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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 Flight Lieutenant Gerald de Lucie CARVER, D.F.C. (117306), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 78 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them in the Middle East. He is an ideal leader, whose great skill and tenacity of purpose have always been evident. His determination was well demonstrated on a recent occasion during an operation against Mannheim. In the early stages of the outward flight some equipment became unserviceable and, some time later, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire which badly damaged the hydraulic gear. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Carver flew on to the target and pressed home a determined attack. This officer has displayed great courage and devotion to duty and his achievements have won great praise.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Edgar Charles BADCOE, D.F.C. (66001), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.

One night in November, 1943, this officer piloted an aircraft detailed to attack Dusseldorf. When nearing the target, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. The bomber was hit by machine gun fire from the enemy aircraft and temporarily went out of control. Squadron Leader Badcoe regained control, however, and then went on to the target and executed a vigorous attack, afterwards flying the damaged bomber to base. Squadron Leader Badcoe displayed exceptional skill, great coolness and determination, setting an inspiring example.

Acting Squadron Leader Nigel Jack BENNETT, D.F.C. (67604), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 76 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Bennett is an outstanding flight commander, whose example of courage, determination and devotion to duty has been of a high order. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, he has completed very many sorties and his great skill has been an important factor in the successes obtained. Squadron Leader Bennett has rendered valuable service.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Roderick Patrick DRUMMOND (91229), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 220 Squadron.

This officer was the captain of an aircraft which successfully attacked a U-boat. Defying a hail

of shells from the submarine's guns, Flight Lieutenant Drummond pressed home his attack to straddle the vessel with his depth charges. The submarine disappeared leaving survivors in the water. In this exploit, Flight Lieutenant Drummond displayed outstanding skill, courage and determination.

Pilot Officer Donald Albert ROLLIN (155787), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Rollin has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on a variety of important and well defended targets. He has displayed great skill and determination and his efforts to make every sortie a success has won great praise. Pilot Officer Rollin is a most inspiring captain.

Warrant Officer Herbert Reginald COOKE (801516), Auxiliary Air Force, No. 619 Squadron.

As air gunner, Warrant Officer Cooke has taken part in a very large number of sorties and has displayed great devotion to duty. On a recent occasion, during an attack on Kassel, Warrant Officer Cooke saw an aircraft being attacked by a fighter. He immediately informed his captain who made the necessary combat manoeuvre and Warrant Officer Cooke was enabled to deliver a burst of machine-gun fire which hit the enemy aircraft with destructive effect. His vigilance and skill were highly commendable.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1212991 Flight Sergeant Herbert Victor BORROWDALE, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 47 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Borrowdale has participated in very many sorties and has displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty. He has taken part in several determined attacks on enemy shipping and his efforts have been worthy of great praise. In air combat, Flight Sergeant Borrowdale has assisted in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft. This airman has at all times shown great keenness.

Can/R.101644 Flight Sergeant Stuart Gordon MATHESON, Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 44 Squadron.

This airman has taken part in a large number of sorties, including attacks on industrial centres in the Ruhr and many other important targets. In September, 1943, Flight Sergeant Matheson piloted an aircraft detailed for a mine-laying mission. In spite of much anti-aircraft opposition, he made 2 runs over the target to ensure accuracy. On another occasion, on the outward flight to Munich, the oxygen supply failed. Nevertheless, Flight Sergeant Matheson continued to the target and bombed it. This airman has invariably displayed skill, courage and determination of a high order.