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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 Wing Commander David Scott Shearman WILKERSON, D.F.C. (62281), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 578 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties on his second tour of operations. He has displayed high powers of leadership, great skill and determination, qualities which have earned him much success. He is a devoted and zealous squadron commander, whose great drive and tactical ability have contributed in a large measure to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Alan Frederick FORSDIKE (61953), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of attacks on enemy targets, including such centres as Berlin, Hamburg, Essen and Kassel. He is a navigator of high merit, whose example of courage and determination has been inspiring. He has proved his skill in many difficult situations and his efforts have contributed greatly to the successes obtained.

Flight Lieutenant James Norris REYNOLDS (119882), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties during which he has successfully attacked many dangerous and difficult targets. On one occasion, whilst over Berlin, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The starboard aileron was badly damaged and the aircraft temporarily went out of control. Flight Lieutenant Reynolds regained control however, and, although much physical effort was required to keep the aircraft on a level course, he pressed home his attack and afterwards flew safely to base. This officer displayed skill, determination and devotion to duty of the highest standard.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas NEISON (138890), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 630 Squadron.

In April, 1944, this officer was the mid-upper gunner of an aircraft which attacked an industrial plant at Clermont Ferrand. Soon after crossing the enemy coast, on the return flight, Flight Lieutenant Neison sighted an enemy fighter coming in to the attack. In the ensuing fight, Flight Lieutenant Neison defended his aircraft

with much skill and finally struck the enemy aircraft with a well placed burst of fire causing it to explode in the air. This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has proved himself to be a keen and confident gunner. His determination and fine fighting spirit have set an excellent example.

Flying Officer David Robert COURAGE (Aus.426219), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

As air gunner, Flying Officer Courage has taken part in a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed a high standard of efficiency and resolution. On one occasion, in an attack on Hamburg, his aircraft was attacked 3 times by fighters. Flying Officer Courage sighted the enemy aircraft on each occasion and his prompt and skilful directions to his pilot played a good part in frustrating the attackers. He has at all times displayed great keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John Andrew Cameron KENNEDY (Aus.409001), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

As air bomber, this officer has taken part in very many sorties against targets in Germany and throughout has displayed unflinching devotion to duty and praiseworthy skill. One night in April, 1944, Flying Officer Kennedy took part in an attack on Munich. Whilst over the target he was struck by a fragment of shrapnel and sustained a broken rib and severe bruising. In spite of the pain and discomfort, Flying Officer Kennedy continued to direct the aircraft on its bombing run and successfully attacked the target. Thereafter, he remained at his post until this country was reached. His exemplary conduct was most commendable.

Flying Officer Wilfred Arthur LENNARD (124735), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

In the course of his operational tour this officer has taken part in attacks on a wide range of strongly defended targets in Germany. His navigational ability has been of a high standard throughout and has played a good part in the successes obtained. On one occasion in February 1944, he was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack Leipzig. Shortly after crossing the enemy coast the air speed indicator failed. In spite of this, the captain decided to continue the mission. In the face of difficulties, accentuated by heavy cloud, Flying Officer Lennard skilfully guided his captain to the target which was successfully attacked. His ability and resource contributed in a large measure to the success of a most trying sortie.