

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.) Blayne 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.