

Lieut. Ronald Burns Bannerman.

During recent operations this officer has done gallant service. While on an offensive patrol with two other machines he was attacked by several Fokker biplanes, and, in the engagement, he shot down one. In addition, he has destroyed four other enemy machines.

Lieut. Horace Dalé Barton.

A courageous and dashing officer who has accounted for fourteen enemy machines, destroying two, forcing two to land in our lines, and driving ten down out of control. In addition, he has destroyed a kite balloon which was flying at a height of 500 feet; engaging it at close range he drove it down in flames.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Gerald Gordon Bell (E. Ontario R.).

This officer has had numerous engagements with hostile aircraft, invariably displaying marked gallantry and leadership of a high order, notably on the 1st of June, when he, accompanied by another pilot, attacked a formation of twelve enemy scouts; he shot down one in flames and drove down others out of control, only breaking off the engagement when all his ammunition had been expended.

Lieut. Reginald Calvert Bennett.

This officer has carried out thirty-seven bomb raids, twelve photographic flights and eleven reconnaissances. In many of these operations he has met with serious opposition, and frequently adverse weather conditions have greatly interfered with his work. Gallantly and doggedly he has faced all difficulties and has rendered most valuable service.

Capt. Frank Billinge (Manch. R.).

A gallant officer who displays determination and judgment. When on a night reconnaissance his engine suddenly failed and he was compelled to head for home. At this moment he was attacked by an enemy aeroplane. Owing to engine trouble he was forced to avoid an engagement, and only escaped by the exercise of marked skill and resource. With great difficulty he managed to cross our trenches at a height of 200 feet, crashing into the reserve trenches behind. Although considerably shaken and bruised he and his observer proceeded to the nearest signal station and sent in their reconnaissance report.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) William Otway Boger (Strathcona's Horse).

This officer has taken part in twenty-eight offensive patrols and twelve combats, accounting for four enemy aeroplanes—two destroyed in flames and two driven down out of control. As a leader he shows marked coolness and bravery, notably on a recent patrol when, as he was leading his four machines, he saw nine Pfalz scouts. Unable to rise to their height he led his patrol just beneath them in order to tempt them to attack. As the enemy did not respond he repeated the manoeuvre; the scouts then came down, and in the engagement one was shot down out of control. Reforming his

patrol he met two more scouts, one of which he destroyed in flames.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Clifford Bowman.

A fine leader, conspicuous for his courage and cool judgment, who has taken part in over fifty bombing raids, in the majority as leader. On one occasion the formation he was leading was attacked by fifteen Fokkers. In spite of determined efforts on the part of these hostile machines the objective was successfully bombed, direct hits being obtained. By skilful manoeuvring the formation returned safely, having destroyed four enemy aeroplanes during the flight. On the evening of the same day when again leading an attack on the same objective the formation was attacked by twenty hostile machines; having destroyed four of them he brought the formation safely back over our lines.

2nd Lieut. Samuel Allen Brabner, Sea Patrol.

An observer officer who has set a high example by his keenness and devotion to duty on night flying. He has been engaged in twenty-one bombing raids in a period of three months.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Reginald Carey Brenton Brading.

This officer has accounted for seven enemy machines—two shot down in flames and five out of control. In addition he has displayed marked skill and bravery in attacking troops and transport. Four times in one day he engaged troops, etc., on the roads with machine-gun fire, inflicting casualties and causing great confusion.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Stanley George Brearley (Australian F.C.).

During recent operations information as to the rear disposition of enemy troops in a certain sector was urgently required. To obtain this Captain Brearley proceeded over the enemy lines in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire to a distance of twelve thousand yards at an altitude of only 1,800 feet. He, assisted by his observer, made an extensive reconnaissance, and brought back a most accurate and detailed report, which proved of the greatest value. The work of this officer is invariably reliable and accurate.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Douglas Roman Brook.

On the night prior to one of our attacks this officer was detailed for a very important duty which entailed his patrolling a certain portion of our advanced lines. The weather was so unfavourable that under ordinary circumstances no flying would have been attempted, the clouds being only some 200 feet above the ground, and, in addition, there was a thick ground mist. Under these adverse conditions flying could only be carried out with great risk. Regardless of this, with rare courage, Captain Brook made three flights up and down our front line. He has carried out sixty-eight successful night bombing raids, at all times proving himself a bold and determined airman.

Lieut. Jonathan Martin Brown, 35th Sqn.

This officer has shown exceptional skill and courage in obtaining oblique photographs of