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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 Dudley Spencer RADFORD, D.F.C., A.F.C. (32233), R.A.F., 10 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of courage and devotion to duty. His leadership and organising ability have been outstanding and much of the success of the squadron can be attributed to Wing Commander Radford's personal example. In September, 1944, he was detailed to attack an aerodrome at Soesterburg. Clouds obscured the target on his first two attempts to bomb it and it was typical of his resolve that he made yet another effort, found a gap in the clouds and this time completed his attack. Among the many targets he has attacked are Leipzig, Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Dusseldorf.

Acting Wing Commander Peter James CHANNER, D.F.C. (64909), R.A.F.V.R., 105 Sqn.

This officer has a long and distinguished record of operational flying. He has invariably displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty and his powers of leadership have been outstanding. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Wing Commander Channer has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them against dangerous and difficult targets.

Acting Wing Commander Douglas David HAIG D.F.C. (33540), R.A.F., 625 Sqn.

Wing Commander Haig has consistently displayed the highest standard of leadership, skill and gallantry. He has completed very many sorties including attacks against strongly defended targets in Germany and the occupied countries. On a recent sortie, although his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, by brilliant airmanship, he flew the aircraft safely back to this country and made a skilful landing. Since assuming command of his squadron Wing Commander Haig has maintained a high standard of efficiency and morale. He has set a fine example.

Acting Wing Commander Derrick Milner WALBOURN (72004), R.A.F.V.R., 582 Sqn.

Wing Commander Walbourn has completed much operational flying against a variety of heavily defended targets in Germany. He has at all times displayed the highest standard of courage and resolution in pressing home his attacks and his achievements are worthy of high praise. Wing Commander Walbourn is a fine leader and an invaluable officer to his squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Brian George FROW, D.F.C. (100087), R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

This officer has completed a second tour of operational duty during which he has been employed in the role of master bomber. He has pressed home his attacks with exceptional determination and his complete disregard for danger and extreme coolness have been a magnificent example to the members of his crew.

Acting Squadron Leader Ralph Gordon GOODWIN, D.F.M. (Aus.404625), R.A.A.F., 635 Sqn.

As navigation leader, Squadron Leader Goodwin has never hesitated to fly on operations with any crew likely to benefit from his advice. He has flown against the most heavily defended German targets including Berlin on 7 occasions. He has consistently displayed a high degree of gallantry and devotion to duty and his record is worthy of the highest praise.

Acting Squadron Leader Peter MAINS-SMITH, D.F.C. (66562), R.A.F.V.R., 405 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross this officer has completed a large number of sorties, many of them in bad weather. He is a very capable leader whose coolness and courage in the face of danger have set a fine example to all. He has carried out his duties as flight commander with praiseworthy efficiency and his devotion to duty throughout his tours has been unflinching.

Acting Squadron Leader Herbert Colin MITCHELL, D.F.C. (106526), R.A.F.V.R., 139 Sqn.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of keenness and devotion throughout a long period of operational duty. Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross he has participated in very many bombing missions, including attacks on such targets as Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and heavily defended centres in the Ruhr. His standard of navigation throughout has been high and has played a prominent part in the successes obtained. He is an extremely zealous member of aircraft crew and his technical knowledge has proved a tremendous asset to the squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Nevil Everard REEVES, D.F.C. (110797), R.A.F.V.R., 239 Sqn.

Within a short period Squadron Leader Reeves has shot down four enemy aircraft at night; 2 of them fell to his guns over Germany. This officer's brilliant work has been an outstanding example to the flight he commands and has been a great factor in raising the fighting qualities of the formation to a high standard.