

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth WYVER (116006),
R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

1605641 Flight Sergeant Desmond George
KINGSLAND, R.A.F.V.R., 214 Sqn.

This officer and airman were pilot and wireless operator (air) respectively in an aircraft detailed to attack Chemnitz one night in February, 1945. On the return flight the aircraft came under fire from the enemy ground defences and was hit. One engine was damaged, all the navigational aids were rendered unserviceable and the intercommunication system became useless. A fire broke out in Flight Sergeant Kingsland's compartment. Though wounded, this airman made efforts to control the flames and finally extinguished them. Meanwhile, Flight Lieutenant Wyver held resolutely to his homeward course. (Eventually, an airfield was reached and a safe landing effected. This officer displayed a high degree of skill, coolness and courage throughout. Flight Sergeant Kingsland also proved himself to be a brave and determined member of aircraft crew. His resolute work in extinguishing the fire and afterwards, despite his injuries, his excellent co-operation with his captain set a fine example.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1518651 Acting Flight Sergeant Thomas William
Dennis KELLY, R.A.F.V.R., 7 Sqn.

One night in February, 1945, this airman was the navigator in one of a formation of aircraft

detailed to attack an oil refinery at Bohlen. When approaching the target the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. Flight Sergeant Kelly was severely wounded in the leg. In spite of this, his first thought was the fulfilment of his allotted duties. Although in acute pain he insisted on remaining at his post. Throughout the attack and on the return flight home, Flight Sergeant Kelly displayed the highest standard of skill. After the English coast had been crossed he was overcome by faintness but he had accomplished his task and navigated the aircraft safely back. This airman displayed exceptional courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Can/R.161211 Flight Sergeant Bernard Lloyd
McKINNON (now Pilot Officer), R.C.A.F., 419
(R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Sergeant McKinnon has participated in many sorties against some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany. In December, 1944, he was the air bomber in an aircraft detailed to attack Ludwigshafen. Shortly after the bombs had been released the aircraft was hit by bullets from a fighter. At the time, Flight Sergeant McKinnon was moving to a position from which he could continue his duties by assisting the navigator. He was struck in the foot which was badly injured. Although in considerable pain, Flight Sergeant McKinnon insisted on remaining at his post until assured that he could be of no further assistance. His example of courage and fortitude was most praiseworthy.

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