

3,000 feet, and then falling vertically out of control.

He then attacked another enemy machine which had dived on to one of our machines from behind, and with the help of a Scout he shot it down, the enemy being seen to crash to the ground.

Another hostile scout was then attacked by pilot, end-on, and received a long burst at very close range, the enemy going down in a spin, but apparently righting himself lower down.

During this last encounter Flt. Cdr. Gerard's machine was riddled with bullets, but, by fine piloting, he landed safely, although all but his lateral controls were shot away and his machine damaged to such an extent as to require return to Depot for complete rebuilding.

This officer has now destroyed at least seven hostile aircraft. He was on active service in France and Belgium from April to September, 1916, and during that period performed much valuable work.

Flt. Cdr. Reginald Frederick Stuart Leslie, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his gallantry in pursuing hostile raiding aeroplanes out to sea in a land machine on the 25th May, 1917. He attacked one hostile aeroplane, and caused it to descend in a steep nose dive, emitting smoke and steam. He was unable to observe its fate, as he was himself immediately attacked from behind by two other hostile machines and temporarily lost control. When he regained control, the machine which he had first attacked had disappeared, and two others were proceeding eastwards at a considerable height above him. He then returned safely to his aerodrome.

Flt. Lieut. Guy Duncan Smith, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services in the East Indies and Egypt Seaplane Squadron during the period 1st April, 1916-31st March, 1917. During this time he took part in several valuable reconnaissances and bombing flights, obtaining important information and doing considerable damage to enemy organisations.

Flt. Lieut. Raymond Collishaw, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on various occasions, especially the following:

On June 1st, 1917, this officer shot down an Albatross Scout in flames.

On 3rd June, 1917, he shot down an Albatross Scout in flames.

On 5th June, 1917, he shot down a two-seater Albatross in flames.

On the 6th June, 1917, he shot down two Albatross scouts in flames and killed the pilot in a third.

He has displayed great gallantry and skill in all his combats.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Norman Richard Cook, R.N.A.S.

For his services in an air-raid on Zeebrugge Mole and hostile shipping, on the 27th of May, 1917.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Robert Frederick Lea Dickey, R.N.A.S.

Warrt. Offr. (2nd Gr.) Frank Henry Whitmore, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services in the East Indies and Egypt Seaplane Squadron during the period 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

The following awards have also been approved:—

To Receive the Distinguished Service Medal.
C.P.O. Mech., 3rd Gr., Frederick Cusden, O.N.F.5011 (Po.).

Air Mech., 2nd Cl., Henry Martineau Davis, O.N.F.20254.

Air Mech., 1st Cl., Arthur William Goody, O.N.F.12237.

The following Officers and men have been mentioned in despatches:—

Flt. Lieut. Edward James Pointer Burling, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Humphrey de Verd Leigh, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Frederick Middleton Fox, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Henry Vernon Worrall, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Thomas Gordon Mair Stephens, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. John Edward Scott, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Rowan Heywood Daly, R.N.A.S.

Lieut. William Charles Abbott Meade, R.N.V.R.

HONOURS TO THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of decorations and medals to the undermentioned Officers and men of the British Mercantile Marine, in recognition of zeal and devotion to duty shown in carrying on the trade of the country during the war:—

To Receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Capt. Arthur Matravets King.

Capt. Ernest Stanley Hutchinson.

Capt. John McLelland.

Capt. John Prideaux.

Ch. Engr. Robert Bay.

To Receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Capt. David Philip McDonald.

To Receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

A.B. George Wilson.

Sea. George Patience.

Ldg. Sea. Thomas O'Farrell.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned Officers in the London Gazette as having received an expression of Commendation for their services:—

To be Commended for Good Service.

Capt. Edwin Ellis.

Capt. Alexander Drysdale Falconer.

Capt. Donald McNicol.

Capt. William Matthews Chirgwin.

Capt. James Griffiths.

Capt. Frederick George William Randall.

Ch. Offr. Percy St. Andrew Robertson.

3rd Offr. James Mackie.

Pilot Reginald Victor Palmer.