

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Ellis Vair Reed, R.N.A.S. (since missing).

In recognition of his services on the following occasions :—

On the 6th June 1917 he attacked and drove down one of four hostile scouts. This machine dived nose first into the ground and was destroyed.

On the afternoon of the 15th June 1917 he was leading a patrol of three scouts and encountered a formation of ten enemy machines. During the combat which ensued he forced one machine down completely out of control. Next he attacked at a range of about 30 yards another hostile scout. The pilot of this machine was killed, and it went down completely out of control.

This officer has at all times shown the greatest bravery and determination.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Edward Robert Barker, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the occasion of an air raid on the Solway works at Zeebrugge on the night of the 15th-16th July 1917, when bombs were dropped on the objective with good results.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Rowan Heywood Daly, R.N.A.S.

For skill and gallantry in attacking enemy aircraft returning from a raid on England. After a long chase he engaged and brought down one machine in flames. Afterwards he engaged a second machine, but his gun jammed, and though he continued the pursuit to the enemy coast, he failed to clear the jamb, and was obliged to return to his aerodrome.

Flt. Lieut. Reginald Rhys Soar, R.N.A.S.

For courage and skill as a scout pilot. On 23rd May 1917 he attacked a two-seater artillery machine, and as the result of a well-thought-out attack brought the machine down out of control.

On 12th June 1917 he brought down two enemy machines out of control.

On 29th June 1917, in company with Flt. Lieut. Little, he attacked and brought down an Albatross Scout.

On 3rd July 1917, whilst leading an offensive patrol, a formation of seven Albatross Scouts was engaged, and he brought down one, out of control.

On 13th July 1917, in company with Flt. Lieut. Little, he attacked and drove down out of control one two-seater machine, following it down to within 1000 feet of the ground.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Cdr. Robert John Orton Compston, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For gallantry in action and for very good work in driving away German artillery aeroplanes.

On the 12th June 1917, with three other machines, he attacked six hostile scouts. He got close to one, and shot it down out of control.

On the 16th June 1917 he attacked and brought down a two-seater Aviatik.

On the 3rd July 1917, he attacked two Aviatiks, which he drove down and forced to land.

Flt. Lieut. John Edward Sharman, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For courage and skill in attacking enemy aircraft. On the evening of the 14th June 1917, while on an offensive patrol with three other scouts, he observed five Albatross Scouts. He dived on one of these, firing from his machine gun at about 50 feet range. The Scout then went down in a spin.

On the 24th June 1917, with six other machines, he attacked fifteen Albatross Scouts. After a combat at close range he destroyed one of these, its right plane and tail plane falling off.

The following awards have also been approved :—

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Ldg. A.C. Thomas Busby, O.N. F18555.

A.C., 1st Gr., Joshua Howard Daw, O.N. F12687.

A.C., 2nd Gr., Cyril Alfred Millhouse, O.N. F22637.

Air Mech., 2nd Gr., Frederick Anderson, O.N. F7389.

Air Mech., 1st Gr., Thomas Caird, O.N. F6181.

P.O. Mech. (E) Harry Dixon, O.N. F4542.

The following Officers and Men have been mentioned in Dispatches :—

Sqdm.-Cdr. Redford Henry Mulock, D.S.O., R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Warren Rawson Mackenzie, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Robert Frederick Lea Dickey, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

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

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Alfred Hartley Lofft, R.N.A.S. A.C., 2nd Gr., John William George, O.N. F20006.

HONOURS TO THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of decorations and medals to the under-mentioned 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. George M'Donald Dobbie.

Capt. David Lawton.

Capt. Robert George James.

Capt. Walter Jay.

Capt. Frederick Douglas Struss.

Ch. Offr. Alexander Smith.

Ch. Engr. William Russell Stobo.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Sea. Francis Augustine Kidney.

Apprentice Thomas Arthur Sutcliffe.

6th Engr. Thomas Henry Rodick.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name of the under-mentioned Officer in the London Gazette as having received an expression of commendation for his services :—

To be Commended for Good Service.

Capt. Arthur Smith.