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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:—

*Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Wing Commander Lewis Alan LYNN, D.S.O., D.F.C. (40124), R.A.F.O.

Wing Commander Lynn has completed a large number of day and night sorties during which he has successfully attacked a wide range of strongly defended targets. He has maintained a high standard of operational flying and his genius for leadership has been outstanding. His achievements have won great praise.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Air Commodore David Francis William ATCHERLEY, D.F.C., R.A.F.

This officer has completed much operational flying and has achieved notable successes. He is a fearless leader, whose iron determination and unswerving devotion to duty have inspired all under his command. In addition to his work in the air Air Commodore Atcherley has displayed a high standard of organising ability and great drive and his services have been of inestimable value.

Wing Commander Richard Douglas SPEARE, D.F.C. (37606), R.A.F.O., 138 Sqn.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed many sorties which have demanded a high degree of skill and resolution. He has at all times displayed great keenness and determination and his gallant example has inspired all with whom he has flown.

Acting Wing Commander Charles McKenzie DUNNICLIFFE, D.F.C. (49010), R.A.F., 582 Sqn.

This officer has undertaken many sorties against various targets, including 7 attacks on Berlin. He is an outstanding captain, whose keenness, courage and devotion to duty have set a splendid example. In addition to his work in the air, Wing Commander Dunicliffe has shown a high degree of organising ability and great drive and his untiring efforts have been reflected in the operational efficiency of the squadron he commands.

Acting Wing Commander Roy Douglas MAX, D.F.C. (N.Z.2076), R.N.Z.A.F., 75 (N.Z.) Sqn.

This officer has displayed exceptional skill, great drive and outstanding devotion to duty, qualities which have contributed in a large measure to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. He has completed a very large number of sorties and his fine leadership, high courage and unbeatable determination have greatly inspired his crews. His example has been of a high order.

Acting Squadron Leader Gordon BENNET, D.F.C. (Can/J.15248), 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As captain of aircraft, Squadron Leader Bennet has taken part in a very large number of sorties during which he has successfully attacked such targets as Berlin, Mannheim and Munich. He has displayed skill of a high order whilst his unconquerable spirit of determination and contempt for danger have been a notable feature of his efforts throughout. Squadron Leader Bennet has rendered valuable service.

Acting Squadron Leader Edward John CHIDGEY, D.F.C. (131540), R.A.F.V.R., No. 35 Sqn.

One night in June, 1944, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to lead an attack on important railway sidings in France. During the outward flight adverse weather was experienced. On arriving over the target, Squadron Leader Chidgey, despite heavy rain, descended to an altitude of 1,000 feet, in order to ensure the success of the attack. He then made five bombing runs across the objective, unperturbed by anti-aircraft fire to which he replied with his guns. Squadron Leader Chidgey on this occasion displayed a high order of courage and determination. Throughout his operational career, this officer has taken part in numerous attacks on enemy targets and has invariably performed his allotted tasks with outstanding gallantry and coolness.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard John Kitchener HOGG, D.F.C. (41702), R.A.F.O., No. 90 Sqn.

This officer has completed three tours of operations during which he has attacked a wide variety of enemy targets. He has displayed a high standard of keenness and devotion to duty throughout and his successes are an excellent testimony to his great skill and courage. Squadron Leader Hogg has set an example worthy of emulation.

Acting Squadron Leader Ross Baxter INGALLS, D.F.C. (Can/J.4771), R.C.A.F., No. 582 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of important and well defended targets. His navigational ability has been of a high order throughout and has played a good part in the successes obtained. He has at all times displayed a high degree of courage and determination and his example has impressed all.

Acting Squadron Leader Leonard Fitch RATCLIFF, D.F.C., A.F.C. (87022), R.A.F.V.R., No. 161 Sqn.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties and has achieved much success. He is a fine leader whose ability, confidence and resolution have been reflected in the high morale of his crews. Squadron Leader Ratcliff has rendered much loyal and devoted service.