

3rd Hnd. Charles Chaston.  
 Dkhnd. Robert Freeman.  
 Cook Charles Cross.  
 2nd Engmn. William Emmett.  
 Fireman James B. Collis.  
 Fireman George Johnson.

HONOURS FOR THE ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order to the undermentioned Officer:—

Flt. Lieut. (Act. Flt. Cdr.) Robert Alexander Little, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For exceptional gallantry and skill in aerial fighting.

On 16th July, 1917, he observed two Aviatiks flying low over the lines. He dived on the nearest one, firing a long burst at very close range. The enemy machine dived straight away, and Flt. Lieut. Little followed him closely down to 500 ft., the enemy machine falling out of control.

On 20th July, 1917, he attacked a D.F.W. After a short fight, the enemy machine dived vertically. Its tail plane seemed to crumple up, and it was completely wrecked.

On 22nd July, 1917, he attacked a D.F.W. Aviatik, and brought it down completely out of control.

On 27th July, 1917, in company with another pilot, he attacked an Aviatik. After each had fired about twenty rounds, the enemy machine began to spin downwards. Flt. Lieut. Little got close to it, and observed both the occupants lying back in the cock-pits, as if dead. The machine fell behind the enemy's lines, and was wrecked.

Flt. Lieut. Little has shown remarkable courage and boldness in attacking enemy machines.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Flt. Lieut. (Act. Flt. Cdr.) Robert Jope Slade, R.N.A.S.

For his services during a bombing raid on Snelleghem Aerodrome on the 5th August, 1917.

He was attacked by an enemy machine when leaving the target. After firing about thirty rounds, the hostile machine appeared to lose control and suddenly dived without regaining it.

Flt. Lieut. (Act. Flt. Cdr.) William Melville Alexander, R.N.A.S.

On 16th August, 1917, he attacked at about 3,000 feet two hostile scouts, one of which, after a short combat, fell completely out of control.

On 20th August, 1917, while returning from patrol, he observed three enemy scouts. These he pursued until they turned to fight. One of the scouts he shot down completely out of control, and the remaining two dived away.

On 21st August, 1917, while on an offensive patrol, he attacked and drove down completely out of control an enemy scout which was attacking another member of his patrol.

Flt. Lieut. Alexander has at all times shown the greatest bravery and determination.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Charles Philip Oldfield Bartlett, R.N.A.S.

For exceptionally good work on the occasion of a bombing raid on Houttave Aerodrome on the 25th July, 1917.

*To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Flt. Cdr. Irwin Napier Colin Clarke, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For exceptionally good work on the occasion of a bombing raid on Houttave Aerodrome on the 25th July, 1917.

This officer has shown great skill and persistence in leading his flight on many occasions.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Air Mech., 1st Gr., Edward Darby, O.N. F849.  
 Air Mech., 1st Gr., William David Sambrooke, O.N. F6630.

The following Officers have been mentioned in Despatches:—

Flt. Cdr. Charles Teverill Freeman, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

Flt. Cdr. Thomas Frederick Le Mesurier, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

HONOURS TO THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of decorations to the undermentioned Officers 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. Charles Ruthven Stewart.

Capt. Edward John Holl.

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:—

Capt. George William Sharpe.

Capt. William Henry Bullock (Lieut.-Cdr., R.N.R., retd.) (killed).

Captain William Henry Baker.

Ch. Offr. John Vyvyan Watson-Black.

Ch. Eng. Harry Munt Black.

FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

The following Decorations have been conferred by the Allied Powers on Officers and Men of the British Naval Forces for distinguished services rendered during the war:—

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

*Officer.*

Capt. Charles L. Lambe, D.S.O., R.N.

Cdr. (act. Capt.) John Harvey, R.N.

Cdr. Henry C. Halahan, D.S.O., R.N.

*Chevalier.*

Lieut. Arthur W. L. Brewill, D.S.C., R.N.

Lieut. Denys C. G. Shoppee, D.S.C., R.N.

Sqdrn. Cdr. Francis K. Haskins, D.S.C., R.N.

Sqdrn. Cdr. Douglas C. S. Evill, D.S.C., R.N.

Sqdrn. Cdr. Redford H. Mulock, D.S.O., R.N.A.S.