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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Craham Gordon Ayst DAVIES (41989), R.A.F.O., 607 Sqn.

Squadron Leader Davies has completed much operational flying. He has participated in attacks on a variety of targets and has invariably displayed skill and courage of a high order. His sterling qualities have been well reflected in the outstanding work accomplished by the squadron he commands. Among his successes is the destruction of one enemy aircraft, many vehicles and some river craft; he has also effectively attacked such other enemy targets as stores and rolling stock.

Flying Officer Stuart James RAND (169905), R.A.F.V.R., 117 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of operational missions many of them in support of our ground forces, often in extremely bad weather. Throughout he has shown a high degree of skill and gallantry setting a fine example to all. Both in the air and on the ground his conduct has been exemplary and he has contributed in a large way to the success of the squadron.

Warrant Officer John Daniel MCCREDIE (Aus. 418236), R.A.A.F., 99 Sqn.

As pilot and captain of aircraft Warrant Officer McCredie has participated in many attacks on targets far into enemy country. He has consistently pressed home his attacks with great resolution often in the face of much opposition. On one occasion when attacking enemy shipping at low level, his aircraft was hit by fire from the enemy's defences. One engine was put out of action. A large fire started in the aircraft. Members of the crew fought the flames which, after a time, were put out. Throughout this trying period, Warrant Officer McCredie displayed the greatest coolness. He had remained at the controls and gained height. He afterwards flew his badly damaged aircraft a considerable distance to an airfield. This pilot's example of skill and resolution was in keeping with that which he has shown throughout his tour of operational duty.

Warrant Officer Mervyn Hamilton PATTERSON (Aus. 426502), R.A.A.F., 117 Sqn.

This officer has shown the highest standard of keenness for air operations. He has completed a very large number of sorties in support of our ground forces. In these operations he has displayed a high degree of skill and courage and throughout his devotion to duty has been unfail-

ing. Undeterred by adverse weather or enemy opposition, his determination to make every sortie a success has won much praise.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1604111 Flight Sergeant Dennis EVANS, R.A.F.V.R., 250 Sqn.

Flight Sergeant Evans has displayed the highest standard of keenness, courage and devotion to duty. He has completed very many sorties and has at all times pressed home his attacks with great determination. In April, 1945, this airman was engaged on an armed reconnaissance in Northern Italy. A convoy of enemy vehicles were sighted. During the attack his aircraft was hit and severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Undeterred, Flight Sergeant Evans pressed home his attack, destroying two enemy vehicles. Later, Flight Sergeant Evans was compelled to abandon his crippled aircraft. He came down safely by parachute. Although landing in enemy territory he evaded capture and soon rejoined his squadron. He displayed great courage and tenacity throughout.

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

3rd Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Air Vice-Marshal.

Basil Edward EMBRY, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander.

Lucian Brett ERCOLANI, D.S.O. (62270), R.A.F.V.R., 99 Sqn.

Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander.

Aubrey Noel FRANCOMBE (18210), R.A.F., 267 Sqn.

Acting Wing Commanders.

Terence Anthony COX (39304), R.A.F.O., 180 Sqn.
James Hepburn SINDALL (37365), R.A.F.O., 215 Sqn.

Squadron Leader.

Charles Dugdale HARRIS-ST. JOHN, D.F.C. (107809), R.A.F.V.R., 4 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

George Alex BUTLER, D.F.C. (108569), R.A.F.V.R., 11 Sqn.