

3,500 feet and straddled the target with his bombs. He then circled the town and ordered his air gunners to put out as many searchlights as possible. Since June, 1940, Flight Lieutenant Coleman has carried out 25 raids, 15 of them as captain of aircraft, during which he has displayed skill, persistent determination and devotion to duty and has set a magnificent example to his squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Hugh HOLLAND (33487)—No. 92 Squadron.

This officer has been continuously engaged in active operations since October, 1939. He has shown outstanding skill in leading his section, flight and squadron, and his keenness to engage the enemy on all occasions has proved a splendid example. He has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft and damaged a considerable number of others.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Walter John LAWSON (43419)—No. 19 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Lawson has consistently led his flight, and frequently his squadron, with great skill and courage and has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft. His exceptional coolness inspires great confidence in his fellow pilots. On two occasions he has refused to abandon his aircraft when damage caused would clearly have justified such a course.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Anthony Desmond Joseph LOVELL (40402)—No. 41 Squadron.

This officer has flown continuously on active operations against the enemy since war began. He has shown a fine fighting spirit and has led his flight and on occasions his squadron with great courage, coolness and determination. He has destroyed seven enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Richard George Arthur BARCLAY (74661), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve—No. 249 Squadron.

This officer has shown admirable coolness and courage in combat against the enemy. His keenness and determination have enabled him to destroy at least four of their aircraft.

Flying Officer Thomas Paul Michael COOPER-SLIPPER (41555)—No. 605 Squadron.

Flying Officer Cooper-Slipper has displayed great skill and daring in air combat. On one occasion he deliberately rammed and destroyed a hostile aircraft after his own controls had been practically shot away. He has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged three others.

Pilot Officer George Ernest GOODMAN (42598)—No. 1 Squadron.

This officer has performed outstanding work in all his engagements against the enemy. In October, 1940, he assisted in the destruction of an enemy bomber which was attacking an aerodrome in the failing light at dusk. His courage and resourcefulness have enabled him to destroy at least six enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer David Cooper LEARY (42756)—No. 17 Squadron.

In November, 1940, this officer was engaged with his squadron in protecting two destroyers which were being attacked by a formation of enemy dive bombers heavily escorted by fighters. Showing magnificent courage and determination, Pilot Officer Cooper destroyed two of the enemy bombers and assisted in the destruction of another. He has now destroyed at least five enemy aircraft.

Pilot Officer Graham Herbert RUSSELL (42025)—No. 236 Squadron.

In November, 1940, Pilot Officer Russell was engaged on a reconnaissance of Brest. Despite box barrage of about 600 bursts and intense light anti-aircraft fire which caused him to descend to 20 feet over the harbour, he succeeded in obtaining valuable information regarding the disposition of ships in the harbour and enemy aircraft on the aerodrome at Brest-Guilers. On the return flight he attacked a Dornier 24 flying boat, which was destroyed after a short engagement. He has consistently shown great dash and initiative and his example has been an inspiration to his fellow pilots.

Pilot Officer John Ronald URWIN-MANN (42281)—No. 238 Squadron.

This officer has displayed initiative and dash in his many engagements against the enemy. He has led his section in an excellent manner and has destroyed at least eight enemy aircraft.

*Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

740042 Sergeant James Harry LACEY, D.F.M., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve—No. 501 Squadron.

Sergeant Lacey has shown consistent efficiency and great courage. He has led his section on many occasions and his splendid qualities as a fighter pilot have enabled him to destroy at least 19 enemy aircraft.

*Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.*

740603 Sergeant Michael Christopher Bindloss BODDINGTON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve—No. 234 Squadron.

This airman has participated in nearly every operational patrol carried out by his squadron. He has displayed great determination, coolness and courage and has destroyed six hostile aircraft.

991242 Sergeant Glyn GRIFFITHS—No. 17 Squadron.

This airman has shown splendid courage and initiative in his attacks against the enemy. He has destroyed at least six of their aircraft, two of which were shot down in one day.

748522 Sergeant Eric William WRIGHT, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve—No. 605 Squadron.

This airman has displayed fine qualities of leadership, skill and courage. His sound tactics and efficiency have enabled him to destroy at least six enemy aircraft.