

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Sqdrn. Cdr. Charles Henry Butler, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For the skill and gallantry with which he attacked a formation of fifteen hostile machines returning from a raid on England. Closing on one machine, he engaged it at close quarters. Presently he saw this machine nose dive, crash into the sea and sink. Meanwhile he had engaged a second machine, but broke off the engagement to follow down the first machine. Afterwards he lost sight of the enemy formation and returned to his aerodrome.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned officers:—

Flt. Cdr. Alexander Macdonald Shook, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Arnold Jaques Chadwick, R.N.A.S. (since reported drowned).

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Albert James Enstone, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Langley Frank Willard Smith, R.N.A.S. (since missing).

For exceptional gallantry and remarkable skill and courage whilst serving with the R.N.A.S. at Dunkirk during May and June, 1917, in repeatedly attacking and destroying hostile aircraft.

Flt. Lieut. Cecil Hill Darley, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry on the night of the 2nd July, 1917. One of his engines having seized whilst he was over Bruges, he dropped his bombs on the objective and managed to fly his machine home on one engine and effected a safe landing on the aerodrome.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. (now Flt. Lieut.) John Edward Scott, R.N.A.S.

For the skill and gallantry with which he engaged a hostile machine returning from an air raid on England. Descending to 8,000 feet, he fired continuously until the enemy machine lost control, descended in a spinning nose dive, and crashed into the sea.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Ellis Vair Reed, R.N.A.S. (since missing).

In recognition of his services on the following occasions:—

On the 6th June, 1917, he attacked and drove down one of four hostile scouts. This machine dived nose first into the ground and was destroyed.

On the afternoon of the 15th June, 1917, he was leading a patrol of three scouts and encountered a formation of ten enemy machines. During the combat which ensued he forced one machine down completely out of control. Next he attacked at a range of about 30 yards another hostile scout. The pilot of this machine was killed, and it went down completely out of control.

This officer has at all times shown the greatest bravery and determination.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Edward Robert Barker, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the occasion of an air raid on the Solway works at Zeebrugge on the night of the 15th-16th July, 1917, when bombs were dropped on the objective with good results.

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

For skill and gallantry in attacking enemy aircraft returning from a raid on England. After a long chase he engaged and brought down one machine in flames. Afterwards he engaged a second machine, but his gun jammed, and though he continued the pursuit to the enemy coast, he failed to clear the jamb, and was obliged to return to his aerodrome.

Flt. Lieut. Reginald Rhys Soar, R.N.A.S.

For courage and skill as a scout pilot. On 23rd May, 1917, he attacked a two-seater artillery machine, and as the result of a well thought out attack brought the machine down out of control.

On 12th June, 1917, he brought down two enemy machines out of control.

On 29th June, 1917, in company with Flt. Lieut. Little, he attacked and brought down an Albatross scout.

On 3rd July, 1917, whilst leading an offensive patrol, a formation of seven Albatross Scouts was engaged, and he brought down one, out of control.

On 13th July, 1917, in company with Flt. Lieut. Little, he attacked and drove down out of control one two-seater machine, following it down to within 1,000 feet of the ground.

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Flt. Cdr. Robert John Orton Compston, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For gallantry in action and for very good work in driving away German artillery aeroplanes.

On the 12th June, 1917, with three other machines, he attacked six hostile scouts. He got close to one, and shot it down out of control.

On the 16th June, 1917, he attacked and brought down a two-seater Aviatik.

On the 3rd July, 1917, he attacked two Aviatiks, which he drove down and forced to land.

Flt. Lieut. John Edward Sharman, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For courage and skill in attacking enemy aircraft. On the evening of the 14th June, 1917, while on an offensive patrol with three other scouts, he observed five Albatross Scouts. He dived on one of these, firing from his machine gun at about 50 feet range. The Scout then went down in a spin.

On the 24th June, 1917, with six other machines, he attacked fifteen Albatross Scouts. After a combat at close range he destroyed one of these, its right plane and tail plane falling off.

The following awards have also been approved:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Ldg. A.C. Thomas Busby, O.N. F18555.

A.C., 1st Gr., Joshua Howard Daw, O.N. F12687.

A.C., 2nd Gr., Cyril Alfred Millhouse, O.N. F22637.

Air Mech., 2nd Gr., Frederick Anderson, O.N. F7389.

Air Mech., 1st Gr., Thomas Caird, O.N. F6181.
P.O. Mech. (E) Harry Dixon, O.N. F4542.