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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader John Watson ALLAN (89617), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 256 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flying Officer Harold James DAVIDSON (Aus.411444), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 256 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have displayed exceptional skill in recent operations over Sicily. One night in July, 1943, they destroyed 2 enemy aircraft while the following night they destroyed 1 more. Two nights later, during one sortie, they shot down 4 Junkers 88's and 1 Cant 1007. Again, on the following night, they destroyed 2 more hostile aircraft and thus in 3 nights' operations obtained 10 victories. This achievement is an excellent tribute to their outstanding skill and fine fighting qualities.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Squadron Leader Jack Albert HOLMES, D.F.C. (33413), Royal Air Force, No. 190 Squadron.

In June, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to search for a dinghy containing the crew of an aircraft. After a flight of some 400 miles over the water the dinghy was located. Although a heavy sea was running, making the task of alighting the aircraft extremely hazardous, Squadron Leader Holmes skilfully came down alongside the dinghy and its occupants were hauled safely aboard the aircraft. This officer displayed superb airmanship and great determination throughout.

Acting Squadron Leader Ernest Edward RODLEY, D.F.C. (61472), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 97 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has taken part in very many sorties and throughout has made every endeavour to press home his attacks with accuracy and vigour. On one occasion he took part in an attack on Friedrichshafen. In spite of heavy and concentrated anti-aircraft fire, Squadron Leader Rodley accomplished his task successfully. On the way to North Africa, en route from the target, an explosion occurred in the aircraft, causing much damage. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Rodley accomplished the journey and safely landed his damaged aircraft. This officer has invariably displayed great courage and resolution.

Flight Lieutenant Joseph Henri James SAUVAGE, D.F.C. (43035), Royal Air Force, No. 97 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of operations during which many important and well defended targets have been attacked successfully. In June, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Sauvage participated in an operation against Friedrichshafen. Whilst over the target area his aircraft was extensively damaged by fire from the ground defences but he flew on to North Africa as planned and made a safe landing at an airfield there. His work on this occasion was typical of the determination he has invariably displayed.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cyril GOSLING, D.F.C. (Can/J.9359), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 229 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a very large number of sorties in the Middle East. In recent operations over Sicily he has fought with great skill and determination and, within a short period has shot down 5 enemy aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Gosling has led his flight and, at times, the squadron with great ability. He has destroyed 9 hostile aircraft.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Vincent Cronkite MCAULEY, D.F.C. (Can/J.4761), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Medal.*

618551 Acting Flight Sergeant Frederick Kitchener NIGHTINGALE, Royal Air Force, No. 7 Squadron.

In air operations this officer and airman have displayed courage and fortitude of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander James Alfred Avory READ (39799), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 108 Squadron.

During a period of the recent air operations over Sicily, this officer has displayed great skill and determination. This was well evidenced one night in July, 1943, when he destroyed 2 enemy aircraft, and again the following night when he shot down 2 more. Wing Commander Read has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed inspiring leadership and zeal. He has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft.

Squadron Leader Ernest Reginald MEADS (70459), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 252 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties and has set an example of keenness and skill which has won the confidence of all with whom he has