

Ldg. Sea. Alec Charles Fownsin, O.N. J20262 (Ch.).
P.O. Stephen James Watson, O.N. 238347 (Ch.).

The following Officers and Men have been mentioned in Despatches:—

Lieut.-Cdr. Charles Harold Jones, D.S.O., R.N.
Lieut.-Cdr. Reginald Vincent Peel, R.D., R.N.R.
Lieut. Archibald John Moss, R.N.R.
Flt. Lieut. Basil Deacon Hobbs, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.A.S.
Flt. Lieut. James Lindsay Gordon, R.N.A.S.
Flt. Sub-Lieut. (now Flt. Lieut.) Richard Frederick Lea Dickey, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.
Flt. Sub-Lieut. Cecil John Clayton, R.N.A.S.
Obs. Sub-Lieut. Kenneth George Coles, R.N.A.S.
Act. Sub-Lieut. (act.) Benjamin Evans, D.S.C., R.N.R.
Art. Engr. Albert Henry Benfield, R.N.
Act. Gnr. Jabez George Lake, R.N.
Skpr. Stanley James Johnson, R.N.R. 1239 S.A.
Ldg. Mech. Sydney Francis Anderson, D.S.M., O.N. F12676.
P.O., 1st Cl., Bertram Wabon Brett, O.N. 193486 (Ch.).
P.O. Robert John Brown, D.S.M., O.N. 222552 (Po.).
Air Mech., 2nd Gr., Henry Martineau Davies, D.S.M., O.N. F20254.
Act. Sto. P.O. James William Alfred Formoy, O.N. K2664 (Ch.).
E.R.A., 1st Cl., James King Lawrie, D.S.M., O.N. 270036 (Ch.).
Ldg. Teleg. Gordon Hugh Leamon, O.N. J2025 (Ch.).
Ldg. Sea. Edwin Gerard Viner, O.N. 214541 (Dev.).

HONOURS FOR THE ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following decorations and medals to Officers and Men of the Royal Naval Air Service:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Lieut. Richard Gregory Gardner, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of the great zeal and gallantry displayed by him on the night of the 15th October, 1917, when a bombing raid was carried out on Bruges Docks and good results obtained in spite of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire. This officer has taken part in thirty-six bombing raids.

Flt. Lieut. John William Alcock, R.N.A.S. (now prisoner).

For the great skill, judgment and dash displayed by him off Mudros on the 30th September, 1917, in a successful attack on three enemy seaplanes, two of which were brought down in the sea.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. (now Flt. Lieut.) Charles Ferris Montagu Chambers, R.N.A.S.

During the combined naval and military operations in the neighbourhood of Lindi, East Africa, on the 10th and 11th June, 1917, this officer flew his machine at all hours of the day under heavy fire with excellent results, bringing back to his Commanding Officer clear and concise reports.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. (act. Flt. Lieut.) Wilfred Austin Curtis, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has on many occasions destroyed and driven down out of control enemy machines. On the 21st October, 1917, in a combined attack with two other pilots, he sent down an enemy machine in flames, and twenty minutes later he followed another enemy scout from 10,000 to 2,000 feet, and sent it down in a vertical dive, which ended in a crash.

Obs. Lieut. Cyril Chapman, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of the great gallantry and skill displayed by him on the 18th October, 1917, when he carried out a photographic reconnaissance in spite of adverse conditions and intense cold, as a result of which he was severely frostbitten. He has repeatedly carried out valuable photographic reconnaissances at long distances behind the enemy lines under very heavy and extremely accurate anti-aircraft fire and despite the tactics of enemy aircraft.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Charles Róger Lupton, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Euan Dickson, R.N.A.S.

Obs. Sub-Lieut. William Lawrence Hill, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a bombing raid on Thourout Railway Station and Varsennaere Aerodrome on the 25th October, 1917. These officers volunteered for the expedition in spite of extremely unfavourable weather conditions. They have all previously taken part in many bombing raids.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. John Gerald Manuel, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in air fights and bombing raids, particularly on the 26th September, 1917, when he attacked alone the Abeele Aerodrome, dropping his bombs from about 1,500 feet with good results. A machine gun then opened fire on him, but he dived down low and silenced it by firing fifty rounds from his machine gun.

Obs. Sub-Lieut. Thomas Terrell, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a long distance bombing raid on the 28th October, 1917, when a direct hit was obtained on a munitions factory. He was heavily attacked by machine gun fire on his homeward journey, which was carried out under exceedingly trying conditions. He has also carried out other bombing raids and a number of photographic reconnaissances.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Lieut. (act. Flt. Cdr.) Joseph Stewart Temple Fall, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

In recognition of the conspicuous courage displayed by him in attacking enemy aircraft in superior numbers on many occasions. On the 15th October, 1917, he attacked an enemy machine from in front at very close range, at times within twenty-five yards. He then turned sharply and attacked from behind, sending the enemy machine down spinning on its back and emitting great volumes of black smoke.