

of these flights were of great distance and carried out at a very high altitude, calling for great courage and stamina. This officer possesses these qualities in a marked degree, and his example has been of the greatest service to his squadron.

2nd Lieut. (T./Lieut.) Robert MacIntyre Gordon (Sea Patrol).

In three months this brilliant young pilot has destroyed or driven down eight enemy machines. On all occasions he displays remarkable gallantry and dash, never hesitating to fly to the assistance of other pilots when they are in difficulties. In one combat his action saved his flight commander.

Lieut. John Gould-Taylor (Australian F.C.).

On the 28th of August, when on reconnaissance, this officer was attacked by five Fokker biplanes; with characteristic boldness and skill he drove them off, shooting down one out of control. He then continued reconnaissance, sending down calls on three hostile batteries (which were neutralised), six parties of transport and two trains. During recent operations this officer has rendered most valuable service in sending down calls, displaying keenness of observation and great power of endurance. While on this duty he never hesitates to attack the enemy as opportunity occurs.

Lieut. Gavin Lynedoch Graham.

A bold and gallant officer, whose success in attacking troops and transport with bombs and machine guns has been marked. He has also proved himself a skilful fighter in the air, having destroyed eight enemy machines and driven down two others out of control.

Lieut. William Edrington Gray (Sea Patrol).

Since May last this officer has destroyed three enemy machines and has taken part in five low-bombing raids. He is a most efficient officer, possessing great presence of mind, and invariably displaying cool courage in difficult situations. On a recent occasion he led a formation of forty machines to bomb an aerodrome; this was most successfully accomplished, and was largely due to Lieut. Gray's able and skilful leadership.

Lieut. Arthur Edward Grigson (Australian F.C.).

A very gallant and resolute officer who has crashed four enemy aircraft. On the 1st of August, while observing for one of our batteries, he saw an enemy aeroplane that had brought down four of our balloons; he at once dived from 4,000 to 200 feet and engaged it; in the combat the enemy machine crashed.

Lieut. Victor Emmanuel Groom.

An officer of great courage and dash who never hesitates to attack the enemy regardless of the superiority in numbers. While on a recent patrol this officer was one of a formation of eight that engaged twenty-five hostile scouts. Lieut. Groom shot down one, and his observer (Lieut. Hardcastle) a few minutes later destroyed another. On a later date, accompanied by the same observer,

they were attacked by twelve scouts; two of these they shot down.

Lieut. Ernest Hardcastle.

This officer displayed great courage and skill on two occasions when he was observer in company with Lieut. Groom. While on patrol their formation of eight attacked twenty-five hostile scouts; he and Lieut. Groom accounted for two. On another occasion, when with the same officer, they were attacked by twelve scouts, two of these they shot down.

Lieut. Edward Delta Harding.

This officer shows exceptional keenness and determination in carrying out long-distance night raids. On many occasions it has been mainly due to his ability and skill as an observer and navigator that the objectives have been reached: He is an officer of high merit.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Tom Falcon Hazell, M.C.

This officer is conspicuous for his bravery and skill, having destroyed twenty enemy machines and four kite balloons. On one occasion, while attacking troops on the ground, he observed seven enemy scouts above him; he at once engaged them, shooting down one out of control. Some days later he, with another pilot, attacked a kite balloon, driving it down in flames; they then attacked a second balloon, driving it down in a deflated condition.

(The award of a Bar to the D.F.C. is also announced in this Gazette; M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Reginald Stacey Hellier (S. Lanc. R.).

On the 8th August, whilst on contact patrol, Capt. Hellier found great difficulty in determining our line by means of flares; consequently he descended to a low altitude, and, after a prolonged patrol, he brought back detailed information as to the position of the enemy. During the operation he was subjected to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and it was mainly due to this fire that he was able to locate the enemy. A fine performance, which necessitated the exercise of high courage and determination, qualities in which this officer excels.

2nd Lieut. (Hon. Lieut.) Norman William Helwig (C. Ontario R.).

This officer has taken part in thirty-eight bomb raids, twelve photographic flights, and nineteen reconnaissances. In all these his success has been marked, due to his keen power of observation and intense devotion to duty. He has on several occasions been specially commended by the Army Intelligence Staff for his good photographic work and useful reconnaissance reports.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Alfred Stewart Hemming.

A courageous and dashing officer, whether engaging hostile aeroplanes in the air or attacking enemy troops, transport, etc., on the ground. He has accounted for eight enemy machines—three destroyed and five driven down out of control. During recent operations his boldness in engaging enemy troops was noteworthy and deserving of high praise.