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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1918.

Air Ministry,

3rd August, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned rewards on Officers of the Royal Air Force, in recognition of gallantry in flying operations against the enemy:—

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Mannoek, D.S.O., M.C. (formerly Royal Engineers).

This officer has now accounted for 48 enemy machines. His success is due to wonderful shooting and a determination to get to close quarters; to attain this he displays most skilful leadership and unflinching courage. These characteristics were markedly shown on a recent occasion when he attacked six hostile scouts, three of which he brought down. Later on the same day he attacked a two-seater, which crashed into a tree.

(The announcement of award of Distinguished Service Order, and First Bar thereto, will be published in a later Gazette.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Gilmour, M.C. (formerly A. & S. Highlanders).

He is a most inspiring patrol leader who has destroyed twenty-three enemy aircraft, and shot down eight others out of control. While leading an offensive patrol he shot down one enemy biplane in flames and drove down a second. A short time afterwards he, with four others, attacked about forty enemy scouts. He himself destroyed one in the air, drove another out of control and a third in flames, successfully accounting for five enemy machines in one day.

Lt. Fred Robert McCall, M.C., D.F.C. (formerly Alberta Regt.).

A brilliant and gallant officer who has accounted for fourteen enemy machines. On a recent date he destroyed four during a patrol in the morning, and another in the evening, in each case closing to point-blank range with his opponent. His courage and

offensive spirit has inspired all who serve with him.

(The announcement of award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lt. McCall is also contained in this Gazette.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Robertson Affleck.*

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bombing by night, despite adverse weather conditions, enemy lines of communication and aerodromes. During the last few months he has carried out many bombing raids, and has set a brilliant example of keenness and determination.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Samuel Anderson.

A most successful leader of patrols who has often saved squadron casualties by the skilful manner in which he has kept his patrols in hand and in formation. On a recent date, while leading his formation, he was attacked by about forty enemy aeroplanes. Both he and his observer were wounded, but with great gallantry he continued to keep the formation together, and led the same successfully back to his aerodrome. He has taken part in fifty-three bomb raids and five photographic reconnaissances.

Lt. Lionel Arthur Ashfield.*

A very capable officer of exceptional judgment and courage. He has carried out sixty-two flights behind the enemy lines with invariable success. During the last few months he has engaged seventeen enemy machines, and has been instrumental in destroying five. On one occasion he attacked five enemy aeroplanes, bringing down one in flames.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Edward Dawson Atkinson.*

A brilliant fighting pilot whose flight has proved very successful under his leadership, often in combats where the enemy formation was numerically superior. Capt. Atkinson destroyed single-handed five enemy machines during May, and previously, whilst serving with another squadron, he brought down two enemy aeroplanes and one balloon.

Lt. Geoffrey Grierson Bailey.*

A successful fighting pilot who has destroyed on several occasions enemy machines. Lt. Bailey displays great gallantry and determination in carrying out his duties.

Capt. Thomas Archibald Batchelor.*

Displayed great gallantry, determination and skill in a night bombing raid under exceptionally adverse conditions. Two machines set out on this raid, but an accident befell one of them, which gave the enemy warning, and Capt. Batchelor's machine was accordingly subjected to very intense fire. He continued his course, and dropped his bombs on a vulnerable position in the enemy's strong post from a height of 500 feet. He was wounded in the arm, but managed with great difficulty to return. The loss of blood consequent on the wound made it very difficult to control his heavy machine, the petrol tank of which had been hit. He invariably displays great bravery and skill in action.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) Orlie Lennox Beater.

Has proved himself on many occasions a most skilful and gallant observer on long-distance bombing raids, bringing back much valuable information and many good photographs. He has taken part in twenty raids and eight photographic reconnaissances.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Andrew Weatherby Beauchamp-Proctor, M.C.*

A brilliant and fearless leader of our offensive patrols.

His formation has destroyed thirteen enemy machines and brought down thirteen more out of control in a period of a few months.

On a recent morning his patrol of five aeroplanes attacked an enemy formation of thirty machines and was successful in destroying two of them. In the evening he again attacked an enemy formation with great dash, destroying one machine and forcing two others to collide, resulting in their destruction.

*Capt. (temp. Maj.) William Avery Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., M.C. (formerly Canadian Cavalry).

A most successful and fearless fighter in the air, whose acts of outstanding bravery have already been recognised by the awards of the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, Bar to the Distinguished Service Order, and Military Cross.

