

Germany, the invasion ports and Italy. On one of these flights his skilful use of the wireless was mainly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft. On another occasion, when his aircraft was caught in searchlights at a low altitude, he immediately manned the front turret and extinguished three searchlights in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. In October, 1940, at Castel Benito, he machine gunned enemy aircraft on the ground setting at least two of them on fire. He has displayed great skill, courage and keenness on all occasions.

Air Ministry,
6th June, 1941.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader Kenneth Michael Macleod WASSE (37058), No. 9 Squadron.
 Flight Lieutenant Thomas McBride PRICE, Royal Australian Air Force.
 Acting Flight Lieutenant Sidney Patrick DANIELS (81676), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.
 Acting Flight Lieutenant Archibald Duncan McLAREN (41440), No. 101 Squadron.
 Acting Flight Lieutenant William McFarlane RUSSELL (70594), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 50 Squadron.
 Flying Officer Thomas Peter Ernest BARLOW (74662), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
 Flying Officer Robert George BARRELL (78524), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 77 Squadron.
 Flying Officer Ronald Edward LEWIS (31338), No. 214 Squadron.
 Flying Officer Francis Morris Gordon SCOTTER (40853).
 Acting Flying Officer Jack Matthew BOUSFIELD (79226), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Douglas Robert BAGNALL (43021), No. 77 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Frederick Harold BOWDEN (89593), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Gordon Hugh EVERITT (81032), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Norman Frederick HILDYARD (84917), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Stanley Gordon HOOKWAY (84339), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Cameron Frederick Mervyn JONES (81916), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Victor KEELING (82689), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Hayden Hugh James MILLER (43041), No. 77 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer Douglas Alfred George PARRY (79162), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 110 Squadron.
 Pilot Officer James Victor VERRAN (42775), No. 102 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

754044 Sergeant Peter Allen BALL, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
 755941 Sergeant Gerald Bernard BOREHAM, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.
 581036 Sergeant Sydney CLAYTON, No. 107 Squadron.
 640327 Sergeant Bernard CLIFTON, No. 58 Squadron.
 967329 Sergeant Alexander Petrie COLLIE, No. 58 Squadron.
 741554 Sergeant Eric DAINY, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.
 581282 Sergeant John GILMOUR, No. 9 Squadron.
 581098 Sergeant Cyril Walter HAMMOND, No. 44 Squadron.
 745012 Sergeant Peter Frank HICKLING, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 10 Squadron.
 565910 Sergeant Robert James JENNINGS (deceased)—with effect from 31st July 1940.
 N.Z.39864 Sergeant Frank Simpworth KIRKE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 83 Squadron.
 653797 Sergeant Alexander MACDONALD, No. 50 Squadron.
 531579 Sergeant Archibald MURRAY, No. 115 Squadron.
 966637 Sergeant Mark Alfred NIMAN, No. 10 Squadron.
 742920 Sergeant Frank ORMONROYD, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 50 Squadron.
 747981 Sergeant Edwin John Clessie RICHARDSON, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 58 Squadron.
 742977 Sergeant Rowland Edward RICHMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 49 Squadron.
 748797 Sergeant Humphrey John Drummond SMILES, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 214 Squadron.
 754021 Sergeant Reginald Seymour TADMAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 83 Squadron.
 905398 Sergeant Patrick Herbert Harold THIRKELL, No. 44 Squadron.
 653544 Sergeant Harry Ethelbert TURNER, No. 144 Squadron.
 754888 Sergeant John Bardsley WALKER, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.
 548236 Sergeant John Wilfred WILSON, No. 83 Squadron.
 741708 Sergeant Rodney Frederick Harling YOUNG, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 144 Squadron.

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

Air Ministry,
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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Air Vice-Marshal Francis John LINNELL, O.B.E., is granted the acting rank of Air Marshal on appointment to the Ministry of Aircraft Production, and is appointed an additional Member of the Air Council. 5th June 1941.