

continued his patrol along the corps front, obtaining most valuable information. (The award of the Distinguished Flying Cross is also announced in this Gazette.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) Christoffel Johannes Venter, D.F.C.

A brilliant patrol leader, who has since May last destroyed eleven enemy machines. In an engagement between six of our machines and nine of the enemy, five of the latter were destroyed, Captain Venter accounting for one. Later on the same day he, in company with three other officers, engaged four Fokkers. In the combat that followed all four enemy machines were destroyed, this officer shooting down one.

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Lt. (T./Capt.) Joseph Leonard Maries White, D.F.C. (Can. M.G.C.)

In company with another pilot this officer recently attacked a hostile formation of fourteen scouts. One of these he shot down in flames, and a second out of control. Captain White not only displays courage and skill of a high order in attacking machines in the air and troops on the ground, but he has rendered excellent service on reconnaissance duty, obtaining most valuable information.

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Lt. Horace Norman Young, D.F.C.

In a recent engagement this officer displayed marked courage and determination. He bombed and silenced an anti-tank battery, and then attacked some motor transport, destroying four lorries. Later on he engaged with machine guns enemy troops and transport, causing a stampede, returning to our lines with a most valuable report as to the position of our troops. Unfortunately, on the following day he was seriously wounded.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

2nd Lieut. Cyril Frederick Ambler (R. Ir. Fus.).

This officer has rendered most valuable service on photographic and other reconnaissance duty. He displays indomitable courage and perseverance, notably on a recent photographic reconnaissance when his machine was fiercely attacked by seven Fokker biplanes. In the face of intense fire he continued to serve his guns with coolness and precision, but was compelled twice to retire from the area; exhibiting dogged determination, he returned on each occasion and eventually drove off the enemy aircraft and obtained the requisite photographs. His machine was riddled with bullets.

2nd Lieut. Alexander Melvin Anderson (Observer, No. 6 Sqn.).

This officer performed most gallant and meritorious service on the 21st August when on contact patrol. In the morning, flying in the mist at 200 feet, and subjected to heavy hostile fire, he located our cavalry and the enemy positions. In the afternoon he

made a most valuable and accurate report and situation map. While on this duty his pilot was wounded and forced to land just west of our lines; Lieut. Anderson extricated him from the machine under heavy fire and carried him to a dressing station.

Lieut. Roderick Charles Armstrong (Australian Flying Corps).

During recent operations this officer was engaged in reconnoitring a certain area at low altitude; receiving no response to his repeated calls to our infantry for flares, owing to the supply being exhausted, he descended to an even lower altitude in order to recognise and locate our troops, and so completed an accurate and detailed report of the area, displaying gallantry and determination of a high order, for he was subjected to intense machine-gun fire during the whole time.

Capt. Rupert Norman Gould Atkinson, M.C.

A gallant and determined officer whose services over the lines since May last in long-distance and photographic reconnaissances, and as leader of bomb raids, have been of a very high order. On a recent occasion, when on solitary photographic reconnaissance at 15,000 feet, his machine was attacked by eight Fokker biplanes; one of these he shot down.

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Lieut. Herbert Axford (Can. Inf.).

On the 16th August this officer led his formation to bomb certain docks; these docks were exceptionally well guarded, and our planes were heavily handicapped by adverse weather conditions; moreover, the formation had suffered casualties, and his own machine was badly damaged; he nevertheless succeeded in reaching and bombing his objective in the face of an intense barrage. On the following day he again successfully bombed the same objective. Lieut. Axford has taken part in thirty-four successful bomb raids, inspiring all who serve with him by his personal courage and intense devotion to duty.

Lieut. Thomas Latham Baillieu (Australian Flying Corps).

On a recent reconnaissance this officer, owing to low visibility, was compelled to descend to a height of from 20 to 100 feet in order to locate our troops; this he succeeded in doing, and, after flying for an hour and a half at this low altitude, he returned with an accurate report of the situation in that area. Returning a few hours later, he obtained further information regarding the line in that locality, though exposed to heavy machine-gun fire.

Lieut. Leo. Kingsley Baker.

Whilst engaged in making a reconnaissance of our advanced line, this officer was severely wounded in the thigh. Fearing, on his return journey, that he would be unable to reach his aerodrome owing to exhaustion due to loss of blood, he landed near a main road. He refused to allow his wounds to be attended to until he had written and despatched by motor-cyclist a clear and concise report of the position of our lines, showing intense devotion to duty worthy of high praise.