

and fearless officer, who has done excellent work in reconnaissance and in attacking enemy troops close to the ground.

Lt. LeeRoy Lowerison Brown (formerly 2nd Canadian D.S. Column).

Whilst on counter-battery photography this officer was attacked by two triplanes and four biplanes. His gravity tank exploded and caught fire, but blew out. His centre section struts were shot through, also his wind shield. There were altogether fifty holes in his machine. After about a quarter of an hour's fighting he reached our lines. He then returned to complete his photography, climbing to 19,000 feet. In thus returning, after having been so badly shot about he showed a splendid example of courage and determination.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Allan Robert Churchman.*

Within the past month this officer has been successful in rendering very valuable services in directing our artillery fire on enemy positions.

Owing to his skill and judgment on many occasions concentration of our fire was brought on enemy batteries with such precision that great damage was effected.

Lt. William Gordon Claxton.

This officer at all times shows fine courage and disregard of danger. He has accounted for six enemy aeroplanes and one kite balloon, three of the aeroplanes being destroyed and three driven down out of control. On a recent occasion, having destroyed a hostile balloon, he pursued an enemy scout ten miles and eventually drove it down; he was then attacked by five enemy triplanes and other scouts, but managed to return to our lines, though his machine was riddled with bullets.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Arthur Claydon (formerly Canadian Fd. Arty.).

Recently this officer, single-handed, went to the assistance of another pilot, who was attacked by eleven Fokker biplanes and six scouts. By his gallant conduct and skilful manœuvring he not only extricated the pilot, but drove down several of the enemy aeroplanes. He has shown great initiative and gallantry in locating, bombing and attacking troops on the ground from low altitudes.

*Lt. (temp. Capt.) Percy Jack Clayson, M.C.

A patrol leader of great skill, and a skilful marksman, whose personal fighting successes have proved of much value to his squadron.

Captain Clayson's patrol frequently encountered enemy formations in superior numbers, but invariably succeeded in inflicting serious losses.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) William Fulton Cleghorn.

A distinguished and gallant leader of bomb raids, in fifty-nine of which he has been engaged.

In his last engagement recently his formation was attacked by a large number of enemy aircraft, but, nevertheless, sixty-eight bombs were dropped successfully on the objective, and in the fight which afterwards ensued three enemy aeroplanes were destroyed and five others brought down out of control.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Arthur Henry Cobby (Australian Flying Corps).*

Has proved himself a very gallant and successful fighter and patrol leader, setting a fine example to the squadron.

Within the last few months he has destroyed a number of enemy balloons and aeroplanes.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Raymond Collishaw, D.S.O., D.S.C.

This officer is an exceptionally capable and efficient squadron commander, under whose leadership the squadron has maintained a high place in the Army Wing. He has carried out numerous solo patrols and led many offensive patrols, on all occasions engaging the enemy with great bravery and fearlessness. Up to date he has accounted for forty-seven enemy machines, twenty-two in the last twelve months.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Laurence Percival Coombes.

This officer displays conspicuous bravery and skill in attacking enemy aeroplanes. During the last three months he has accounted for five.

T./Lt. John Albert Edward Robertson Daley (formerly B.W. Indies Regt.).

This officer has destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two kite balloons, displaying marked skill and daring in these several actions, and also in attacking troops close to the ground.

*Lieutenant (temp. Capt.) Cecil Hill Darley, D.S.C.

An officer with a fine record of gallantry to his credit.

During the past two years he has been flying in active operations, twelve months of which was on night-flying bombing work, being on one occasion in the air in bad weather for 7½ hours.

On several occasions he has carried out two raids on the same night, and during the past month he successfully attacked a very formidable enemy position from a height of 200 feet in the face of very intense fire.

Lt. Victor Dreschfield.

This officer invariably shows the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations he has frequently engaged troops and transport, causing heavy casualties. On one occasion, at an altitude of 700 feet, two enemy aeroplanes were set alight by tracer ammunition fired from his Lewis gun. He has taken part in many successful bombing raids and long-distance reconnaissances.

*Lt. Harry Fall.

Has been very successful in bombing enemy positions and trains from low altitudes. During the past seven months he has taken part in sixty night-raiding expeditions.

Lt. Fall has displayed great skill, courage, and determination.

*Lt. (temp. Capt.) Maxwell Hutcheon Findlay, D.S.C.

A skilful and courageous patrol leader.

During the past few months this officer has destroyed seven enemy machines and brought down seven more out of control.