

carried out a number of successful photographic reconnaissances, frequently meeting and overcoming strong hostile aerial resistance. In the course of these flights he has destroyed four enemy machines, and his observer has accounted for three others. A fine achievement, for the machine he flies is designed for heavy bombing and long reconnaissance rather than for aerial combats.

Capt. Eric George Edward Donaldson.
(FRANCE)

This officer has led twenty-seven bomb raids, displaying at all times conspicuous courage and perseverance. On 3rd October, when on artillery reconnaissance, he saw one of our machines pressed by six enemy aircraft. Single-handed, he went to assist, and, pressing home his attack with vigour and determination, he forced the enemy to relinquish the engagement and retire over their lines.

Major (A./Lieut.-Col.) William Sholto Douglas, M.C.
(FRANCE)

A very gallant officer and brilliant leader to whose personal influence and example is mainly due the fine record of his squadron which, since 21st September, 1917, has destroyed 201, and driven down out of control 149 enemy aircraft. On 17th, 18th and 19th October last Major Douglas carried out most successful reconnaissances of the army front at exceptionally low altitudes (at times descending to 20 feet owing to dense clouds) and in face of intense hostile rifle and machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

Lieut. John Foster Drake.
(FRANCE)

This officer has taken part in seventy successful raids and reconnaissances, and has been conspicuous for his tenacity and devotion to duty. On 1st November he was one of a formation of six that was attacked by twenty-five enemy aeroplanes, and a running fight of eighteen miles ensued. Being the rear unit of the formation, and maintaining that position throughout, the brunt of this severe attack was borne by this officer, and his endurance and skill against overwhelming odds undoubtedly saved the formation.

Lieut. Frank Falconer Dutton, M.C.
(EGYPT)

An officer of great courage and endurance who sets an inspiring example to his flight. On 19th September he flew for 7½ hours, carrying out an extremely valuable artillery patrol, which enabled our artillery to silence a number of enemy batteries, in addition to tactical and bombing flights.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd September, 1916.)

2nd Lieut. Gower Wynn Elias.
(FRANCE)

This officer has rendered most valuable service on contact and other patrols, the information obtained being invariably most accurate and of great value. On 9th October his machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire and was rendered out of control; with rare presence of mind and courage he climbed out of the plane, thus balancing the

machine and enabling his pilot to land in safety.

Lieut. William Elliot.
(EGYPT)

On 27th September this officer was detailed to drop an ultimatum on a body of hostile troops some 5,000 strong. Descending to 400 feet, although exposed to intense rifle and machine-gun fire, he remained until he actually saw the message picked up; a fine example of determination and courage. He returned with his machine badly shot about.

Capt. (A./Major) Edwin Cheere Emmett, M.C. (South African Defence Force).
(EGYPT)

During the late operations this officer has been distinguished for gallantry and devotion to duty. Before an attack he took a series of oblique photographs of the enemy's lines—a service that entailed considerable personal risk, as he was compelled to fly at a very low altitude in the face of heavy machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1917.)

Lieut. Arthur Reginald Fairbairn.
(FRANCE)

During recent operations this officer's balloon was singled out for attack three times in two days. On the third day he was again attacked by six scouts when at a height of 1,500 feet. He behaved with the utmost coolness and gallantry in helping his fellow observer, who was inexperienced, out of the basket before parachuting himself. His determination in pushing his balloon forward during the recent advance has been most praiseworthy.

Lieut. Jules Edward Ferrand.
(FRANCE)

On 26th October this officer took part in an engagement with a large hostile formation. Singling out a Fokker he attacked it at close range, driving it down to crash. Being isolated from his companions he turned to regain our lines but was at once attacked by seven Fokkers, who kept up a running fight for many miles. He maintained a stout defence against these long odds, crashing two of the enemy machines, and eventually reaching our lines with all his ammunition exhausted.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Charles Findlay.
(FRANCE)

On 29th October this officer led his flight with the greatest dash and determination against a hostile formation of about fifty machines. Reinforced by six more machines—making a total of twelve in all—he fought his patrol against the enemy's overwhelming numbers for upwards of half-an-hour, but the enemy being continuously reinforced he was eventually forced to withdraw. Cleverly extricating his formation he retired across the lines, our only casualties being one pilot and one observer wounded. The enemy lost heavily, five machines being shot down in flames (one by Capt. Findlay), four destroyed and six driven down out of control.

Lieut. Howard Bowden Fletcher (Australian F.C.).
(EGYPT)

On 24th August two of our machines, Lieut. Fletcher being the observer in one,