

party of the enemy evacuating their trenches; diving, he attacked them with bombs and machine-gun fire, inflicting many casualties.

Lieut.-Col. Louis Arbon Strange, M.C. (Dorset R.).

To this officer must be given the main credit of the complete success attained in two recent bombing raids on important enemy aerodromes. In organising these raids his careful attention to detail and well-thought-out plans were most creditable. During the operations themselves his gallantry in attack and fine leadership inspired all those taking part.

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Lieut. Alan Victor Stupart.

A courageous and resolute officer, who displayed great gallantry on a recent patrol when he was attacked by seven hostile aircraft; with skill and courage he drove these off and continued his patrol. Later on he was again attacked by a large formation; in this engagement both he and his observer were wounded, but they continued the combat until they eventually drove off the enemy. Having brought back his machine, Lieut. Stupart fainted from loss of blood.

Lieut. Edwin Swale (Sea Patrol).

A successful and skilful pilot who has destroyed three enemy machines and one kite balloon, and has, in addition, driven down four aeroplanes out of control. On the 15th of September he attacked one of five Fokker biplanes; this machine was driven down out of control, and, on attempting to land, crashed.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) John Romilly Swanston, Sea Patrol.

A very capable flight commander. On a day last month he led a formation of twenty machines on a low bombing raid on an enemy aerodrome, and by skilful management succeeded in effecting a complete surprise, which resulted in great damage being done. Capt. Swanston has carried out twenty-two valuable reconnaissance flights over the line, has personally obtained a direct hit on an enemy aerodrome, set fire to a railway truck containing enemy anti-aircraft guns, destroyed two enemy aeroplanes, and helped to destroy another. During his three periods of employment on active service he has been in the air 310 hours.

2nd Lieut. Bryan Samuel William Taylor.

A gallant and skilful observer who has been engaged in nineteen successful bombing raids during the past five months. During one of these raids eight of our machines were attacked by twenty enemy aircraft on the return journey, and during the course of the close fighting (which had become somewhat confused) Lieutenant Taylor destroyed an enemy aeroplane just at the moment when matters were critical for our formation, which resulted in affairs being straightened out immediately to our advantage. Lieutenant Taylor has always distinguished himself by the efficient manner in which he has carried out any operation allotted him, notably in the various long-distance raids.

Capt. Edmund Roger Tempest, M.C.

Since March last this officer has destroyed nine enemy machines. A daring and most capable officer, who never hesitates to engage the enemy. By brilliant leadership, he achieves success with the minimum of loss.

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Lieut. (T./Capt.) Samuel Frederick Henry Thompson, M.C. (A.S.C.).

This officer has carried out numerous offensive patrols, displaying the most marked bravery and determination. His boldness in attack and utter disregard of personal danger affords a most inspiring example to his brother pilots. Since June last he has destroyed eleven enemy aeroplanes.

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2nd Lieut. (Hon. Lieut.) Graham Noble Thomson (High. L.I.).

This officer has rendered most excellent service with his squadron, especially during the March offensive, displaying at all times exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. On a recent date, although he was on a light duty owing to ill-health, he volunteered for two patrols; owing to a heavy thunderstorm and adverse weather conditions he was compelled to fly at very low altitudes, and his machine was badly shot about. Despite these difficulties he obtained most valuable information, correct in every detail.

(The announcement of a Bar to the D.F.C. is also contained in this Gazette.)

Lieut. William McKenzie Thomson, M.C.

This officer has destroyed thirteen enemy machines, invariably displaying courage, determination and skill. Disparity in numbers never daunts him. On a recent occasion, in company with eight other machines, his formation was attacked by twenty-five scouts; he shot one down. On another occasion his formation of ten machines engaged between twenty and thirty Fokkers; in the combat that ensued this officer shot down one out of the four that were destroyed.

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Lieut. (T./Capt.) Adrian James Boswell Tonks (Sea Patrol).

A brave and determined airman who has destroyed four enemy aeroplanes and driven down six out of control. In a recent engagement with twelve enemy scouts he destroyed one and drove off others who were attacking some pilots in his flight. In these combats he expended all his ammunition, but seeing three enemy machines attacking one of ours, he, with great gallantry, dived amongst them with a view to distracting their attention. In this he succeeded. A courageous and meritorious action.

Capt. Francis McDougal Charlewood Turner, M.C.

While leading a formation of ten machines on a bombing raid this officer was attacked by twenty Fokker biplanes. In face of this strong attack he led his formation down to 1,000 feet, and two sheds were set on fire and billets were riddled with machine-gun fire; three enemy machines were also accounted for, Capt. Turner himself crashing