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Act. Flt. Cdr. Philip Sidney Fisher, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in air fights and bombing raids. On one occasion, when very heavy fighting took place between eight machines of his squadron and about twenty Albatross scouts, he fought at least six combats single-handed, shooting down one of his opponents out of control. On another occasion, when he was acting as leader of a flight of five machines detailed for an offensive patrol, a general action took place with a number of Albatross Scouts, in the course of which Act. Flt. Cdr. Fisher was wounded whilst fighting with great gallantry.

He has shown himself to be a most efficient and plucky flight leader, and has also taken part in numerous night bombing raids in addition to his day fighting.

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Cdr. Gerald Essex Hervey, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in air fights and bombing raids. On the 22nd August, 1917, he attacked a formation of ten hostile aircraft engaged in a raid on England and brought one of them down into the sea.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Henry Guy Holden, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of the great courage and gallantry displayed by him in obtaining important photographs under heavy anti-aircraft fire on the 14th October, 1917, and on other occasions. He has also on many occasions been the pilot of spotting machines.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. (now Flt. Lieut.) Victor Richard Gibbs, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in numerous night bombing raids, particularly on the night of the 25th September, 1917, when in spite of difficult weather conditions he carried out a double trip and made good shooting from 3,000 feet and below, and was responsible for dropping over 1½ tons of bombs on his objectives.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. (now Flt. Lieut.) Leonard Horatio Slatter, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill on many occasions both as observer and pilot. He has taken part in numerous night bombing raids, and on one occasion he ascended at night for the purpose of attacking hostile machines, notwithstanding the fact that he had only returned a few hours previously from a successful action with hostile aircraft in superior numbers.

On the 4th September, 1917, he attacked an enemy Torpedo Boat Destroyer with machine gun fire.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Stanley Wallace Rosevear, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has destroyed several hostile machines, and has also attacked and scattered parties of enemy infantry from low altitudes, on one occasion from a height of only 100 feet.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Frederic Ross Johnson, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a bombing raid on Thourout Railway Station on the night of the 20th-21st September, 1917, when he came down to about 3,000 feet and made particularly good shooting.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Air Mech., 1st Gr., Thomas Robert Barber, O.N. F3771.

Air Mech., 1st Gr., Leonard George Stanley Boshier, O.N. 15936 (Po.).

A.C., 1st Cl., George Conley, O.N. F16254.

Act. Air Mech., 1st Gr., Charles Spikins, O.N. F8732.

The following Officers and Man have been mentioned in despatches:—

Flt. Cdr. Norman Sholto Douglas, R.N.A.S.

Lieut. Martin William Wallace Cross, R.N.V.R.

Flt. Lieut. Basil Deacon Hobbs, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Ellis Vair Reid, D.S.C., R.N.A.S. (since killed).

Air Mech., 2nd Gr., Henry Martineau Davies, O.N. F20254.

HONOURS TO THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of decorations and medals to the undermentioned Officers and men of the British Mercantile Marine, in recognition of zeal and devotion to duty shown in carrying on the trade of the country during the war:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Capt. Rowland Robinson Barker.

Capt. Frederic Hadley Bryant.

Capt. Samuel Cook.

Capt. Henry John.

Capt. Walter Keslake.

Capt. James Lee.

Capt. Neil McNeill.

Capt. William Surman Mason.

Capt. Joseph Stephen Meria.

Capt. George Moir.

Capt. David Russell Murray.

Capt. Richard Edward Oliver.

Capt. Henry George Orchard.

Capt. Edwin Alan Porter.

Capt. Isaac Bedlington Tose.

Capt. Peter Urquhart.

Capt. Edward Witten.

Ch. Offr. William Whitehead.

Ch. Engr. Oliver Henry Jelley.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Capt. Rowland Robinson Barker, D.S.C.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Sea. Henry James Graham.

Sea. Albert Hide Hutchins.

Sea. Thomas Jamieson.