

Acting Squadron Leader James Hughes BEATTY (Can/J.14471), R.C.A.F., 439 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties during which he has successfully attacked a wide range of enemy targets. He has displayed a high degree of courage and determination in pressing home his attacks and has set a very fine example. Over a long period of operational flying, his devotion to duty has been unflagging.

Acting Squadron Leader John Stewart HART (41696), R.A.F.O., 112 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties, including many attacks on heavily defended targets such as road and rail bridges, gun positions, strong points and mechanical transport. Throughout, he has displayed skilful leadership, great determination and devotion to duty. In April, 1945, Squadron Leader Hart took part in an armed reconnaissance during which 11 locomotives were successfully attacked. Some days later, Squadron Leader Hart participated in another sortie during which a number of locomotives and trucks were most effectively attacked. This officer has invariably displayed the greatest keenness and has set a fine example to all.

Acting Squadron Leader Terence SPENCER (47269), R.A.F. (Lieut., Corps of Royal Engineers).

This officer's keenness for air operations has won great praise. He has completed a very large number of sorties and has invariably attacked his targets with great courage and determination thereby achieving much success. On one occasion in February, 1945, Squadron Leader Spencer was forced to come down in enemy territory. He was captured, but subsequently rejoined his unit. He has been responsible for the destruction of one enemy aircraft and a good number of mechanical vehicles.

Acting Squadron Leader John Douglas WRIGHT (89594), R.A.F.V.R., 68 Sqn.

Throughout a long period of operational flying, this officer has set a fine example of keenness. Highly skilled and resolute at all times he has set a splendid example. In air fighting, Squadron Leader Wright has destroyed 2 enemy aircraft.

Flight Lieutenant Kenneth GREENWOOD (67669), R.A.F.V.R., 487 (N.Z.) Sqn.

During his tour of operational duty, Flight Lieutenant Greenwood has executed many sorties during which he has attacked enemy airfields, railways and road transport, causing much damage and disruption. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination and has set a fine example to all. In an attack on the Gestapo headquarters at Odense, Flight Lieutenant Greenwood secured photographs which well proved the success of the operation. His determination on this occasion was characteristic of that which he has shown at all times.

Flight Lieutenant Harold Rodney LEA (121074), R.A.F.V.R., 127 Sqn.

This officer has set a fine example of devotion to duty over a long period of operational flying. He has completed a large number of sorties including many attacks against heavily defended targets. In operations against the enemy's

railway systems, Flight Lieutenant Lea has assisted in the destruction of five locomotives. He has at all times proved himself to be a keen and resourceful pilot.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Frederick Wallace MOSSING (Can/J.88877), R.C.A.F., 274 Sqn.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties during which he has attacked a wide range of enemy targets such as airfields, locomotives, mechanical transport and other targets on the ground with a good measure of success. He has invariably displayed a high degree of courage and determination in pressing home his attacks and on many occasions his aircraft has been damaged by enemy fire. On one occasion he himself was wounded. Among his successes is the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft.

Captain Allen Quinton DE WET (48142V), S.A.A.F., 5 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captain De Wet is a highly skilled and resourceful pilot. He has taken part in very many sorties during which much damage has been inflicted on the enemy. Early in April, 1945, Captain De Wet took part in an armed reconnaissance during which a good number of mechanical vehicles were destroyed. Some days later, Captain De Wet led a formation of aircraft in an attack against an enemy bridge. Pressing home his attack with great skill, this officer obtained a hit which demolished the central part of the objective. On another occasion in April, 1945, Captain De Wet undertook a reconnaissance over the battle area and located numerous gun positions. He afterwards led a formation of aircraft in a most successful attack against these positions. This officer has set a fine example of skill, courage and determination at all times.

#### *Distinguished Flying Medal.*

1324827 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Bruce Thomas Alfred ROUTLEDGE, R.A.F.V.R., 112 Sqn.

This airman is a keen and efficient pilot. He has completed a large number of varied sorties and his example of courage in pressing home his attacks has been most commendable. In April, 1945, Flight Sergeant Routledge led a section of aircraft on an armed reconnaissance. Some 12 miles west of Trieste an attack was pressed home on a train just as it was heading for a tunnel. As a result, the locomotive was destroyed and 20 trucks derailed. In other sorties, Flight Sergeant Routledge has put out of action numerous locomotives, secured hits on various bridges and has destroyed a number of mechanical vehicles. His skill and daring have set an excellent example.

#### AMENDMENT.

In notification of 8th June 1945 (p. 2897, col. 2) under heading Royal Canadian Air Force, insert: Distinguished Flying Cross.

In notification of 14th June 1945 (p. 2993, col. 2) immediately under entry referring to Honorary Squadron Leader A. CHARLESBY (71125), R.A.F.V.R., insert: F. MORGAN (71193), R.A.F.V.R.

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