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War Office,

31st May, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards for gallant services rendered on the occasion of an hostile air raid:—

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Christopher Joseph Quinton Brand, M.C., R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry. While on patrol at night he encountered an enemy aeroplane at a height of 8,700 feet. He at once attacked the enemy, firing two bursts of twenty rounds each, which put the enemy's right engine out of action. Closing to a range of twenty-five yards he fired a further three bursts of twenty-five rounds each, and as a result the enemy machine caught fire and fell in flames to the ground.

Captain Brand showed great courage and skill in manœuvring his machine during the encounter, and when the enemy aeroplane burst into flames he was so close that the flames enveloped his machine, scorching his face.

This officer has shown great determination and perseverance during the past nine months when on anti-aeroplane patrols at night, and his example of unassuming gallantry and skill has raised his squadron to a very high state of efficiency.

MILITARY CROSS.

T./Lt. Anthony John Arkell, R.A.F., Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry when, during a hostile aeroplane raid, he and his Observer, Pte. Stagg, while on patrol, sighted a Gotha machine at a height of 10,000 feet. He opened fire at a range of 200 yards, and so manœuvred his machine as to give his Observer, despite a vigorous fire being continually poured on to his machine from the enemy aeroplane, a target which offered the best possible advantage for attack. Pte. Stagg then opened a heavy fire upon the enemy aeroplane at close range, as a result of which the enemy machine burst into flames and crashed to the ground.

Lieutenant Arkell showed the utmost coolness and courage during the engagement, the

result of which was to cause the enemy machine to be brought down.

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 10652 1st Class Private Albert Thomas Charles Stagg, R.A.F. (Romsey).

While acting as Gunner-Observer to Lieutenant Arkell on aeroplane patrol during a night hostile aeroplane raid, Pte. Stagg showed great courage and skill in that,

during the engagement with an enemy aeroplane at a height of 10,000 feet, and although under a heavy machine-gun fire from the enemy, he was able to take advantage of the skilful manœuvring of the machine by Lieutenant Arkell which enabled him to open a heavy fire on the enemy. As a result of this fire the enemy machine burst into flames and crashed to the ground entirely out of control.

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