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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 Ian Clifford Kirby SWALES, D.F.C., D.F.M. (44835), R.A.F., 622 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties on his third tour of operational duty. He is a most inspiring leader whose outstanding ability, great drive and unswerving devotion to duty have contributed in a large way to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. He has rendered much valuable service.

Acting Wing Commander William David Gordon WATKINS, D.F.C., D.F.M. (44828), R.A.F., 15 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has participated in a large number of sorties. He has continued to display the highest standard of skill, courage and leadership, qualities which have been reflected in the efficiency and fine fighting spirit of the squadron he commands. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Acting Squadron Leader Roderick Harry ROSE (81652), R.A.F.V.R., 272 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties involving many reconnaissances, attacks on enemy shipping and airfields. In September, 1944, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a liner in enemy waters. The attack was pressed home with great determination and the vessel was set on fire. In this well executed operation this officer displayed the highest qualities of skill and leadership and his excellent work contributed materially to the success achieved. He has set an example of a very high order.

Acting Squadron Leader William John WELLER, D.F.C. (128355), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Squadron Leader Weller has completed numerous sorties, including 3 attacks on Berlin. On one occasion en route to Leipzig, the airspeed indicator became unserviceable. Despite this, Squadron Leader Weller continued to the target. Later, the starboard outer engine caught fire and became useless. Some height was lost but this pilot held to his course. In the vicinity of Leipzig intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Nevertheless, with the determination that has been such a feature of all his flights, Squadron Leader Weller pressed home his attack to the full and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft back to this country. His fine fighting qualities, great courage and zeal were well illustrated in this spirited sortie.

Acting Flying Officer Gordon Frederick WALTON (Aus.424567), R.A.A.F., 90 Sqn.

On his third operational mission in September, 1944, Flying Officer Walton was detailed to make a low level attack on fortified positions in Calais in daylight. In the run-in Flying Officer Walton was met by intense light anti-aircraft fire. The aircraft was hit in several places. Undeterred this pilot pressed home his attack and dropped the bombs with great precision. Not until the aircraft was well clear of the heavily defended area did Flying Officer Walton disclose that he had been wounded. His left forearm had been severely injured and he had sustained multiple leg wounds. Although suffering acutely he refused to leave the controls and after a tourniquet had been applied to his arm and he had been given an injection to ease his pain, he flew the aircraft back to England. Although almost at the point of collapse as an airfield was reached, Flying Officer Walton executed a masterly landing. He displayed outstanding bravery, fortitude and devotion to duty, setting an example of the highest order.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack Hewson TROBE, D.F.C. (Aus.416468), R.A.A.F., 10 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer George William FERNYHOUGH (169205), R.A.F.V.R., 10 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

In air operations these officers have displayed skill, courage and fortitude in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Bernard John MACDERMOTT (Aus.207838), R.A.A.F., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

One night in April, 1944, this officer was captain of an aircraft detailed to attack the railway sidings at Achères. Shortly after the take-off it was discovered that a piece of the port fin was torn. Although the hole was gradually becoming larger, causing considerable vibration, Squadron Leader MacDermott carried on with his mission. When 50 miles from the target he was attacked by a fighter. Although the bomber was difficult to control, Squadron Leader MacDermott out-manoeuvred the attacker and went on to bomb the target. As the English coast was crossed on the return flight the aircraft became completely uncontrollable and it became necessary for the crew to leave by parachute. After they had jumped the aircraft disintegrated in the air. On this, as on many other occasions, Squadron Leader MacDermott displayed exceptional determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Neil Onslow Steele BAYLEY (162968), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This pilot has attacked many of the enemy's most strongly defended targets. In September, 1944, he was detailed to attack a synthetic oil plant in the head of the Ruhr. In the vicinity of the target the aircraft was subjected to heavy and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. Violent evading action was taken but the aircraft was hit by fragments of shell in the nose, bomb doors, port aileron and the tailplane; the cowling of the port engine was also struck. In spite of this, Flight Lieutenant Bayley pressed home his attack, the success of which was proved by the photograph which he obtained. The coolness and courage displayed by this officer on this occasion are characteristic of that which he has invariably shown throughout his tour.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Harry James GOODWIN, D.F.M. (160061), R.A.F.V.R., 425 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As flight engineer this officer has completed many sorties, most of which have been against strongly defended targets. He has displayed a high degree of skill and throughout his coolness and initiative in times of emergency have made him a most dependable member of aircraft crew. In a sortie in August, 1944, engine trouble was experienced. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Goodwin proved his engineering skill and his efforts played a good part in the safe return of the aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robin Anderson SLATER (151830), R.A.F.V.R., 640 Sqn.