For the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross now conferred upon him he has rendered signally valuable services in personally destroying twenty-five enemy machines in twelve days—five of which he destroyed on the last day of his service at the front.

The total number of machines destroyed by this distinguished officer is seventy-two, and his value as a moral factor to the Royal Air Force cannot be over-estimated.

Lt. Harold Briggs.*

A gallant officer whose perseverance and keenness sets a most valuable example to the officers of his squadron. During one week he carried out twelve successful shoots under difficult conditions, his flying time for the week being twenty-two hours.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frank Thomas Bright.

A resolute, gallant and skilful leader of long-distance night bombing raids, in twenty-two of which he has been engaged.

On a recent occasion his formation succeeded in dropping incendiary and other bombs on thirteen hangars belonging to the enemy, doing very great damage thereto.

Lt. Eric Guy Brookes.

While leading a patrol of six machines, escort to a bombing formation, he drove off a patrol of fifteen enemy scouts that was about to attack the bombers, shooting down one of the scouts in flames, and so enabled the bombers to complete their task. After protecting another bombing formation from a threatened attack, he escorted a third formation to and from the lines, although by that time the number of his machines was reduced to three. On the last journey two enemy triplanes attacked one of the bombers, whose observer had been killed; engaging them, he drove one down out of control and forced the other to retire. He is a skilful

and fearless officer, who has done excellent work in reconnaissance and in attacking enemy troops close to the ground.

Lt. LeeRoy Lowerison Brown (formerly 2nd Canadian D.S. Column).

Whilst on counter-battery photography this officer was attacked by two triplanes and four biplanes. His gravity tank exploded and caught fire, but blew out. His centre section struts were shot through, also his wind shield. There were altogether fifty holes in his machine. After about a quarter of an hour's fighting he reached our lines. He then returned to complete his photography, climbing to 19,000 feet. In thus returning, after having been so badly shot about he showed a splendid example of courage and determination.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Allan Robert Churchman.*

Within the past month this officer has been successful in rendering very valuable services in directing our artillery fire on enemy positions.

Owing to his skill and judgment on many occasions concentration of our fire was brought on enemy batteries with such precision that great damage was effected.

Lt. William Gordon Claxton.

This officer at all times shows fine courage and disregard of danger. He has accounted for six enemy aeroplanes and one kite balloon, three of the aeroplanes being destroyed and three driven down out of control. On a recent occasion, having destroyed a hostile balloon, he pursued an enemy scout ten miles and eventually drove it down; he was then attacked by five enemy triplanes and other scouts, but managed to return to our lines, though his machine was riddled with bullets.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Arthur Claydon (formerly Canadian Fd. Arty.).

Recently this officer, single-handed, went to the assistance of another pilot, who was attacked by eleven Fokker biplanes and six scouts. By his gallant conduct and skilful manoeuvring he not only extricated the pilot, but drove down several of the enemy aeroplanes. He has shown great initiative and gallantry in locating, bombing and attacking troops on the ground from low altitudes.

*Lt. (temp. Capt.) Percy Jack Clayson, M.C.

A patrol leader of great skill, and a skilful marksman, whose personal fighting successes have proved of much value to his squadron.

Captain Clayson's patrol frequently encountered enemy formations in superior numbers, but invariably succeeded in inflicting serious losses.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) William Fulton Cleghorn.

A distinguished and gallant leader of bomb raids, in fifty-nine of which he has been engaged.

In his last engagement recently his formation was attacked by a large number of enemy aircraft, but, nevertheless, sixty-eight bombs were dropped successfully on the objective, and in the fight which afterwards ensued three enemy aeroplanes were destroyed and five others brought down out of control.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Arthur Henry Cobby (Australian Flying Corps).*

Has proved himself a very gallant and successful fighter and patrol leader, setting a fine example to the squadron.

Within the last few months he has destroyed a number of enemy balloons and aeroplanes.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Raymond Collishaw, D.S.O., D.S.C.

This officer is an exceptionally capable and efficient squadron commander, under whose leadership the squadron has maintained a high place in the Army Wing. He has carried out numerous solo patrols and led many offensive patrols, on all occasions engaging the enemy with great bravery and fearlessness. Up to date he has accounted for forty-seven enemy machines, twenty-two in the last twelve months.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Laurence Percival Coombes.

This officer displays conspicuous bravery and skill in attacking enemy aeroplanes. During the last three months he has accounted for five.

T./Lt. John Albert Edward Robertson Daley (formerly B.W. Indies Regt.).

This officer has destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two kite balloons, displaying marked skill and daring in these several actions, and also in attacking troops close to the ground.

*Lieutenant (temp. Capt.) Cecil Hill Darley, D.S.C.

An officer with a fine record of gallantry to his credit.

During the past two years he has been flying in active operations, twelve months of which was on night-flying bombing work, being on one occasion in the air in bad weather for 7½ hours.

On several occasions he has carried out two raids on the same night, and during the past month he successfully attacked a very formidable enemy position from a height of 200 feet in the face of very intense fire.

Lt. Victor Dreschfield.

This officer invariably shows the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations he has frequently engaged troops and transport, causing heavy casualties. On one occasion, at an altitude of 700 feet, two enemy aeroplanes were set alight by tracer ammunition fired from his Lewis gun. He has taken part in many successful bombing raids and long-distance reconnaissances.

*Lt. Harry Fall.

Has been very successful in bombing enemy positions and trains from low altitudes. During the past seven months he has taken part in sixty night-raiding expeditions.

Lt. Fall has displayed great skill, courage, and determination.

*Lt. (temp. Capt.) Maxwell Hutcheon Findlay, D.S.C.

A skilful and courageous patrol leader.

During the past few months this officer has destroyed seven enemy machines and brought down seven more out of control.

On one occasion he fought an enemy machine from 18,000 feet down to an altitude of 10,000 feet, at which point he gained an advantage and destroyed his antagonist.

*Lt. (temp. Capt.) James Henry Forman.

A skilful patrol leader, who has displayed on all occasions a high standard of courage, endurance, and skill.

In a period of ten months he has been engaged on seventy-seven offensive patrols, and has brought down three enemy aeroplanes in flames and five out of control.

Capt. Henry Garnet Forrest (Australian Flying Corps)*.

His leadership of patrols has been characterised by great dash and determination whether on high or low work.

He has displayed skill in manœuvring and boldness in attacking superior numbers.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Mordaunt Foster.

This officer has taken part in numerous combats and led his patrols brilliantly; he has destroyed five hostile machines. On one occasion he attacked two biplanes single-handed; one he forced down and the other burst into flames and broke up in the air.

Captain Denys Gilley.*

During a recent night bombing raid on an enemy railway station he realised when gliding down towards his objective that he would overshoot his mark, so he opened out his engine at 1,000 feet in the face of very severe machine-gun fire, and climbed sufficiently high to enable him to get directly over his objective, in which he succeeded and dropped his bombs on the sidings from an altitude of 600 feet. He then descended to 200 feet and enabled his observer to fire several bursts of machine-gun fire into the station and sidings.

He has successfully carried out many long distance raids, and invariably sets a high standard of keenness and proficiency to his squadron.

T./Capt. Frank Godfrey (late Midd'x Regt.).

This officer has taken part in many offensive patrols. During recent operations he has accounted for eight enemy aeroplanes, proving himself at all times a skilful and bold airman.

Lt. John Everard Gurdon.

This officer is a brilliant fighting pilot who on all occasions shows great determination with entire disregard of personal danger. He has personally destroyed nine enemy machines. On a recent date when on offensive patrol with another Bristol fighter he attacked a formation of seven enemy machines; one of these he shot down in flames. The enemy were then reinforced by two other formations, which brought their number up to twenty. Fighting continued for about half an hour when the Bristols broke off the engagement, their ammunition being exhausted. Only seven enemy machines remained, many having been seen to spin away, and one was shot down by this officer.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Halley.

A gallant and determined leader in long distance night bombing raiding.

Has been most successful in many of these raids, generally under adverse weather conditions and intense anti-aircraft fire from the enemy, and having had to fly by compass course owing to density of mist.

In his last raid the flight outward and homeward lasted eight hours.

Lt. Herbert Nind Hampton.

He recently carried out a night reconnaissance lasting three hours; at times he descended to within 500 feet of the ground, following down his Michelin flares to this height in the face of intense machine-gun fire. By this means he and his observer were able to obtain valuable information. During the past five months he has taken part in forty-one bombing raids, many of which were a long distance over the enemy's lines.

Lt. William Frederick James Harvey.*

As a fighting pilot this officer has the real offensive spirit regardless of personal danger.

He has destroyed several enemy machines whilst fighting against superior numbers.

Lt. Charles Robert Reeves Hickey.

Has been engaged in numerous air battles with marked success during a period of twelve months.

On a recent occasion he flew to the assistance of one of our machines which was being pressed by two enemy machines and succeeded in destroying one of them.

2nd Lt. Reuben John Hook (late Rifle Brigade).

He has carried out twenty-two night bombing raids, displaying great endurance and fearless disregard of self.

On a recent occasion he carried out a comprehensive reconnaissance by night in heavy rain at a height of only 400 feet. He returned to his aerodrome in the face of a blinding storm after a flight of three hours.

Capt. William Henry Hubbard.

During recent operations he has repeatedly descended to low altitudes to release his bombs and to open machine-gun fire on troops and transport. He has shown the greatest gallantry, judgment and presence of mind. On several occasions he has attacked and driven down out of control enemy aeroplanes.

Lieut. August Thayer Iaccaci.

This officer has taken part in many engagements, and he and his observer have been most successful in destroying enemy machines. A resolute and skilful airman.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Gordon Irving.

He has carried out numerous offensive patrols, and under his able leadership many enemy formations have been successfully engaged. He has personally accounted for six enemy aircraft, and by his consistent keenness and fearlessness he sets a fine example to the pilots in his squadron.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) James Iva Thomas Jones, M.M.

In eleven days this officer attacked and destroyed six enemy aeroplanes, displaying great courage, skill and initiative.

Lt. William Ernest Frank Jones.

On a recent occasion this officer carried out a comprehensive reconnaissance by night in heavy rain at a height of only 400 feet. He returned to his aerodrome in the face of a blinding storm, after a flight of three hours. He has carried out sixty-four night bombing raids. His courage and perseverance are exceptional.

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Cecil Frederick King, M.C.

He is a fine leader who at all times shows great gallantry and skill in manœuvring; his energy and keenness have brought his flight to a high standard of efficiency. He frequently descends to low altitudes to obtain good results from bombing and shooting, and on several occasions he has brought down enemy aeroplanes.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Samuel Marcus Kinhead, D.S.C.

A skilful and gallant leader, who has attacked enemy formations superior in numbers with marked success. In a recent engagement his patrol flew to the assistance of some of our machines which were greatly outnumbered by the enemy, and succeeded in accounting for three enemy machines and scattered the remainder.

Lt. Frederick John Lain (late Border Rgt.).

This officer has carried out fifty-five successful night bombing raids on enemy lines of communication, aerodromes, etc. His work in reconnaissance, at times under very adverse weather conditions, has been of the greatest value.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William Carpenter Lambert.

He has destroyed six enemy machines and driven down four others out of control, displaying at all times dash and determination. On one occasion, when attacked by two Fokker biplanes, he drove down one, engaged the other at twenty yards range, and crashed it to earth.

Capt. Maurice Le Blanc-Smith.

A very efficient officer and successful patrol leader, who, during the late operations, has done great execution in attacking ground targets. On a recent occasion he attacked five enemy aeroplanes, destroying one and driving down another out of control.

Lt. William Hubert Leete.*

A very successful observer who has been instrumental in bringing our heavy artillery fire on numerous occasions on the enemy's positions, causing great destruction.

Capt. Cyril Nelson Lowe, M.C.

This officer has destroyed five enemy machines and driven down two others out of control. On one occasion he attacked two enemy triplanes, although at the time only one of his guns was serviceable; he shot down

one of the machines in flames. On another occasion, while leading a formation of eight scouts he engaged a hostile formation of twenty-six machines. Having shot down a Fokker biplane he went to the assistance of one of our scouts and drove the enemy machine down to 500 feet; at this low altitude half of a blade of his propeller was shot off by fire from the ground.

Lt. Fred Robert McCall, M.C. (formerly Alberta Regt.).

This officer has driven down four enemy machines which were seen to crash, and two others out of control. His determination and tenacity in attack is remarkable. On one occasion whilst acting as escort to reconnaissance machines he shot down an enemy machine which attempted to interrupt their work; he was then attacked by three enemy scouts which, however, he skilfully managed to elude.

Lt. Matthew McConville, M.C. (late West Yorks. Regt.).

This officer has carried out sixty-two bombing raids, flying at very low altitudes in the face of heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire, being severely wounded on one occasion. Recently he carried out a reconnaissance under very trying conditions; heavy rain so obscured his vision that he was compelled to descend to within 500 feet of the ground; aided by numerous flares and Very lights he completed his task in a most thorough manner.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Ian Donald Roy McDonald, M.C.*.

A dashing fighting pilot. In the past two months he has destroyed five enemy machines and brought down two others out of control. At all times he shows a fine offensive spirit and complete disregard of danger.

Lt. (T./Capt.) George Edward Henry McElroy, M.C.

A brilliant fighting pilot who has destroyed thirty-five machines and three kite balloons to date. He has led many offensive patrols with marked success, never hesitating to engage the enemy regardless of their being, on many occasions, in superior numbers. Under his dashing and skilful leadership his flight has largely contributed to the excellent record obtained by the squadron.

Lt. Allan McGregor.*

A most successful observer with marked initiative. During the past month he was engaged on one occasion at a pre-arranged height to range our artillery on an enemy aerodrome. The height was found to be too great owing to bad visibility, so he dropped to 7,000 feet, where he was met with intense enemy fire and was attacked by five enemy scouts, which he eventually succeeded in dispersing. Lt. McGregor then brought our artillery into play successfully. Six weeks ago he was engaged on similar duty and succeeded in bringing our artillery fire on seven hostile batteries. He failed to get a reply from our artillery to deal with an eighth enemy battery, so he descended to 1,000 feet and silenced it himself by machine-gun fire, after which he brought back a most valuable reconnaissance report.

Lt. Roby Lewis Manuel (Australian Flying Corps).*

During the past month, whilst on an offensive patrol, his machine was badly damaged in an encounter with an enemy aeroplane which he brought down out of control. On his return home he saw another enemy machine below him. At great personal risk, owing to the state of his machine, he nevertheless attacked and brought it down. He is a most skilful pilot of great determination.

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Melbourne Mason, D.S.C.

A most gallant and determined leader who has carried out ninety-two successful bombing raids on enemy aerodromes, dumps and communications, frequently opposed by fierce offensive action on the part of the enemy scouts and in face of intense anti-aircraft fire. He displays coolness in action and skill in leadership, and inspires all by his fine achievements.

Capt. Gerald Joseph Constable Maxwell, M.C.

This officer has at all times shown exceptional skill and gallantry, and on numerous occasions has fought against greatly superior numbers. During the last six weeks he has brought down five enemy aeroplanes. Recently, he approached unobserved to within ten yards of three Fokker triplanes, one of which he shot down. He was chased for about nine miles by the remaining two until he met a formation of six Camels; these he led to attack some enemy aircraft, although he had only twenty-five minutes' petrol left.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Thomas Percy Middleton.*

During the past two months this officer has been very successful as a fighting pilot, destroying six enemy machines in that time—two of them being triplanes.

On one of these occasions the formation to which Capt. Middleton belonged (consisting of nine machines) attacked fifteen enemy aeroplanes, and this officer shot one of them down.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) Alfred Mills.*

A capable and gallant observer who has been very successful in destroying enemy machines by reason of excellent marksmanship.

He has accounted for many enemy aircraft in a short period of time, and has generally fought against larger formations than his own.

2nd Lt. Walter Noble (formerly Essex Regt.).

A skilful and determined observer who has been most successful in destroying enemy machines, very often when in superior strength to his own formation.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William O'Reilly-Patey (formerly London Regt.).

This officer has on several occasions bombed trains and troops at night most successfully from very low altitudes; his courage and consistent good work have been an inspiring example to the squadron. On one occasion, having obtained two direct hits on a train

from an altitude of 400 feet, he flew up and down firing at troops on the embankment with his machine gun.

Lt. Cyril Parry.

This officer has taken part in fifty-five offensive patrols and several special missions, and has invariably shown great dash and gallantry. On one occasion he led his patrol to attack six Albatross scouts, and closed with them 3,000 feet over their own aerodrome; two enemy aeroplanes were destroyed, one by himself; he also forced another to land away from the aerodrome. He led his patrol safely out of the fight.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Alexander Augustus Norman Pentland, M.C.

A gallant flight commander, who in the last three months has destroyed two enemy machines and driven down four out of control. Recently, whilst on special patrol, he, single-handed, attacked four enemy aeroplanes; having driven down one out of control, he engaged the leader, damaged his engine, and compelled him to glide to his lines. One of the remaining machines followed the leader, but he attacked the other and drove it down in a steep dive.

Capt. Roy Cecil Phillipps, M.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

Whilst on offensive patrol this officer destroyed personally four enemy aeroplanes; he has also shown the greatest gallantry during the recent operations in attacking troops and transports on the roads, and dropping bombs from very low altitudes.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Stewart Nelson Pike.*

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in bombing by night the enemy line of communication, their aerodromes and billets. He has seldom been frustrated from reaching his objective, even in most adverse weather conditions, and in face of strong enemy opposition.

Lt. Croye Rothes Pithey.

When on reconnaissance 8,000 yards behind the enemy lines he saw a hostile balloon on the ground; descending to 1,700 feet, he and his observer engaged and destroyed it. He then completed his reconnaissance.

On another occasion, when on photography work, he was attacked by nine hostile scouts. By skilful manœuvring he enabled his observer to shoot down three; the remaining six dispersed. He displays the greatest courage and determination in photographic and reconnaissance work.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Frank Cecil Ransley.

This officer displays conspicuous gallantry and skill. On a recent occasion, while on patrol he was attacked by seven enemy scouts; he and his observer drove down two, and by skilful manœuvre and dash he rallied his formation, which were being driven down, and succeeded in driving off the remaining enemy scouts. He has, in all, destroyed three hostile machines and driven down three others completely out of control.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) William Oliver Redgate.*

On an occasion during the past two months when leading an offensive patrol of five machines, he observed an enemy formation of twelve aeroplanes attacking another formation of our scouts. He at once led his patrol to the aid of our second patrol, and as he approached it two enemy scouts dived at him. By skilful piloting he placed himself behind one of these machines and, diving on it, drove it to destruction. Capt. Redgate has accounted for seven enemy machines in all, and displays enterprise and courage on all occasions.

Lt. Robert Henry Reece.

As an observer to Capt. Robert Halley in a long-distance night-bombing raid, this officer rendered very valuable service in dropping bombs on a great enemy war factory (which caused explosions therein), being exposed to very intense anti-aircraft fire from the enemy's guns. Lt. Reece has been engaged in twenty-nine raids, and has displayed marked efficiency in this work.

Lt. Alec Cunningham Reid (formerly R.E.).

When engaging a column of infantry at a very low altitude, this officer saw a hostile balloon on the ground. This he attacked and burnt. On the two following days he shot down two aeroplanes, and a few days later destroyed a third.

2nd Lt. Hervey Rhodes.

As an observer this officer has shown marked ability often under most difficult conditions. On one occasion when behind the enemy lines he saw a hostile balloon on the ground. He engaged and destroyed it from a height of 1,700 feet. On another occasion his machine was attacked by nine enemy scouts, which dived on the machine in pairs. He shot down three, one being seen to crash and two being brought down out of control. The remainder dispersed.

2nd Lt. Anthony William Robertson.

A very gallant and determined pilot. Whilst engaged in a long-distance bombing raid, the formation, of which this officer was acting leader, was heavily attacked by hostile aircraft whilst over the objective. He took a leading and brilliant part in the action, and received a severe wound which paralysed his right arm. Despite this, he succeeded in flying home.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Herbert Leonard Rough.

A keen and gallant officer possessing great skill and judgment. He has carried out twenty-six successful bombing raids and five photographic long-distance flights. On a recent occasion, when low bombing, having obtained a direct hit on a limber, he dived to 700 feet and by skilful manoeuvring three enemy aeroplanes on the ground were set on fire, one by a direct hit with a bomb, and two by observer's fire. During the whole time his machine was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire. With the assistance of his observer, he brought his machine safely back, though he was shot through the leg.

Capt. Reginald Howard Rusby.*

A patrol leader of great enterprise and courage. During the last six weeks he has destroyed five enemy machines, and previously he has destroyed an enemy kite balloon and a two-seater aeroplane.

Lt. Alfred William Saunders.

A gallant and determined officer whose fighting spirit and enthusiasm has been a splendid example to his squadron. On one occasion whilst leading his formation of six machines, he attacked six enemy aeroplanes. Diving from 11,000 to 3,000 feet, he singled out a group of three, and shot down one. He then engaged the other two, which in their endeavour to get away collided and crashed.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Churton Savery.

This officer has taken part in many long-distance night bombing raids, attacking enemy aerodromes at low altitudes in the face of severe fire from machine and anti-aircraft guns. On one occasion recently he bombed successfully an enemy machine which was on a searchlight flare-path in the aerodrome ground. Capt. Savery possesses initiative and resource in a high degree.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) Blayney Edmund Scott, M.C. (late Canadian Field Arty.).

Whilst on counter-battery attack patrol, flying at a height of 1,500 feet, this officer's petrol tank was struck by machine-gun fire from the ground. As much petrol was escaping, he climbed out on the right wing and attempted to plug the hole, but finding he was unable to reach it, he returned to his seat for the spare "Cloche"; he then again climbed back to the tank and succeeded in plugging the hole. During the whole time he was under heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. The pilot then decided to carry on the patrol, and much valuable information was obtained.

Lt. Lionel Robert Shoebottom.*

A pilot of great skill, courage and determination. On one day within the past month he had been in the air for 4½ hours, and, on returning, learned that a long-distance bombing raid would take place that night. He immediately obtained permission to join in the raid, and was in the air for 5½ hours on this expedition—a total period of 10 hours flying in a twelve-hour day.

This officer has been successful on numerous occasions in bombing expeditions by night, and displays a fine spirit of perseverance in all difficulties.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Geoffrey Ernest Siedle.*

This officer has been engaged in seventy-nine successful bombing raids on enemy dumps, lines of communication, railway junctions and aerodromes, and has always displayed skill and gallantry.

Great damage has been done in these raids.

On a recent occasion his machine was badly hit, nearly all the controls being damaged, as well as portions of the woodwork.

Although stunned in this encounter, he managed to land skilfully in one of our aerodromes.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Thomas Leigh Simpson* (Australian Flying Corps).

An officer of exceptional ability, courage and determination.

He has directed our artillery fire on forty occasions on hostile batteries, and has taken over 500 photographs of enemy positions.

He was attacked by six triplanes on one occasion whilst engaged in photographing the enemy positions, and managed to hold his own until our scouts drove them off. Later, he was again attacked by a large enemy formation, but he skilfully out-maneuvred them.

Recently, whilst on patrol, he located eight enemy batteries, upon which he directed a concentration of our artillery fire. On this occasion he was wounded by anti-aircraft fire whilst flying low.

Lt. (T./Capt.) James Anderson Slater, M.C.*

This officer has led numerous offensive patrols with the utmost skill and determination, and it is entirely due to his fine leadership that many enemy aircraft have been destroyed with the minimum of casualties to his formation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William Dorian Thom.

A gallant and capable leader in long-distance night bombing raids, in eighteen of which he has taken part during a period of six weeks.

During the last raid his formation was attacked by thirteen enemy machines, but he nevertheless managed to drop his bombs on his objective, direct hits being obtained, and he also succeeded in destroying an enemy aeroplane.

Capt. (T./Major) Gordon Lindsay Thomson, D S.C.

This officer has carried out 340 hours flying, and has taken part in fourteen bombing raids. In one of the latter he led his formation to destroy a bridge over a canal; he flew at a considerable altitude over the objective, watching each machine drop its bombs, and endeavoured to observe the results. After all his machines had completed the raid and departed for the lines, he glided down and passed over the bridge at 140 feet altitude. In face of very severe machine-gun fire he crossed and re-crossed the objective in order to ascertain the results obtained. No material damage being apparent, he flew across it again at 100 feet altitude, dropping his bombs in a final attempt to destroy the bridge. He is a fine leader, and the excellent spirit in his squadron is largely due to his personal example.

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Todd, M.C. (formerly No. 70 Sqn.).

With four other officers he engaged ten enemy scouts, shooting down one; later, on the same day, he shot down another in flames. In addition to these, during the last two months he has shot down seven enemy machines. His gallantry in leading his flight into action against enemy patrols of superior numbers has been an inspiring example.

(The announcement of award of Military Cross will appear in a later Gazette.)

Lt. Joseph Mordue Todd (Observer).

This officer has taken part in eight successful long-distance bombing raids, displaying great courage and determination, combined with skill of very marked character. On one occasion he was the only machine out of seven that reached the objective, which was successfully bombed.

Lt. Ernest Franklin Van Der Riet.

This officer has taken part in thirty-eight raids, showing consistent determination and skill. During one raid the formation, of which he was the leader, was attacked, when over the objective, by twenty-five enemy aeroplanes, and a running fight ensued to our lines, a distance of forty miles. By his skilful and resolute leadership he brought his formation back safely, destroying two enemy aeroplanes.

Lt. Christoffel Johannes Venter.

During recent operations this officer shot down five enemy aeroplanes, one of which he followed down to 500 feet, when it was seen to fall.

He is a bold and skilful airman.

Lt. Herbert Gillis Watson (Australian Flying Corps).

Whilst on offensive patrol he encountered several Pfalz scouts, one of which he shot down. He has also in three weeks shot down four enemy machines and destroyed a balloon, attacking the latter at 6,000 feet, following it down to 1,000 feet, when it burst into flames.

Lt. David John Weston.

A bold and skilful airman, who has accounted for six enemy machines.

He has been generally engaged against superior numbers and always with success.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Alfred Harold Whistler.*

A very courageous and enterprising patrol leader, who has rendered valuable services. He has done exceptionally good work in attacking ground targets, which he engages at very low altitudes.

During the past month his patrol attacked eight enemy scouts who were flying above him. He attacked a triplane and brought it down in a crash, and whilst thus himself engaged another of his pilots destroyed a second enemy machine. The remainder of the enemy formation were then driven off.

Lt. Joseph Leonard Maries White (late Canadian Machine Gun Corps).

This officer is distinguished for his bravery and dash in action, never hesitating to attack, regardless of the enemy's numerical superiority. He has destroyed three enemy aircraft and driven down two out of control. In addition he has carried out most valuable reconnaissance service at low altitudes.

2nd Lt. John McKimmie Young, D.S.M.

A gallant and enterprising bomb-dropper, who has been engaged in thirty-nine raids with excellent results.

Many direct hits were obtained in these raids, causing great explosions in enemy war factories and docks.

Capt. Wilfred Ernest Young.*

A gallant, skilful, and determined patrol leader. During the last few months he has destroyed five enemy machines, and previous to joining his present squadron he accounted for three more.

Temp. Lt. George Herbert Hobson (formerly North'd Fus.).

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Albert Oliver Lewis-Roberts.

2nd Lt. Ewart Newman Lohmeyer.

2nd Lt. Godfrey Norman Sellers (formerly West Yorks. R.).

Lt. Clifford Copeland White.

Lt. Roy Wilson.

These officers carried out a night reconnaissance under exceptionally bad weather conditions, the clouds varying in height from 500 to 1,500 feet. A strong wind was blowing, with heavy rainstorms. Owing to the low altitude at which the reconnaissance was conducted it was impossible to avoid search-lights, and they were subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire. Under these conditions the successful completion of the reconnaissance was a most gallant effort on the part of the officers concerned, calling for courage, determination, and technical skill worthy of the highest praise.

Lt. Harry Bowen Davies (Observer).*

Lt. Horace Norman Young (Pilot).*

Whilst engaged during the past month on a bombing raid they observed a large amount of rolling stock at a railway siding. The pilot, Lt. Young, brought his machine down to within 2,000 feet from the ground after releasing his bombs, and Lt. Davies then made an exhaustive reconnaissance of the area, notwithstanding an intense concentration of anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire which the enemy brought to bear upon the machine.

Whilst engaged on this reconnaissance numerous groups of enemy troops engaged on the railway trucks were scattered in all directions by fire from the aeroplane.

On completion of this duty these two officers located a very active enemy anti-aircraft battery, and immediately directed the attention of our artillery thereto, which resulted in silencing it, consequent on an explosion which followed a salvo.

Courage, determination, and ability are the marked qualities of these officers.

Lt. John Malcolm Glaisher.*

Lt. Gordon Alexander King (Observer).*

Whilst proceeding on a bombing raid last month these officers were attacked from behind by ten enemy scouts.

The observer, Lt. King, opened fire on their leader, who went down, diving vertically, his machine emitting black clouds of smoke. After some minutes' further fighting the pilot, Lt. Glaisher, was able to fire a long burst at another of the enemy scouts, which fell out of control in the same plight as the first-mentioned.

They then proceeded on their mission and dropped their bombs successfully.

These officers have carried out work of high merit in reconnoitring enemy trenches from low altitudes, regardless of personal risks, displaying a fine spirit of gallantry and determination.

NOTE.—The asterisk denotes that the announcement of the reward has been published in the London Gazette, No. 30775, dated 2nd July, 1918, without the statement of service.

Awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry and distinguished service in operations in Mesopotamia:—

Maj. & T./Lt.-Col. John Edward Tennant, M.C. (formerly Bt. Maj., Scots Guards).

The undermentioned officers have been mentioned in despatches and reports for distinguished services rendered:—

Lt. (T./Capt.) Percy Llewellyn Hunting (Mesopotamia).

Capt. Leonard Moore Lilley (Mesopotamia).

Lt. (T./Capt.) Ambrose B. Shearer (formerly No. 3 Wing).

1st Lt. Sidney Richard Simmons, United States Air Service—for very valuable services rendered on the occasion of a serious fire at an aerodrome.

Awarded the Air Force Cross.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) Roderic Maxwell Hill, M.C., Squadron Commander, Experimental Flight.

Capt. Ernest Percival Will, Seaplane Pilot.

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