. In May, 1945, he took part in an attack against shipping in the Baltic area. Throughout the operation he displayed the greatest resolution. Five times he led his section in to attack various targets despite considerable anti-aircraft fire, good results being obtained.

Warrant Officer Frederick Thomas CORNISH (1316320), R.A.F.V.R., 236 Sqn.

Warrant Officer Cornish has displayed commendable skill and courage in his attacks on enemy shipping. Undeterred by the heaviest opposition he has invariably pressed home his attacks with skill and resolution. On two successive days early in May, 1945, Warrant Officer Cornish flew with great distinction in attacks on shipping in Kiel Bay.

Warrant Officer John Douglas NICOL (1339071), R.A.F.V.R., 86 Sqn.

In May 1945, Warrant Officer Nicol was pilot and captain of an aircraft engaged on reconnaissance over the Skagerrak. Three surfaced U-boats were sighted. In spite of considerable opposing fire, Warrant Officer Nicol pressed home an attack which resulted in the destruction of one of the

enemy vessels. In this spirited action, Warrant Officer Nicol displayed a high degree of skill and courage setting an excellent example.

Warrant Officer Ross Sinclair PRIEST (N.Z.428148), R.N.Z.A.F., 489 (N.Z.) Sqn.

Throughout his tour of operational duty, Warrant Officer Priest has shown skill, courage and resource of a high standard. He has successfully completed several difficult reconnaissances during which he has secured much valuable information regarding enemy shipping. In attacks on this type of target, Warrant Officer Priest has set a fine example of determination. One night in April, 1945, in the Skaggerak area, he pressed home an attack on an enemy vessel and caused its destruction.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth David VAUGHAN (134915), R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1423131 Flight Sergeant Robert Denison MacKINNON, R.A.F.V.R., 85 Sqn.

As pilot and observer respectively this officer and airman have undertaken many sorties and throughout have displayed great keenness and devotion to duty. During these operations they have been responsible for the destruction of three enemy aircraft at night. They have invariably displayed a high degree of skill and co-operation. On a previous occasion whilst flying with another pilot, Flight Sergeant MacKinnon assisted in the destruction of a Messerschmitt 110.

*Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).*

Warrant Officer Kevin John DENNIS (Aus.437121), R.A.A.F., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in March, 1945, this officer was wireless operator in an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt. Shortly after leaving the target the aircraft was hit and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. One member of the crew was killed and Warrant Officer Dennis was badly wounded. The latter was hit in both legs and most of the foot of one of them was severed. Despite his wounds and the loss of much blood, Warrant Officer Dennis continued with his duties until the aircraft had landed. Although suffering great physical distress, this officer displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1566371 Flight Sergeant David HUTTON, R.A.F.V.R., 93 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Hutton joined the squadron in the early months of 1945. He soon displayed the qualities of a highly skilled pilot and in his attacks against a variety of enemy targets he has shown courage and determination of a high standard. He has completed many sorties during which he has successfully attacked such targets as enemy strongpoints, bridges, motor transport columns and other targets on the ground. He has at all times shown the greatest devotion to duty.

1605511 Flight Sergeant Albert EXON, R.A.F.V.R., 114 Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) Flight Sergeant Exon has taken part in a very large number of sorties. He has displayed a high standard of efficiency, coupled with great keenness and determination. One night in March, 1945, he was the turret gunner in an aircraft detailed for a sortie. Before reaching the target, the parachute of a wing flare opened. The shrouds, catching in the release gear, thus held the flare a little behind the trailing edge where it ignited. Displaying the greatest promptitude Flight Sergeant Exon opened fire on the swinging flare and succeeded in severing the retaining shrouds thus releasing the burning flare which fell earthwards. His action thus removed the immediate danger of fire and prevented the aircraft from becoming a brightly lit target for the enemy's defences. His coolness and skill set a fine example.

1399737 Flight Sergeant Owen Francis Pettingell NORTON, R.A.F.V.R., 114 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Norton has shown a high standard of skill and devotion to duty in air operations. He has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a variety of enemy targets and his successes are an excellent tribute to his ability and resolution. He has rendered much valuable service.

*Air Ministry, 13th July, 1945.*

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

*Military Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Reginald Thomas Frederick TURNER, D.F.C. (114982), R.A.F.V.R., 190 Sqn.  
Flying Officer Robert Anthony CARSON (144937), R.A.F.V.R., 222 Sqn.

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