In August, 1944, during a daylight attack on an oil refinery at Homberg, the aircraft captained by this officer was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire during the bombing run. The port outer engine was rendered unserviceable and a fire was started in the fuselage. Nevertheless this pilot pressed home his attack with the utmost determination. Meanwhile, other members of the crew had successfully fought the fire and Flight Lieutenant Slater flew the damaged aircraft safely to base. On another occasion, when the target was Berlin, his aircraft was attacked and damaged by 2 enemy fighters. By excellent airmanship he succeeded in extricating his aircraft from a difficult situation and went on to bomb his target. Flight Lieutenant Slater has, throughout his operational tour, shown outstanding courage and a fine fighting spirit.

Flying Officer Teftime William CASSOR (Can/J.19667), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on various targets in Germany and enemy-occupied territory. He is a highly skilled pilot and an efficient captain. He has set a fine example of keenness and his determination to make every sortie a success has been most commendable.

Flying Officer James Douglas KOCH (Can/J.17760), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

As wireless operator this officer has displayed a high degree of efficiency. During his operational tour he has taken part in attacks on many important German targets including Berlin, Essen, Schweinfurt and Dusseldorf. On several occasions his skilful work has played a good part in the safe return of his aircraft. His devotion to duty has been unflinching.

Flying Officer David Austin LAMPARD (151378), R.A.F.V.R., 272 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high degree of skill and courage in air operations. He has completed a large number of sorties, mostly against enemy shipping and has always pressed home his attacks with the utmost determination. In a recent attack on a very large vessel in enemy waters, Flying Officer Lampard displayed exceptional resolution, obtaining several hits on the ship which caught fire.

Flying Officer Gordon Hudson MONTGOMERY (Can/J.25972), R.C.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and determination. He has completed a large number of sorties and on many occasions has proved his skill by successfully completing his bombing mission in the face of much difficulty and danger. He is a most inspiring captain.

Flying Officer Eric Gordon MYRING (133790), R.A.F.V.R., 272 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including attacks on enemy shipping, wireless installations and airfields. In September, 1944, Flying Officer Myring took part in a successful attack on a liner in enemy waters. In this operation he displayed commendable skill and courage, playing a worthy part in the success obtained. He is a most capable and fearless pilot.

Flying Officer Chester Franklin RIDEOUT (Can/J.21262), R.C.A.F., 272 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties involving attacks on enemy shipping, airfields, radio installations, bridges and mechanical transport. He has set a fine example of skill, and throughout his determination and devotion to duty have been unflinching. In a recent successful attack on a large enemy vessel, Flying Officer Rideout flew with great distinction.

Flying Officer John Thomas RODGERS (Aus.425190), R.A.A.F., 462 (R.A.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of skill, gallantry and devotion to duty. He has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of enemy targets. One night in August, 1944, in an attack on Kiel his aircraft sustained much damage. Despite this he completed his bombing task. Later on the home-ward flight the aircraft sustained further damage but Flying Officer Rodgers flew the bomber to base. His determination was in keeping with that which he has shown on all occasions.

Flying Officer Cyril ROWSELL (146604), R.A.F.V.R., 415 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

As wireless operator (air) this officer has completed two tours of operational duty, during which he has participated in attacks on many heavily defended targets in Germany including Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Stettin and Berlin. He has rendered service which has contributed materially to the successes obtained.

Flying Officer Henry Victor TAYLOR (148483), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

As air bomber, Flying Officer Taylor has taken part in a large number of sorties. He has at all times displayed a strong sense of duty together with great skill and his excellent work has contributed in good measure to the successes obtained. In addition to his work in the air, Flying Officer Taylor has given valuable service in the training of other members of the squadron.

Acting Flying Officer Douglas James BATHFIELD (177897), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties against enemy targets and throughout his tour has revealed high qualities of courage, initiative and leadership. One night in July, 1944, Flying Officer Bathfield was detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. When nearing the target area a burst of anti-aircraft fire hit the front of the aircraft. The nose was damaged, the hydraulic system was rendered unserviceable and fragments of shell tore through the mid-upper turret. Nevertheless this pilot went on to execute a successful attack. He afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to this country and made a safe landing. In this, as on many other occasions; Flying Officer Bathfield set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

Acting Flying Officer Keith Victor BROWNE (Aus.422129), R.A.A.F., 158 Sqn.

Flying Officer Browne was captain of an aircraft detailed for an attack on a synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen in September, 1944. Although his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire several times, this pilot held to a straight and level course for an excellent bombing run. He afterwards flew his badly damaged aircraft safely back to base where it was found to have been riddled in the fuselage, main plane and tail plane by fragments of shell. This officer has completed numerous operations and his determination to complete his missions successfully has won the greatest praise.

