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*Air Ministry,
Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.
18th November, 1919.*

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards, conferred by the General Officer Commanding the North Russian Expeditionary Force:—

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Squadron Leader (A./Wing Comdr.) Robin Grey (Gren. Gds.).

Commanded the Royal Air Force, Archangel Area, with great distinction. Owing to the lack of Pilots and Observers during the winter, he carried out personally the most dangerous reconnaissances. On the 8th April, 1919, at Obozerskaya, he carried out a reconnaissance in bad weather, bringing back valuable information.

On the 22nd April, 1919, he carried out two most important reconnaissances with success, but met with a bad accident on landing the second time. Although considerably shaken physically, he continued to command the Royal Air Force with marked success until the conclusion of the operations in North Russia.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Gordon Stewart-Dawson, D.S.C.

Successfully led several raids with great success during the operations with the "Syren" Force in North Russia from June to September, 1919, notably in the attack on the enemy at Koikori on the 7th September.

Flight Lieutenant Stewart-Dawson has displayed exceptionally good qualities in leadership during these operations in the air, and equally distinguished services in ground-work organisation, where the difficulties were many.

AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Observer Officer Parcell Rees Bowen, M.C., D.F.C. (5th Welsh R.).

On the 24th August, 1919, whilst Observer on reconnaissance over the enemy aerodrome (Toima), he was fired upon at long-distance range from an enemy machine, both himself and the Pilot being wounded. The Pilot having collapsed from his wound on to the controls, Observer Officer Bowen then managed to guide the machine

from the back seat and flew homeward for a distance of 100 miles, by which time the Pilot had slightly recovered and took control of the landing, which was safely done on the Bereznik Aerodrome.

This officer's action was highly meritorious, and the guiding of the machine over a long distance was especially noteworthy in view of the wound which he had sustained in the right elbow.

Flying Officer John Sharpe Griffith, D.F.C.

Between the 5th May and 24th July, 1919, this officer carried out forty bomb raids and reconnaissances, all with great success and generally from a low altitude.

On the 3rd June, 1919, he dived to within 100 feet of the ground and destroyed an enemy balloon, as well as several of its attendants.

When a two-seater machine was not readily available he fitted a camera to his scout, and, although it is very difficult to take photographs from such machines (and, moreover, he was inexperienced in such work); he succeeded in taking a very good mosaic which proved of great utility to the Commander of the Vologda Force.

Flying Officer Griffith is an intrepid Pilot and a very skilful all-round officer.

Flying Officer (A./Flt. Lt.) Frederick Ives Lord, D.F.C.

On the 27th June, 1919, whilst piloting an R.E.8 machine, he found the position of the enemy on the Pinega River, four versts from Pilegori, and attacked the moving columns from a height of 200 feet with such effect that their transport was stampeded and their expected attack broke down, without any casualties being sustained by our forces.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Flying Officer Cyril Arthur Bouchier.

A very skilful Pilot of marked initiative and courage.

Has been brought to notice on many occasions for the determination shown in his attacks. His methods are somewhat original. By flying low, parallel with and behind the enemy's lines, stampeding convoys and destroying wagons, he has caused the greatest confusion amongst the enemy, to the great advantage of our own forces.

Flying Officer Bouchier is a highly competent reconnaissance officer.

Flight Lieutenant Oliver Campbell Bryson, M.C., A.M. (Dor. Yeo.).

Has commanded a squadron of heavy bombing machines in North Russia during the whole of the summer of 1919, during which period he carried out a large number of successful raids on the enemy's territory.

During the operations on the Dwina in August, and on the Pinega in September, 1919, he flew a Snipe machine with exceptional skill and daring. A very gallant officer he has proved himself during these exceptionally difficult aerial operations.

Flight Lieutenant (A./Sqn. Ldr.) Charles Roderick Carr.

On the 17th June, 1919, this officer flew a

scout machine over the enemy aerodrome at Puchega, at an average height of only 50 feet, for thirty minutes. During this time he succeeded in setting fire to a Nieuport enemy machine, to a hangar which contained three aeroplanes (all of which were destroyed), drove all the personnel off the aerodrome, and killed some of the mechanics.

Observer Officer Frederick Talbot Eades.

On the 9th June, 1919, whilst serving with the "Syren" Force in North Russia, this officer was on night patrol (Observer) in heavy rain, investigating the enemy's position off Schunga on Lake Onega. Their position was attacked from a height of 300 feet by machine gun and bombs, the latter being thrown from the Observer's cockpit. Having expended all ammunition, the machine returned to base, and after refilling, again attacked and drove one gunboat ashore. A second gunboat was later seen to be in tow, presumably damaged in the attack.

On the night of 11th June, 1919, this officer was Observer in the seaplane piloted by Flying Officer Isaac, when the enemy's line was twice cut, the machine sustaining considerable damage in the second attack.

Flying Officer Harold Alfred Haines.

During the months of June and July, 1919, this officer performed numerous acts of gallantry in the operations of the "Syren" Force, North Russia. His work has been characterised by care and judgment, coupled with a total disregard of personal danger.

He has taken part in numerous actions against the enemy from a very low altitude, and consequently at great risk, which resulted in the infliction of heavy casualties and great damage being done to the enemy's rolling stock, ships and bridges.

Pilot Officer Bernard Allen Heeney.

During the entire winter in North Russia this Observer Officer flew almost continuously over the enemy's lines on reconnaissance duties, under very arduous and dangerous circumstances.

Pilot Officer Heeney was severely wounded on 20th June, 1919, whilst flying very low, assisting our allied troops.

Flying Officer Frederick Harry Isaac.

