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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 Richard Edgar Peter BROOKER, D.F.C. (39931), R.A.F.O.

This officer has displayed the highest standard of gallantry and determination in his attacks on the enemy. During a phase of intensive air operations over Northern France, prior to the landing of the invasion forces, Wing Commander Brooker led large formations of aircraft in attacks against a wide range of well defended targets, including a number of radio stations. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's careful planning, inspiring leadership and skill in action. His record is most impressive.

Squadron Leader Hugh Charles TRAINOR, D.F.C. (Can/C.1697), R.C.A.F., 401 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, this officer has led the squadron on many sorties, during which considerable success has been achieved. Within a period of three weeks, some 385 enemy vehicles have been put out of action, many of them by Squadron Leader Trainor. In addition 17 enemy aircraft were shot down, two of them by this gallant and relentless fighter. Throughout these operations, Squadron Leader Trainor displayed magnificent leadership, great determination and devotion to duty.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Wing Commander George Robert Arthur McGarel JOHNSTON, D.S.O., D.F.C. (72982), R.A.F.V.R.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, this officer has led large formations of aircraft on very many sorties during which, outstanding success has been achieved, including the destruction of 57 enemy aircraft. In attacks on targets on the ground some 600 rail cars, 97 locomotives and more than 1,000 mechanical vehicles have been put out of action; 93 barges have been sunk and very many more damaged. These achievements are a splendid tribute to Wing Commander Johnston's brilliant leadership, outstanding ability and courageous example which has inspired all.

Acting Wing Commander William Walter John LOUD, D.F.C. (136179), R.A.F.V.R., 19 Sqn.

This officer is a skilful and determined leader, whose fine qualities have contributed in a large way to the high standard of operational efficiency of the squadron he commands. Within a period of a few weeks the squadron has inflicted severe

losses on the enemy, including the destruction of 19 enemy aircraft, 30 locomotives and more than 200 mechanical vehicles. By his inspiring leadership, Wing Commander Loud has played a worthy part in the successes obtained.

Acting Wing Commander Charles William McNab NEWMAN, D.F.C. (33347), R.A.F., 613 Sqn.

Since the invasion of Northern France, Wing Commander Newman has participated in very many sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets in the battle areas. Throughout, this officer has continued to display a high degree of skill and courage, qualities which have contributed much to the successes obtained.

Squadron Leader Harry James DOWDING, D.F.C. (Can/J.16027), R.C.A.F., 442 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer continues to display the highest standard of skill, courage and devotion to duty. His example has greatly inspired the squadron which, within a period of a few weeks, has inflicted much loss on the enemy. More than 500 mechanical vehicles have been put out of action, many of them by Squadron Leader Dowding; in addition, this officer destroyed two of the 19 enemy aircraft which were shot down by the squadron during the period.

Acting Squadron Leader Dean Hugh DOVER, D.F.C. (Can/J.16342), R.C.A.F., 412 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Squadron Leader Dover, now on his second tour of operational duty, has proved an outstanding leader, both in the air and on the ground. His great skill, coolness and tactical ability have contributed materially to the success of the squadron which, within a short period, has put out of action some 528 enemy vehicles. In addition 3 enemy aircraft have been destroyed. By his outstanding keenness, iron determination and untiring devotion to duty, Squadron Leader Dover has set a splendid example to all.

Acting Squadron Leader William John JOHNSON, D.F.C. (115410), R.A.F.V.R., 257 Sqn.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, since being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has led the squadron in many attacks on vital targets in support of our ground forces, including attacks on bridges, strong points and road and rail communications. Throughout he has displayed inspiring leadership, great courage and unswerving devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader William LYLE, D.F.C. (49945), R.A.F., 226 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Lyle has completed a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a variety of targets, such as power stations, airfields, shipping and lines of communication. In July, 1944, whilst leading a formation of aircraft against an enemy target, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft