

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