

Captain Gordon Ogilvie WATSON (206300V), South African Air Force, No. 2 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has displayed a high degree of skill and courage. He has invariably pressed home his attacks with great determination, often in the face of fierce opposition. In February, 1944, Captain Watson played a good part in the success of a reconnaissance during which an airfield was attacked and several aircraft on the ground were destroyed. In this operation, Captain Watson led his formation with great skill, setting a most inspiring example.

Flying Officer James Ronald HUGHES (Can/J.12639), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 254 Squadron.

This officer has participated in very many sorties, including several successful attacks on shipping. In March, 1944, he took part in a sortie during which a merchantman was attacked with good results. The next day he led a flight in another attack on shipping. By his great skill and superb leadership, Flying Officer Hughes played a good part in the success achieved. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination.

Flying Officer Norham John LUCAS (80398), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 266 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty. His fine fighting qualities have always been apparent and on several occasions he has flown safely to base after his aircraft has been badly damaged in air fighting. On one occasion, Flying Officer Lucas was compelled to abandon his damaged aircraft whilst over the sea. Within a few days of being rescued he resumed flying operations. In recent sorties over Northern France Flying Officer Lucas has flown with great distinction and shared in the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Desmond Fred RUCHWALDY, D.F.M. (127048), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 129 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and has invariably displayed skill, courage and resource of a high order. He has destroyed 7 enemy aircraft.

Flying Officer Jack Neville YATES (159463), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 607 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties many of them in the Far East. Throughout these operations he has displayed a high degree of skill and courage, setting a very fine example. On one occasion Flying Officer Yates was engaged by a number of enemy fighters, one of which he shot down. In the fight, Flying Officer Yates was wounded and his aircraft sustained severe damage but he flew on to an airfield and effected a safe landing. During an operation in February, 1944, he was engaged by 12 enemy fighters. Flying Officer Yates fought with great skill, however, and destroyed one of the enemy aircraft and afterwards led his section safely to base. This Officer has destroyed at least 5 hostile aircraft.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1385232 Flight Sergeant James Michael JULIAN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 15 (S.A.A.F.) Squadron.

In February, 1944, this airman was the top gunner of the leading aircraft of two engaged on a reconnaissance. During the operation, the aircraft were attacked by a large force of fighters. In the ensuing fight, Flight Sergeant Julian displayed great skill and resource. One of the attackers fell to his guns and three more were hit by his bullets before the engagement was terminated. His efforts contributed in a large measure to the success of the sortie. He has invariably displayed courage and determination of a high order.

#### *Air Ministry, 28th March, 1944.*

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

#### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Wing Commander Jeaffreson Herbert GRESWELL, D.F.C. (37318), Royal Air Force, No. 179 Squadron.

#### *Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Acting Squadron Leader Hugh Anthony Stephen JOHNSTON, D.F.C. (88723), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 165 Squadron.

#### *Distinguished Flying Cross.*

Wing Commander Hugh Robert Arthur EDWARDS, A.F.C. (05202), Royal Air Force, No. 53 Squadron.

Acting Wing Commander Percy Robert HATFIELD (33315), Royal Air Force, No. 95 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Barry Edwards PECK (40481), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 120 Squadron.

Squadron Leader George William PETRE (33353), Royal Air Force, No. 193 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Hastings REEVE (79527), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader David George ROSS (84001), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 263 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Arthur SUTHERLAND (41079), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 602 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred CODY, D.F.M. (45954), Royal Air Force, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Joseph CROWLEY (45718), Royal Air Force, No. 226 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Forbes CUTHBERT (120967), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Bert GRIMSHAW (108606), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 228 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Dennis Raymond HAWKES (116451), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 455 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant James Douglas HILL (106673), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, with effect from 18th August, 1943.

Flight Lieutenant Rolf Cardale LUCK (112349), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 209 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Philip Clifford PRIDMORE (115896), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William George RAILTON (112491), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 454 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Neville HAMMOND (131082), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 166 Squadron, with effect from 23rd October, 1943.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Francis Peter LYON (117572), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 88 Squadron.

Flying Officer Roy Charles BAKER (148917), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 120 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Brown BRODIE (149913), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 220 Squadron.

Flying Officer Frederick John DEEKS (124306), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer Robert Archibald DOUGLAS (51602), Royal Air Force, No. 216 Squadron.

Flying Officer John Frederick GREEN (128359), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 248 Squadron.

Flying Officer Victor Henry LINTHUNE (47907), Royal Air Force, No. 25 Squadron.

Flying Officer James Wharton MOORE (49682), Royal Air Force, No. 107 Squadron.

Flying Officer Alistair Kay MURDOCH (143482), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Flying Officer George PLATTS (137655), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 541 Squadron.

Flying Officer Donald Percy TAYLOR (145913), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Bruce Fitzgerald Henry MILLER (158294), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 17th October, 1943.

Pilot Officer Stanley WILSON (157489), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 418 Squadron.

Warrant Officer John Ralph Vincent (90220), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 209 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Eric WOODWARD (755838), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 216 Squadron.

Acting Warrant Officer Kenneth Reuben LEE (1135622), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 14th October, 1943.

Acting Warrant Officer David Halstead LOOP (658361), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 103 Squadron, with effect from 18th October, 1943.