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*Air Ministry, 1st February, 1944.*

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

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader Julian SALE, D.S.O. (Can/J.9929), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 35 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack a target in Germany. Although heavy cloud prevailed over the target, Squadron Leader Sale displayed great persistence and made 5 runs over the area before releasing his bombs. The return flight was safely accomplished but, whilst over base at a height of 1,500 feet, some stores exploded and flames burst out near the rear turret and the under side of one of the wings. The aircraft quickly became filled with smoke and fumes and the fire spread rapidly. The danger of the tanks exploding was soon apparent. Coolly, Squadron Leader Sale turned away from the airfield, regained height and ordered his crew to leave by parachute. By this time, he could hardly see the instruments as the smoke in the cockpit was so dense. As he was just about to leave the aircraft himself Squadron Leader Sale saw, standing beside him, a member of the crew who had been unable to leave as his parachute was badly damaged and unusable. Squadron Leader Sale therefore decided to attempt to land the burning aircraft and succeeded in so doing. The floor of the fuselage, some equipment and some stores were blazing as he and his comrade got clear. When they were a bare 200 yards away the aircraft exploded. In circumstances of great danger, Squadron Leader Sale displayed great courage and determination, setting an example of the highest order.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant David William BARBOUR (Aus.401097), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 680 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of hours flying on reconnaissance over land and over sea in the Middle East theatre. He has displayed great skill and determination and has consistently returned with valuable information. In November, 1943, he was detailed to reconnoitre various harbours. Undeterred by adverse weather, Flight Lieutenant Barbour displayed exceptional persistence to reach the targets which he recon-

noitred from a low level. His information revealed the position of an enemy convoy. Flight Lieutenant Barbour has displayed praiseworthy keenness, courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Lionel Albert MALINS (101019), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 260 Squadron.

Throughout his present tour of operations, Flight Lieutenant Malins has rendered outstanding service. He is a most efficient flight commander, whose keenness to engage the enemy has inspired the flight he leads so well. His devoted service has been highly commendable.

Flight Lieutenant Olaf Patrick OLSON (N.Z.411439), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 680 Squadron.

This officer has completed very many sorties, involving reconnaissances over ports, harbours and airfields. Two of these missions were undertaken in December, 1943, in very bad weather. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Olson displayed great skill and persistence and reconnoitred a variety of targets from a low level. In one area he was subjected to considerable anti-aircraft fire and was driven off but he returned again and completed his task successfully. Flight Lieutenant Olson has set a high standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Captain Colin Frowd HUTTENBACH (117225), Royal Artillery, No. 651 Squadron.

Captain Huttenbach has participated in a large number of sorties and has displayed skill and courage of a high order. During the battle of the Sangro on 1st December, 1943, he undertook very many sorties on that day and was responsible for silencing the enemy's mortar fire on 5 occasions, thus enabling our tanks to advance. In these operations, Captain Huttenbach displayed outstanding gallantry and his example was most inspiring.

Lieutenant Albert SACHS (47428V), South African Air Force, No. 92 Squadron.

In December, 1943, this officer was engaged on a patrol over the Sangro River when he sighted a large formation of fighter-bombers escorted by Messerschmitt 109s. He immediately led his section into the attack and, as a result, the bombers were forced to jettison the bombs. In the fight, Lieutenant Sachs shot down 1 of the enemy aircraft; he also hit another one, causing it to explode in the air. His own aircraft was struck in the windscreen and the main plane by flying portions of the disintegrating enemy aircraft. Afterwards, Lieutenant Sachs was heavily

engaged and his aircraft received such damage that it could no longer be flown and he was forced to leave it by parachute. In this spirited action, Lieutenant Sachs displayed great courage and determination and his example was worthy of the highest praise.

Flying Officer John Parker ROBERTS (Aus.413931), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 10 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer was the captain of an aircraft which attacked and destroyed a U boat in the Bay of Biscay. In spite of heavy fire from the enemy's guns, Flying Officer Roberts pressed home his attack with great skill, raking the vessel with bullets and then attacking it with depth charges which were accurately placed. Flying Officer Roberts displayed great courage and resolution and his effort was worthy of high praise.

Pilot Officer Jack CHURCHILL (159031), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

This officer has completed many sorties, involving long distance flights over difficult terrain, often in adverse weather. He has at all times displayed outstanding devotion to duty and his example of courage, skill and fortitude has been highly commendable.

Pilot Officer Arthur John FLOYD (158343), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Pilot Officer Floyd is a navigator of high merit and his brilliant work has contributed in a large measure to the success of the many sorties in which he has participated. He has set an excellent example of determination and devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Henry Hugh LLOYD (758163), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Warrant Officer Lloyd has completed a very large number of sorties, including anti-submarine patrols, attacks on shipping and many reconnaissances. He has at all times displayed great keenness and determination and on several occasions has returned to base with valuable information. Warrant Officer Lloyd has rendered most valuable service.

*Air Ministry, 1st February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Lionel COHEN, D.S.O., M.C. (72629), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Douglas WHYARD, A.F.C. (104335), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

Flying Officer Michael FROST (120446), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 178 Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

*Air Ministry, 1st February, 1944.*

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred upon the officers indicated in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

*Croix de Guerre, Belge, 1940.*

Acting Wing Commander John Kenneth BUCHANAN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39628), Reserve of Air Force Officers.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald RANKIN, D.F.C. (Aus.402394), Royal Australian Air Force.

*Amendments.*

In notification of 7th January, 1944 (p. 162, col. 2) under heading Distinguished Flying Cross *delete* Lieutenant David Goring WOOD (206515V), South African Air Force and subsequent citation and insert name and citation immediately after citation relating to Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick James GARVEY, D.F.C. (117420), R.A.F.V.R. on p. 162 col. 1.

In notification of 21st January, 1944 (p. 430, col. 2) in heading preceding name of Air Chief Marshal Sir W. Sholto DOUGLAS, K.C.B., M.C., D.F.C., Royal Air Force, *for "1st Class" read "2nd Class."*

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