

suffering great pain, he continued the action, and drove down one hostile aircraft, causing it to make a very bad landing.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) Thomas Cochrane Angus (Hon. Art. Co.).

A gallant and skilful officer, who has taken part in eleven long distance night bombing raids. On one of these his machine alone, out of the five detailed, reached the objective. The weather conditions were most difficult; despite this, and in face of severe anti-aircraft fire, he successfully bombed his target.

Lieut. Gordon Frank Mason Apps.

A bold and skilful airman who in recent operations has destroyed six enemy aeroplanes, accounting for two in one flight. He displays marked determination and devotion to duty.

Lieut. Owen Morgan Baldwin.

A gallant and skilful pilot who has on many occasions attacked troops and transport at low altitudes. Recently he encountered twelve enemy aeroplanes, two of which he crashed. He has, in addition, accounted for five other machines, showing at all times fearlessness and resource.

Capt. Arthur Thomas Barker (Sea Patrol).

Has led flights of seaplanes on long-distance reconnaissances, attacking hostile aircraft wherever found. He has set a fine example in gallantry and determination to all serving with him.

Lieut. John Ross Bell (Dorset. Regt.).

This officer is an exceptionally gallant and determined pilot, who has taken part in 37 raids, five of which he has led. On a recent occasion, the formation of which he was leader was attacked by twelve aeroplanes. He fought his way to his objective and successfully bombed it. On the return journey continuous fighting took place, and three enemy aeroplanes were driven down.

Lieut. Robert Stevenson Bell.

This officer, while carrying out observation service from a balloon, was subjected to heavy and continuous shell fire for over 2½ hours, his balloon being punctured in nine places; despite this he continued his observation. On several previous occasions he has displayed equal coolness and disregard of danger, carrying on his observation service in face of heavy hostile fire.

Lieut (T./Capt.) William Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O. (London Yeo.).

A gallant observer of exceptional ability. After setting out on a bombing raid, the Scout machines assigned to act as an escort became separated, and it then became necessary for the bombing planes to proceed on their task without support. Captain Benn's machine took the lead, followed by three other bombers, and succeeded in dropping his bombs (direct hits) on an enemy aerodrome. On the return journey the bombing machines were attacked by several enemy scouts, which were eventually driven away. Recently, this officer organised and carried out a special flight by night over the enemy's lines, under most difficult circumstances,

with conspicuous success. He has at all times set a splendid example of courage.

Capt. Eric Bourne Coulter Betts, D.S.C. (Sea Patrol).

An observer officer of great skill who has carried out over 20 long-distance photographic reconnaissances during the past four months, and in conjunction with his pilot, has brought home about 1,000 photographs of enemy positions of inestimable value, in addition to destroying eight enemy machines:

Lieut. George Holyoake Box.

This officer has taken part in eighteen long-distance night bombing raids and ten long-distance night reconnaissances, at all times showing exceptional keenness, untiring energy and devotion to duty. One night he carried out a very important reconnaissance lasting three and a half hours, bringing back most valuable information. Immediately on his return he proceeded on a bombing raid; having found his objective, he descended to a low altitude and successfully bombed the target. He was in the air that night six hours.

Lieut. Albert James Ernest Broomfield.

This officer shows great determination and skill in carrying out night reconnaissances, frequently under adverse weather conditions and at very low altitudes. During last month he was engaged in eight most successful reconnaissances. On two consecutive nights when, owing to the darkness he was compelled to fly at about 500 ft. altitude, he located and bombed with success an important railway junction.

Lieut. Colin Peter Brown (Sea Patrol).

Was engaged in a bombing raid on an enemy seaplane base by night, and dropped his bombs from a height of 500 feet, causing considerable destruction. Shortly afterwards he bombed an enemy aerodrome in daylight, also from a height of 500 feet, and then descended to 300 feet and destroyed an enemy machine. On arriving at his aerodrome fifty-nine bullet-holes were found in his machine. He has since then destroyed two enemy aeroplanes. Lieutenant Brown has been engaged in several other aerial fights, and has proved himself a gallant and resourceful flight leader.

Lieut. Richard Claude Cain.

By his skill and initiative as an observer this officer has on many occasions directed fire on enemy artillery, wagon lines and convoys, causing serious damage. His work has been most valuable, carried out at times under very difficult conditions. On a recent occasion he successfully bombed a bridge, obtaining a direct hit at a low altitude.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) John Foster Chisholm, D.S.C. (Sea Patrol).

A gallant and successful Flight Commander. He has led his formation in twenty-five raids in a period of thirty days, generally to a distance of 25 miles over the lines. On a recent occasion he encountered seven enemy aircraft whilst he was engaged in bombing a particularly dangerous enemy position. He destroyed one enemy machine, and his formation accounted for three more. All our machines returned safely.