

November, 1942, he attacked a U-boat and scored a hit. Some days later in November, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Barwood attacked another U-boat which had been damaged by one of his squadron's aircraft. The attack resulted in the U-boat's destruction. Flight Lieutenant Barwood's great skill and outstanding determination have been examples of the highest order.

Flight Lieutenant John Bernard COATES (106216), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 114 Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties over France, the Low Countries and North Africa. He has at all times displayed great determination in pressing home his attacks. This was amply demonstrated in bombing attacks on enemy airfields and docks at Tunis and Bizerta. His skill and leadership have set an inspiring example.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Grahame EDWARDS (36227), No. 89 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Edwards has displayed exceptional ability during night flying operations and has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft. During July and August, 1942, 22 enemy aircraft were destroyed by a detachment of his squadron while under his command. Throughout, this officer has shown courage, resource and devotion to duty of a high order.

Flight Lieutenant Huntley Gordon HOLMES (42464), No. 500 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of hours flying on patrols and reconnaissances over the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. In November, 1942, he delivered five attacks on enemy submarines, resulting in the certain destruction of one. In December, 1942, he intercepted an Italian flying boat and shot it down into the sea. This officer is a skilful and courageous pilot, whose keenness and determination have set a fine example.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred LAMMER (81940), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

As observer, Flight Lieutenant Lammer has rendered valuable service having participated in the destruction of 4 enemy aircraft. He has set an excellent example.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Grahame STEWART (43983), No. 225 Squadron.

In North Africa, Flight Lieutenant Stewart has completed numerous reconnaissances and bombing sorties in support of the army. In the course of these operations, superior forces of enemy fighters were encountered but Flight Lieutenant Stewart, displaying great skill, successfully returned to base with valuable information. His skilful and courageous work has set a splendid example.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Francis EDWARDS, D.F.M. (Can./J.16077), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 260 Squadron.

In December, 1942, Flight Lieutenant Edwards was commander of a formation engaged in patrol duties over our forward troops. During the flight, 10 enemy aircraft were encountered and Flight Lieutenant Edwards destroyed 1 of 5 which were shot down. Two days later he destroyed another hostile aircraft bring his total victories to 8. This officer has invariably displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Hansford Ward CHAMBERS (N.Z.404334), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 154 Squadron.

This officer is a skilful and determined pilot. He took part in several sorties before going to North Africa where he has now destroyed 6 enemy aircraft. In November, 1942, while patrolling over a convoy, Flying Officer Chambers intercepted 5 Savoia 79's attempting to attack the convoy. In the ensuing engagement he destroyed 4 of them. Although his aircraft sustained damage he flew it back to base. Flying Officer Chambers has invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer David George Samuel Richardson COX (101041), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 72 Squadron.

This officer has participated in many sorties including attacks on transport, troops and airfields. His inspiring leadership has won the confidence of his fellow pilots. Flying Officer Cox has destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 3 of them in North Africa.

Flying Officer Edmund Henry JEFFREYS (116717), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Augustine IRVING (119447), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 236 Squadron.

In January, 1943, Flying Officers Jeffreys and Irving were pilot and navigator respectively of an aircraft engaged on a shipping reconnaissance over enemy waters. In spite of adverse weather, success was achieved and valuable information obtained. Throughout the flight both these officers displayed great skill and determination. On a further 2 sorties later in the month they displayed great fortitude and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Nevil Everard REEVES (110797), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

Since his arrival in Malta this officer has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft during darkness, and another in daylight, bringing his total victories to 7 aircraft destroyed. Throughout his operational career Flying Officer Reeves has displayed great skill, courage and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Mervyn Charles SHIPARD (Aus.402257), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 89 Squadron.

Flying Officer Shipard has always shown great courage and devotion to duty. While serving in Malta his keenness to participate in operational flying has been a splendid example to all air crews. He has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft by night.

Flying Officer Kenneth Leslie WAUD (126771), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 81 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties, including a number in Russia where he flew with distinction. In the campaign in North Africa he has performed much excellent work. His untiring efforts and outstanding devotion to duty have inspired his fellow pilots. Flying Officer Waud has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer James Nigel Williams YOUNG (62693), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 89 Squadron.

In January, 1943, this officer was detailed to make an attack on enemy road transport in Tunisia. During the raid, anti-aircraft fire severely damaged the port engine of his aircraft and destroyed the dinghy. Undeterred, Flying Officer Young proceeded with his mission and successfully machine-gunned transport and attacked a convoy before returning to base 200 miles away, which he reached safely although his port engine had failed completely. This officer has always displayed high courage and determination.

Flying Officer Michael John GLOSTER (65559), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

Pilot Officer James Frederick OSWALD (130111), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 255 Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, these officers have flown together in operations in North Africa. They are a skilful team, imbued with great keenness and determination. One night in December, 1942, Flying Officer Gloster, ably supported by his observer destroyed 3 enemy aircraft, all of them within an hour.

Pilot Officer John William BARLING (122396), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 233 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties. Throughout, he has displayed great courage and determination. In spite of several distressing experiences, his keenness for operations remained undiminished. In November, 1942, while on escort duties, he intercepted a Junkers 88 and forced it to jettison its bombs. Some days later he attacked and destroyed a U-boat. Pilot Officer Barling has set a fine example to all.

Pilot Officer Norman Chadwick ECKERSLEY (128390), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 18 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in numerous sorties. In December, 1942, he was the rear gunner of 1 of a formation of aircraft detailed to attack an enemy airfield. During the flight the formation was attacked by 50 enemy fighters. In the ensuing engagement, Pilot Officer Eckersley destroyed 1 and damaged 3 enemy aircraft. He received severe injuries, while his aircraft was badly damaged and caught fire but he maintained a steady fire at the attackers and enabled his pilot to effect a safe landing. Throughout, Pilot Officer Eckersley displayed great courage and set a praiseworthy example.