

Letter from Mr J.P. Hughes - 19th August 1992

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Dear Mr Ravenhill,

In reply to your request of information of 229 Squadron.

I was an armourer with 229 at Biggin Hill, Northolt, Wittering and Speke air port Liverpool. From Speke the Squadron was posted to Middle East Western Desert.

It was at Biggin Hill that King George VI came to visit the Squadron in 1940. It was a good Squadron - everyone did their job at a very high level. Then 229 was posted to Malta. The ground crew left by merchant ship from Port Said but unfortunately our ship was attacked and sunk. I was picked out of the Med and returned to Alfiander (?) and posted to 107 MU Karferet (?) so lost touch with the Squadron.

However, I am now 76 years old so not too many of us are knocking about now.

Sorry it hasn't given you the information you requested, but it does show how you must be proud of him.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Hughes