

mander Chadburn shot down 6 of this total himself. Much of the great success achieved can be attributed to this officer's sterling qualities.

Squadron Leader Hugh Beresford VERITY, D.S.O., D.F.C. (72507), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order, Squadron Leader Verity has completed very many sorties all of which have demanded a high degree of skill and determination. He is a most inspiring leader and his achievements have been outstanding.

*Distinguished Service Order.*

Acting Group Captain Roderick Aeneus CHISHOLM, D.F.C. (90233), Auxiliary Air Force.

This officer has completed an extremely large number of sorties at night during which he has destroyed 9 enemy aircraft. He has displayed exceptional skill and keenness and, both in the air and on the ground, his outstanding qualities and personal example have contributed materially to the efficiency of the unit he commands.

Acting Wing Commander Percy Belgrave LUCAS, D.F.C. (100626), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Within the past few months this officer has led his fighter squadron on a large number of varied sorties, including escorts to bomber formations which have attacked enemy shipping with much success. In all these operations, 13 enemy aircraft have been destroyed and several others damaged. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to this officer's great skill and gallant leadership. He has rendered most valuable service.

Flight Lieutenant Robin William John HOOPER (81075), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties on his second tour of operations. He has at all times displayed the greatest keenness and his outstanding skill and unswerving devotion to duty have been reflected in the successes he has obtained. Flight Lieutenant Hooper has set an example of the highest order.

Flying Officer Arthur Harry RISELEY (106080), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron.

This officer has completed a very large number of sorties, many of them as air gunner in the earlier phases of the war. Latterly, in the role of pilot, he has taken part in many successful bombing attacks on such targets as airfields, railway junctions and industrial targets. He has displayed great skill, courage and devotion to duty.

*Second Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Atterby McCARNS, D.F.C., M.M. (125754), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 161 Squadron.

Since being awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Flight Lieutenant McCarns has participated in a large number of successful operational missions. He is a model of efficiency and his example of determination and devotion to duty has won great praise.

*Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader John Robert BALDWIN, D.F.C. (22337), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 609 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Baldwin is a keen, skilful and determined fighter. He has participated in much operational flying during which he has destroyed at least 9 enemy aircraft. In addition he has attacked some 14 locomotives, 6 barges, a tug and a tanker with damaging effect. He is a highly efficient squadron commander, whose example of courage and determination has inspired all.

*Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader William Ken DAVISON (73728), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Squadron Leader Davison has completed much operational flying at night and has set a fine example of keenness and devotion to duty. He is a highly efficient flight commander and has rendered excellent service.

Acting Squadron Leader Walter DRING (104424), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 183 Squadron.

This officer has completed much operational flying and has displayed great skill and fine fight-

ing qualities throughout. He is a most efficient squadron commander and recently he has led his formation in a series of successful attacks on airfields and on shipping. On one of the latter occasions, hits were obtained on 2 merchant vessels. Squadron Leader Dring has displayed great leadership and determination. He has destroyed one enemy aircraft.

Acting Squadron Leader Lewis David LEICESTER (Aus.416687), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 158 Squadron.

This officer has attacked some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany, including objectives in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne. He is a fine leader, whose courage, skill and resolution have contributed in a large measure to the fine fighting qualities of the flight he commands. Squadron Leader Leicester has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably pressed home his attacks with vigour.

Acting Squadron Leader Patrick Glynn THORNTON-BROWN (81639), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 609 Squadron.

This officer has taken part in a large number of sorties. Latterly he has led the squadron on several missions during which 21 enemy aircraft were shot down in combat. Several others were destroyed on the ground and a variety of other targets were attacked with damaging effect. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to Squadron Leader Thornton-Brown's inspiring leadership, great skill and dash. He has destroyed at least 3 enemy aircraft.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Thomas Sidley BLYTH (126153), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 51 Squadron.

One night in December, 1943, this officer was the pilot of an aircraft detailed to attack Frankfurt. Whilst over the target area the aircraft was hit. The windscreen was shattered and some of the flying fragments entered Flight Lieutenant Blyth's neck; he was also struck in the face by the clear vision panel which had been torn loose. One of the petrol tanks was pierced, its contents becoming lost. Although badly dazed and almost frozen by the icy blast from the air flow which poured in through the shattered windscreen, Flight Lieutenant Blyth executed his bombing attack and afterwards flew the aircraft to base. He displayed great courage, determination and fortitude.

Flying Officer Anthony BRADSHAW (144012), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and has destroyed at least 5 enemy aircraft. On one occasion in November, 1943, when returning from a sweep over Northern France, Flying Officer Bradshaw encountered a Focke Wulf 190 near Le Havre. He immediately turned and pursued the enemy aircraft for some 30 miles before shooting it down near Evreux. His action was typical of the determination he has shown throughout his service with the squadron.

Flying Officer William Daniel JONES (116692), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 85 Squadron.

Flying Officer Jones is an extremely capable observer. He has participated in a large number of sorties and has assisted in the destruction of 3 enemy aircraft at night. He has set an excellent example of keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Rayne Dennis SCHULTZ (Can/J.16359), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 410 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Flying Officer Vernon Albert WILLIAMS (Can/J.9577), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 410 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

As pilot and observer respectively, Flying Officers Schultz and Williams have completed several sorties at night and have displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination. During a sortie one night in December, 1943, they destroyed 3 Dornier 217s, a feat which well illustrates their fine fighting qualities. In other sorties they have attacked locomotives and bridges.

Pilot Officer Raymond George EAGLEFIELD (159009), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 158 Squadron.

As wireless operator, Pilot Officer Eaglefield has participated in very many sorties, including such important targets as Berlin, Essen and Cologne. He has invariably displayed coolness and courage and his skilful efforts have contributed materially to the successes obtained.