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(Camden Town).  
No. 219731 Corpl. Mec. Ralph Edwin Wright  
(Crouch End, N.).

*Air Ministry,  
2nd November, 1918.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned Rewards on Officers and other ranks of the Royal Air Force, in recognition of gallantry in Flying Operations against the Enemy:—

**AWARDED A BAR TO THE  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.**

Capt. (T./Major) William George Barker,  
D.S.O., M.C.

A highly distinguished patrol leader whose courage, resource and determination has set a fine example to those around him. Up to the 20th July, 1918, he had destroyed thirty-three enemy aircraft—twenty-one of these since the date of the last award (second Bar to the Military Cross) was conferred on him. Major Barker has frequently led formations against greatly superior numbers of the enemy with conspicuous success.

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th February, 1918; M.C. gazetted 10th January, 1917; 1st Bar, 18th July, 1917; 2nd Bar, 16th September, 1918.)

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Lieut. (T./Capt.) Andrew Weatherby  
Beauchamp-Proctor, M.C., D.F.C.

A fighting pilot of great skill, and a splendid leader. He rendered brilliant service on the 22nd August, when his Flight was detailed to neutralise hostile balloons. Having shot down one balloon in flames, he attacked the occupants of five others in succession with machine-gun fire, compelling the occupants in each case to take to parachutes. He then drove down another balloon to within fifty feet of the ground, when it burst into flames. In all he has accounted for thirty-three enemy machines and seven balloons.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd June, 1918; Bar to M.C., 16th September, 1918; D.F.C. gazetted 2nd July, 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Henry John Burden,  
D.F.C. (Can. Forestry C.).

Since joining his Squadron in February this Officer has accounted for seventeen enemy machines—twelve crashed, two driven down out of control and three destroyed in flames on the ground during an attack on an aerodrome. On the morning of the 10th August he led his patrol in three attacks and himself destroyed three enemy machines. In the evening of the same day he destroyed two more. Two days later he attacked a large number of Fokkers, seven of which were destroyed, accounting for three himself. In this encounter Captain Burden led his patrol with exceptional skill and daring.

(The award of D.F.C. is also announced in this Gazette.)

Lieut. William Gordon Claxton, D.F.C.

Between 4th July and 12th August this officer destroyed ten enemy aeroplanes and one kite balloon, making in all thirty machines and one kite balloon to his credit. Untiring in attack in the air or on the ground, this officer has rendered brilliant service.

(D.F.C. gazetted 3rd August, 1918; Bar to D.F.C., 21st Sept., 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Arthur Henry Cobby,  
D.F.C. (Australian F.C.).

On the 16th August this officer led an organised raid on an enemy aerodrome. At 200 feet altitude he obtained direct hits with his bombs and set on fire two hangars; he then opened fire on a machine which was standing out on the aerodrome. The machine caught fire. Afterwards he attacked with machine-gun fire parties of troops and mechanics, inflicting a number of casualties. On the following day he led another important raid on an aerodrome, setting fire to two hangars and effectively bombing gun detachments, anti-aircraft batteries, etc.

The success of these two raids was largely due to the determined and skilful leadership of this officer.

(D.F.C. gazetted 3rd August, 1918; 1st and 2nd Bars, 21st September, 1918.)

Lieut. Stuart Douglas Culley (Sea Patrol).

Ascended to a height of 19,000 feet, at which altitude he attacked an enemy airship and brought it down in flames completely destroyed.

This was a most difficult undertaking, involving great personal risk, and the highest praise is due to Lieutenant Culley for the gallantry and skill which he displayed.

2nd Lieut. Thomas Brierley Dodwell.

On a recent occasion this officer, when acting as Observer, performed a very gallant and meritorious action. In diving to the assistance of another machine, his own machine commenced to fall out of control. Despite this, he continued to engage three enemy machines that were attacking him, and eventually drove them off, an operation that called for great coolness and skill, as the shooting platform was most unsteady. Realising that the machine was out of control owing to the loss of lift in the tail plane, half of this being shot away, he left his cockpit, and, climbing along the wing, lay down along the cowlings in front of the pilot, enabling the latter to obtain partial control of the machine and head for home. When nearing the ground he climbed back into his cockpit to allow the nose to rise, and the pilot succeeded in safely landing.

The presence of mind and cool courage of this officer undoubtedly saved the machine, and deserves the highest praise.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Cedric Ernest Howell,  
M.C., D.F.C.

This officer recently attacked, in company with one other machine, an enemy formation of fifteen aeroplanes, and succeeded in destroying four of them and bringing one down out of control. Two days afterwards he destroyed another enemy machine, which fell in our lines, and on the following day he led