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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.

Wing Commander Cecil St. George William CHAPMAN (Can/C.1009) R.C.A.F., 162 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and devotion to duty, qualities which were well in evidence on a recent occasion when he successfully attacked a U-boat. In the fight his aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire and extensively damaged. Height was rapidly lost but Wing Commander Chapman skilfully brought the aircraft down on the sea. The crew got safely aboard the dinghy and, some 4 hours later, were rescued. During the time spent in the dinghy, Wing Commander Chapman set a fine example which greatly inspired his comrades in a trying period. He has invariably displayed high qualities of leadership and tenacity.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Richard Eric BURNS, D.F.C. (34215), R.A.F., 254 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of skill and gallantry, qualities which have been reflected in the fine fighting spirit of the squadron he commands. In June, 1944, Wing Commander Burns took part in a successful attack on a large concentration of enemy shipping. By his great tactical ability and fine leadership, Wing Commander Burns contributed in good measure to the success obtained.

Acting Squadron Leader Colin George MILSON, D.F.C. (Aus. 402379), R.A.A.F., 455 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has completed numerous attacks on enemy shipping. He has led his striking forces with the greatest dash and his example has been most inspiring. In June, 1944, he flew the leading aircraft of a section which attacked a number of minesweepers near the Hook of Holland. In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire the attack was pressed home with exceptional resolution. His contempt for danger has been a noteworthy feature throughout his tour.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander Anthony GADD (37557), R.A.F.O.

Within recent months this officer has taken part in numerous attacks on shipping. He has displayed a high degree of skill and courage and throughout his example of devotion to duty has been most praiseworthy. In June, 1944, he led a large formation of aircraft in an attack on a large merchant vessel and a naval auxiliary escorted by a number of minesweepers and R-Boats. In the fight, the large merchant vessel and a minesweeper were destroyed, the naval auxiliary hit and beached and several of the escorting ships damaged. By his brilliant leadership and great tactical skill Wing Commander Gadd played a prominent part in the success achieved.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Thomas DAVIES (161385), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties during which he has successfully attacked such targets as Berlin and strongly defended industrial centres in the Ruhr area. He is a highly efficient and most resolute captain, whose fine fighting qualities and gallant leadership have been reflected in the high morale of his crew. Both in the air and on the ground his conduct has been exemplary.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Garland Ashton MILES (144764), R.A.F.V.R., 578 Sqn.

This officer has completed a notable tour of operations, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. He is a navigator of high merit and his ability and resolution have played a good part in the many successes obtained. Flight Lieutenant Miles has also rendered valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron. His example has been most commendable.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Harry PROBERT (135407), R.A.F.V.R., 630 Sqn.

As captain of aircraft this officer has participated in very many attacks on targets in Germany, including 7 against Berlin. Throughout he has set a fine example of skill and his determination to make every sortie a success has won much praise. On a recent occasion, during a mine-laying mission, his aircraft was damaged in an encounter with a fighter. Although