

Capt. Adrian Trevor Cole, M.C. (Commonwealth Mil. Forces and Australian F.C.).

(FRANCE)

On 7th October this officer carried out a most successful flying raid on enemy railway lines and stations. The success of the attack was largely owing to his cool and determined leadership, and our freedom from casualties was mainly due to the methodical manner in which he collected and reorganised the machines after the raid. He himself displayed marked initiative and courage in attacking troops and other objectives. Since May Capt. Cole has destroyed four hostile machines.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Collier.

(FRANCE)

An officer of conspicuous determination and bravery. Under most unfavourable weather conditions he carried out, on 8th November, a very important reconnaissance. Flying at a low altitude, he obtained a complete report which was correct in all details and of the greatest assistance to our advance. Capt. Collier is a fine leader, and has an enemy machine to his credit.

Lt. Kenneth Burns Conn (3rd Res. Bn., Can. E.F.).

(FRANCE)

On 18th October, when raiding enemy troops in retreat, this officer descended to 300 feet and attacked three companies of infantry with machine-gun fire, inflicting casualties. So vigorous was his attack that the troops dispersed. Lt. Conn then attacked various other targets, displaying conspicuous skill and initiative.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Cooper (73rd Squadron).

(FRANCE)

A fearless and skilful airman who has destroyed two enemy aircraft and driven down three others out of control. On 3rd October certain of our troops were held up by a body of the enemy. Observing this Second Lt. Cooper dived and engaged them, driving them out of their trenches with machine-gun fire, and so enabled our troops to advance.

Lt. Alfred Frank Corker.

(FRANCE)

This officer has carried out eighty night bombing raids, displaying conspicuous courage and disregard of danger. He has also been most successful in attacking ground targets. On the night of 14th-15th October he attacked a train and obtained a direct hit, causing a fire and an explosion.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) Hugh Aldred Courtenay.

(EGYPT)

On 21st September this officer attacked an enemy column with bombs and machine guns from an altitude of 500 feet in extremely difficult country. He secured a direct hit on the head of the column, thus blocking the road and enabling our troops to capture large quantities of guns and other material. Capt. Courtenay is a keen and zealous officer of great initiative.

Lt. Earl Frederick Crabb.

(FRANCE)

A scout pilot of high merit: he is fearless and skilful. On 27th October, having him-

self crashed an enemy machine, he went to the assistance of one of our own that was being attacked, and materially helped to shoot the enemy down. In addition to the foregoing, he has accounted for three other machines and has assisted in crashing a fourth.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Douglas Cummings, (Australian F.C.).

(FRANCE)

This officer has proved himself an able and determined leader of offensive patrols. In carrying out these raids he has met with conspicuous success, heavy damage being inflicted on enemy material and personnel. This has been due in the main to his brilliant leadership and skilful navigation. Capt. Cummings possesses, in a marked degree, courage, combined with cool judgment.

2nd Lt. Edgar George Davies.

(FRANCE)

Bold in attack and skilful in manoeuvre, this officer never hesitates to attack the enemy when opportunity occurs, without regard to disparity in numbers. On 7th October, with three other machines, he attacked seven Fokkers; four of these were destroyed, 2nd Lt. Davies accounting for one. Since 16th September he has to his credit four enemy machines and one kite balloon.

Lt. Gordon Davies.

(FRANCE)

This officer has rendered conspicuous service during the last of the operations on counter-attack patrols, invariably showing marked initiative and determination. On several occasions he has carried out his mission successfully under adverse weather conditions when other officers have failed.

2nd Lt. Oswald Charles Dawson.

(EGYPT)

This officer rendered exceptionally valuable service between 19th and 26th September, when acting as observer to Capt. Hammer. The information he brought back was of the greatest value to the Desert Mounted Corps and materially assisted operations.

Lt. Robert Saunders De Bruyn.

(FRANCE)

On 31st October this officer carried out two photographic reconnaissances, completing seven hours and fifty minutes' flying and bringing back seventy exposed plates and much valuable information. On another occasion he obtained twenty-four exposures, flying for 4½ hours. These are only two out of thirty-seven successful photographic reconnaissances carried out by this officer, all entailing work of an arduous and trying nature on long solo flights at very high altitudes, frequently in adverse weather conditions. In this service Lt. De Bruyn has shown gallantry and determination of a high order.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Roy Edward Dodds.

(FRANCE)

An officer who possesses high courage combined with great power of leadership. He has taken part in sixty bombing raids far over enemy territory, a large number of which he has led. In addition, he has