On the 11th June, 1919, whilst serving with the "Syren" Force in North Russia, this Pilot was on patrol endeavouring to prevent reinforcements from reaching the enemy's front; he descended to within 50 feet of the ground, and, whilst exposed to heavy fire, succeeded in cutting their line with bombs.

During the night the enemy repaired the line, and Pilot Isaac on hearing of this proceeded to the scene and again destroyed it from a height of only thirty feet, his machine sustaining heavy damage from the enemy's fire, as well as from his own bombs.

The gallantry and determination of this officer will be more readily appreciated when it is borne in mind that his machine was a seaplane, operating seven miles inland.

Flying Officer Arthur Edward Lettington.
During the operations of the "Syren" Force in North Russia, from July to September, 1919, this Pilot has proved himself a gallant officer, with marked ability and initiative.

In machine-gunning the enemy from very low altitudes he has met with signal success. On the 3rd August, 1919, in co-operation with our Lake Flotilla off Tolvuya, he descended and attacked the enemy quite near the water, in the face of concentrated machine-gun fire, which resulted in the capture of the town and three of the enemy's steamers.

Many other instances are recorded wherein this officer displayed gallantry of a high order in circumstances of great difficulty.

Flying Officer Lloyd Wesley Mason.

This officer has shown great dash and courage whilst flying a Snipe at extremely low altitudes. He has taken part in operations throughout the summer both on the Dwina and Railway Fronts, and has attacked many targets with his machine-guns, dispersing troops and breaking up counter-attacks.

In an attack on Puchega Aerodrome he descended very near the ground in an endeavour to silence machine guns which were concentrating on his Squadron-Commander's machine.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred Price Maurice.

Commanded the Royal Air Force Unit at Obozerskaya since the 5th May, 1919, with marked success, proving himself a most capable and reliable officer, adapting himself readily to the unusual and often unfavourable conditions.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice has constantly carried out reconnaissances over the enemy's lines in dangerous circumstances, and has conducted bomb raids from low levels, notwithstanding the strong opposition from the enemy's anti-aircraft guns and machine guns.

Flying Officer John Percival Morkam (Northants. R.).

For more than six months, including the coldest and most inclement portion of the Arctic winter, this officer has displayed marked qualities of good leadership.

In May, 1919, great efforts were made to prepare a forward summer aerodrome, but not with much success, and owing to the unsuitability of the available machines all attempts to rise from it failed—in one of these attempts at rising Flying Officer Morkam's machine was smashed and he himself severely injured. Notwithstanding these difficulties this officer, under urgent necessity, voluntarily undertook a reconnaissance flight of three hours over unknown and unmapped country, and returned with very valuable information, his petrol being absolutely exhausted on alighting. The nature of the country in such that no landing was possible anywhere on the return journey until his own base was reached. ("Syren" Force, North Russia.)

Flight Lieutenant Walter Henry Park, M.C.

An exceptionally good Pilot who has displayed marked ability and courage during the operations with the "Syren" Force in North Russia.

His service flights have been specially praised on six occasions by the Commander of the Force during a period of three months, and his determination in pressing home the attacks on the enemy contributed in a large measure to the success which attended the work of the Air Force.

Observer Officer Edward Eric Spencer Wheatley (Roy. Arty.).

Has rendered valuable services in artillery observation from low altitudes, having been mentioned several times for this work.

During the operations on the Dwina in June, 1919, he carried out many contact patrols, flying very low over the heads of the enemy, keeping our headquarters constantly and accurately informed as to the position.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL.

No. 207177 Serjeant Charles Victor Robinson, late 205th Squadron, Royal Air Force (France).

On the 18th May, 1918, whilst acting as observer in a bombing attack on Chaulnes Railway Junction, his formation was attacked by seven enemy scouts. His machine was attacked simultaneously by two of these, one of which he shot down in flames.

On the previous day he dropped a 112-lb. bomb on this junction, causing a great conflagration.

Serjeant Robinson has carried out 100 successful bombing raids, and is a most reliable Observer.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

His Majesty The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officers indicated for valuable services rendered in connection with the War:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Croix de Commandeur, Legion d'Honneur.
Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., O.M.G. (Retd. List).

The Croix de Guerre, avec Palmé.
Flying Officer Arthur Rowan (Salonika).
Flight Lieutenant Charles Ernest Sherwin, M.C. (R.E., T.F.) (Aden).

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

Chevalier, Military Order of Avis.
Captain Bernard Purvis Broackes Carter, D.F.C. (France).

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CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF
ROUMANIA.

Chevalier, Order of the Crown.

2nd Lieut. George Ercole, late R.A. Force.

CONFERRED BY HIS HIGHNESS THE SULTAN OF
EGYPT.

The Order of the Nile, 3rd Class.

Wing Commander Charles Stuart Burnett,
C.B.E., D.S.O. (H.L.I.).

Wing Commander Norman Goldsmith, O.B.E.
(R.A.).

Squadron Leader Eric Lewis Conran, M.C.
(21st Lcrs.).

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Robert Hall, O.B.E. (Cap-
tain, R.W. Fusrs.).

The Order of the Nile, 4th Class.

Captain Albert John Gordon Anderson (Lond.
R.).

Captain Lionel Mundy Bailey, A.F.C.

Flying Officer Robert Charles Jenkins, M.C.
(D.C.L.I.).

Squadron Leader Charles Henry Nicholas,
A.F.C. (S.W.B's.).

Flying Officer David Norrie Thomson, M.C.
(Glas. Yeo.).

War Office,

18th November, 1919.

His Majesty The KING has approved of the
award of the Military Medal for bravery in the
field to No. 26712 Flight Serjeant Edward
Wardell (Putney), Royal Air Force, for gallan-
try in numerous actions extending from June,
1917 to the close of the War.

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