

Air Ministry,
28th October 1921.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished services in the Field in Mesopotamia :—

Awarded a Second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer John William Boldero Grigson, D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty. This officer has always set a fine example to his flight by his courage and devotion to duty and by constant keenness and hard work.

(D.F.C. gazetted 21st September 1918.)

(1st Bar to D.F.C. gazetted 22nd December 1919.)

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Reginald Stuart Maxwell M.C., D.F.C., R.A.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has recently carried out 14 raids over hostile country and 60 hours' flying. He has at all times shown constant courage and a very high sense of devotion to duty. On one occasion when forced to descend in hostile territory owing to engine failure he displayed great coolness in endeavouring to remedy it under fire, and only when this was found to be impossible did he take advantage of the landing of another machine, and by lying flat out on its lower plane was carried away to safety. He has always set a fine example to the rest of his flight by keenness and hard work in the air and on the ground.

(D.F.C. gazetted 8th February 1919.)

Flying Officer Hugh William Lumsden Saunders, M.C., D.F.C., M.M., R.A.F.

For gallantry and unflinching example on all occasions, especially during the operations around Samawah, where he descended to very low altitudes to drop food and supplies on the garrison at Samawah and the gunboat "Greenfly." This officer's machine has been put out of action by hostile fire on several occasions.

(D.F.C. gazetted 2nd November 1918.)

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Robert Narcissus Essell, R.A.F. (since killed).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has flown over 125 hours and carried out 50 bomb raids. He is a very keen and daring pilot, who on two occasions has been shot down by hostile action.

Flying Officer David D'Arcy Alexander Greig, R.A.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. All through the period of hostilities this officer has proved himself to be a very keen and daring pilot, and has on every possible occasion engaged the enemy from very low altitudes with excellent results.

Flying Officer Harry George Watts Lock, R.A.F.

For untiring energy, gallantry and devotion to duty. He has operated in all areas during the insurrection. He has flown 130 hours, and has had four machines put out of action by hostile fire during operations. He was shot down and captured by the insurgents, and since his release never failed to carry on as usual.

Squadron Leader Charles Henry Nicholas, A.F.C., R.A.F.

For consistent good work, gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has not only led his squadron in nearly every raid, but by his energy and devotion to duty has kept the squadron in a high state of efficiency. He was mainly responsible for bringing his squadron into action from Baghdad 14 days after landing at Basra, which is in itself a remarkable achievement.

Flying Officer Harry Victor Norris le Vavasour Noel, R.A.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out 19 raids and 71 hours' flying during a period of ten weeks. He has displayed great keenness, coolness and devotion to duty at all times, notably on one occasion when he landed beside, and endeavoured to assist, a machine which was forced to descend in hostile territory.

Flying Officer Anthony Lauderdale Paxton, R.A.F.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during operations around Samawah and Nasiriyeh. This officer's reconnaissance reports are exceptionally valuable, and he has proved himself a gallant and daring pilot.

Flight Lieutenant George Clark Pirie, M.C., R.A.F.

For great gallantry and good work, especially during operations in the relief of Diwaniyah and during our retirement to Hillah. This officer showed remarkable ability in quick initiative when leading his flight during operations.

Flight Lieutenant Franks Lubbock Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.F.

For continuous good work, gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has flown over 100 hours during operations, and has shown at all times an untiring example throughout. He has had three machines put out of action by hostile fire from the ground.

Flying Officer Harry Noel Cornforth Robinson, M.C., R.A.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. A gallant and daring pilot, especially while operating round Samawah and Nasiriyeh. His keenness at all times has been much marked.

Flight Lieutenant Harry George Smart, R.A.F.

For energy, gallantry and leadership. This officer has shown a very fine example to his fellow officers, especially during low