

his front gun at 1,500 feet. Subjected to very heavy field and machine-gun fire, he pressed home his attack with vigour, and at 1,000 feet dropped his six bombs on the infantry, who dispersed in all directions. His observer then opened fire, which completely disorganised the enemy. At this period of the combat Captain Jefferies was wounded in the calf, and, although his leg was completely numbed, he brought his machine back to his aerodrome and handed in his report.

2nd Lt. William Stanley Jenkins, Sea Patrol.

An intrepid pilot who has met with much success in numerous battles. On one day last month he led three machines in an attack on seven of the enemy. He engaged in combat with four separate enemy machines, set fire to one at a height of 14,000 feet, and then, getting on the tail of another, fired 150 rounds into it, resulting in complete destruction. Lt. Jenkins has, on previous occasions, destroyed or brought down out of control six enemy aircraft.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Lionel Herbert Jones.

This officer is a most expert artillery observer, and carries out his shoots with remarkable speed and accuracy. Determined to carry out his allotted task, neither adverse weather conditions nor heavy hostile fire daunts him. He affords a striking example to his squadron of what can be accomplished in face of great difficulties by courage and resolute will, combined with judgment and skill.

Lt. Edward Haines Johnson.

This officer has taken part in seventy-six bombing raids and twenty-two photographic reconnaissances. He is a keen and able airman who never shirks responsibility. On a recent bombing raid several machines, owing to most unfavourable weather conditions, were compelled to return. Lt. Johnson at once took the lead, and, collecting the remaining machines, he led them over the objective, which was effectively bombed.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edgar Charles Johnston.

A brilliant and most dashing leader who greatly distinguished himself on the 4th of September. Leading his flight of four machines (including his own), he saw a patrol of fourteen Fokkers. Undaunted by the disparity in numbers, he, without hesitation, engaged and completely defeated them. He shot down one machine in flames himself, and three others were driven down out of control. Continuing his patrol, he shortly afterwards saw a second formation of eight Fokkers. His machine was badly shot about and much of his ammunition expended, but this did not deter him from at once attacking them. In this engagement three Fokkers were accounted for, one of which he himself shot down, thus making a total of seven enemy machines disposed of by his flight of four in one morning. A very fine performance, reflecting the greatest credit on all engaged.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Ley King, M.C.

This officer has done excellent work both on reconnaissance duty and in co-operation with our artillery. In the latter service he shows remarkable skill and keen observation. In carrying out a shoot on the 31st of August 848 rounds were fired in five and a-half hours, and four pits were destroyed—a fine performance, reflecting great credit on this officer's capability.

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Lt. Harold Albert Kullberg.

This officer has destroyed six enemy aeroplanes and has taken part in seven engagements when others have been destroyed by members of his patrol. A bold and keen officer who possesses a fine fighting spirit.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Camille Henri Raoul Lagesse.

When on wireless interception duty Capt. Lagesse, in company with another officer, was attacked by seven scouts. Engaging one, he followed it down from 11,000 feet to 2,000 feet, when it crashed. Bold in attack, skilful in execution, he has proved himself on many occasions to be a fine airman.

Capt. Herbert Joseph Larkin.

In the recent fighting this officer has led twelve offensive patrols, and these patrols have destroyed twenty-one enemy machines and driven down four out of control. The success of his squadron is due not only to his most able leadership, but also to the fine fighting spirit he inspires by his personal courage and disregard of danger.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Alfred Alexander Leitch, M.C.

This officer has already been awarded the Military Cross for gallant service. His devotion to duty and consistent courage is an inspiring example to all. During the recent operations he heavily bombed an enemy dump, causing several fires; he then attacked hostile troops in the vicinity. Frequently he has returned to our lines with his machine riddled with bullets.

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Lt. Harry Fearnley Longbottom.

On the morning of the 21st of August this officer was detailed to gain contact with our advanced cavalry. Owing to a dense mist he was compelled to fly at a very low altitude—200 feet—and he was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire. He, however, achieved his object, and, continuing his patrol, he was, in the afternoon, able to render to the Cavalry Divisional Headquarters a most valuable and accurate report, with full details as to the position of our troops and that of the enemy. His machine was badly shot about, and he was wounded in the face, but with praiseworthy devotion he continued his patrol until wounded in the knee; he then turned home and landed just west of our lines in a state of collapse. His is a fine example of endurance and courageous determination.

Lt. Walter Hunt Longton, A.F.C.

On the 22nd August this officer led his formation of six machines to attack an