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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:—

*Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander James Edgar JOHNSON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (83267), R.A.F.V.R.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order, this officer has led large formations of aircraft in many and varied sorties. During these operations 34 enemy aircraft have been destroyed several of them by Wing Commander Johnson himself. He is a magnificent leader, whose unsurpassed skill and personal courage have inspired all. Wing Commander Johnson has destroyed at least 28 hostile aircraft.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Squadron Leader Robert Allan KIPP, D.F.C., (Can/J.4743), R.C.A.F., 418 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer continues to display the highest standard of skill and gallantry in air operations. He has completed very many sorties and his careful planning, tactical ability and iron determination have brought him much success. In April, 1944, he led a section of aircraft on a sortie over enemy territory during which 4 enemy aircraft were shot down, 2 of them by Squadron Leader Kipp. On another occasion, one night in May, 1944, Squadron Leader Kipp destroyed 4 hostile aircraft in combat. His genius for leadership has always been apparent and his example has been most inspiring.

Acting Flight Lieutenant William MacDowall STEPHEN (Can/C.823), R.C.A.F., 427 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in May, 1944, this officer captained an aircraft detailed to attack Aachen. When crossing the enemy coast, the aircraft was hit by fire from the ground defences. The starboard rudder and the elevator controls were so badly damaged that the aircraft became almost unmanageable. Undaunted Flight Lieutenant Stephen went on to the target and bombed it. He afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to this country. Although the tailwheel had been shot away and the brake pressure was nil Flight Lieutenant Stephen effected a safe landing. His perseverance in the face of great odds, together with his exceptional skill and resource set an example of a high order.

Pilot Officer Joseph Leroy WEBB (Can/J.19885), R.C.A.F., 432 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in April, 1944, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Montzen. It was his first sortie as captain. When crossing the enemy coast the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and several large holes were torn in the fuselage. Nevertheless, Pilot Officer Webb continued to the target. In the bombing run it was discovered that the hydraulic system had been damaged and the bomb doors could not be opened. Thereupon, he made another circuit of the target whilst his engineer worked to open the doors manually. On the second run in the bomber was attacked by a fighter. It was driven off however and a successful bombing attack was made. After leaving the target three more fighters were encountered. Two of them were successfully evaded but in the third fight Pilot Officer Webb's aircraft was hit by the enemy's bullets. One engine was put out of action, and damage was sustained to the port aileron and mainplane. Despite this, this intrepid pilot flew the aircraft back to an airfield in this country and executed a masterly landing. This officer displayed superb skill and exceptional devotion to duty and was largely responsible for the safe return of the aircraft and its crew. His conduct in the face of heavy odds was exemplary.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander Richard Angelo MITCHELL, D.F.C. (62259), R.A.F.V.R., 605 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has destroyed three and assisted in the destruction of a fourth enemy aircraft at night; he has also executed several damaging attacks on locomotives. He is a keen and courageous fighter whose personal example and efficiency have been reflected in the fighting qualities of his flight which has won much success.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Herbert William CLARKSON, D.F.C. (68160), R.A.F.V.R., 692 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has set a fine example of skill, courage and devotion to duty. Recently Flight Lieutenant Clarkson took part in a mission in which most accurate and meticulous navigation was essential to the success of the mission, but despite fierce anti-aircraft fire and considerable searchlight activity, Flight Lieutenant Clarkson guided his pilot to the target with unerring skill and thus contributed materially to the success achieved.