Acting Flying Officer Alfred William MEADEN (182868), R.A.F.V.R., 158 Sqn.

On several occasions this officer has bombed his objective with great persistence and accuracy in spite of his aircraft being damaged by anti-aircraft fire en route to the target. In September, 1944, he was detailed for a daylight attack on a synthetic oil plant in the Ruhr area. When nearing the

target the aircraft was subjected to intense and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. Shell after shell exploded near the aircraft which was hit in many places by fragments. With the coolness and resolution which he has invariably displayed this officer continued to the target which he attacked with great determination and afterwards flew safely to base.

Acting Flying Officer Edwin PAULSEN (Aus.414954), R.A.A.F., 158 Sqn.

This officer has proved an exemplary captain of aircraft whose coolness and efficiency in times of danger have been an unflinching source of inspiration to his comrades. One night in June, 1944, Flying Officer Paulsen was detailed to attack an airfield at Laval in France. On the bombing run he was met by a hail of light anti-aircraft shells but he pressed home his attack with the greatest determination and precision. In September, 1944, he took part in an attack on a synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen. Whilst over the target his aircraft was repeatedly hit by fire from the ground defences. This did not deter him from maintaining a steady run-in and he released his bombs with accuracy. His determination has been outstanding.

Acting Flying Officer Lionel SMITH (183010), R.A.F.V.R., 90 Sqn.

This officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Calais in September, 1944. While making his run-in his aircraft was subjected to concentrated fire from the ground defences and was hit. The mid-upper gunner was wounded, the hydraulic system was put out of action and both starboard engines were damaged; eventually they became useless. Despite this, the attack was pressed home with determination. Flying Officer Smith afterwards flew his damaged aircraft back to a home-based airfield where he effected a safe landing with the undercarriage retracted.

Air Ministry, 7th November, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

Henry John Walter MEAKIN, D.F.C. (83280), Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant.

John Lyall MASON, D.F.C. (101071), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 487 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer.

David Barrett FROST, D.F.C. (131007), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

William Christopher MAHER, A.F.M. (43177), Royal Air Force, No. 88 Squadron.

Squadron Leaders.

Reginald Victor NELMS (39750), Royal Air Force.
John Foulkes ROBERTS (40018), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 26 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenants.

William ATKINS (116042), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 162 Squadron.
William Russell DONAGHUE (121282), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.
Norman Albert DONIGER (109048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 63 Squadron.
Arthur JACQUES (128978), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 235 Squadron.
John Henry SPIRES, D.F.M. (121239), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Flying Officers.

Ben BUCK (157699), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 280 Squadron.

Robert Munro CAMPBELL (169422), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

Jack Arthur Douglas DEIGHTON (174552), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 542 Squadron.

John Davis IBBOTSON (136414), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 542 Squadron.

Desmond Ignatus O'TOOLE (151262), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Raymond George PRICE (50220), Royal Air Force, No. 248 Squadron.

Louis SANCHA (152092), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Archibald WILSON (146869), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 224 Squadron.

Warrant Officers.

William John ASHCROFT (570672), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 201 Squadron.

Colin CHURM (570078), Royal Air Force, No. 201 Squadron.

Francis Louis FITZGIBBON (1263637), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

William Arthur MAHONEY (Can/J.7679), No. 162 Squadron.

Flying Officers.

Edward George DOWDING (Can/J.23224), No. 254 Squadron.

William Charles Lovell DE PELHAM (Can/J.14650), No. 524 Squadron.

Pilot Officer.

Arthur Bodan FRENCH (Can/J.85937), No. 404 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Sergeant.

Can/R.166930 John Wentworth LEWIS, No. 220 Squadron.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenants.

Thomas Henry DAVIDSON (N.Z.412661), No. 489 (R.N.Z.A.F.) Squadron.

Ian James McNEIL (N.Z.401774), No. 63 Squadron.

David Gordon SIMPSON (N.Z.414689), No. 603 Squadron.

Flying Officers.

John Jardon O'CONNOR (N.Z.415007), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

Charles Norman GALL (N.Z.411492), No. 63 Squadron.

Charles Millard TAPPER (N.Z.415038), No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Government House, Canberra, 7th November, 1944.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award with effect from 20th October, 1944, in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the South-West Pacific area.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Joseph Stafford LEE (Aus.734).

*Department of National Defence for Air,
Ottawa, 7th November, 1944.*

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the under-mentioned airman who has been commended for valuable service in the air:—

R.217776 Leading Aircraftman Eldon Stanley BIGGS.

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