

Lieut. Leonard Arthur Christian (late R.N.A.S.).

Since joining his squadron this officer has taken part in forty-seven bomb raids, displaying at all times keenness and determination, and rendering his pilot most valuable support. He has accounted for four enemy aeroplanes, destroying two, and driving down two out of control.

Lieut. Henry Edward Clark (Sea Patrol).

An officer of exceptional skill and determination as observer and bomb-dropper. He has been engaged on thirty raids, and recently obtained direct hits on a great enemy war factory which caused immense explosions and fire therein.

2nd Lieut. George Brenton Coward (Sea Patrol).

A very efficient pilot and able leader who has done most valuable service, displaying at all times the greatest courage and devotion to duty. When attacking lock-gates and shipping in an enemy port he sunk a hostile destroyer, obtaining a direct hit on its stern.

Capt. Bernard Charles Henry Cross (Sea Patrol).

Has set a splendid example to young pilots by his gallantry in going up in any weather when the necessity so demands. Captain Cross has carried out a vast number of reconnaissance patrols in hostile waters, and has attacked submarines on many occasions.

Capt. Cyril Marconi Crowe. M.C.

This officer has been engaged on active operations over the lines for over twelve months, and has accounted for ten enemy aeroplanes. He is a most successful leader, distinguished for skill and bravery. On a recent occasion he, accompanied by two other machines, attacked an enemy formation consisting of four biplanes and one triplane. Having destroyed a biplane he engaged the triplane at close range and destroyed that also.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Philip Hildersley Cummings (Seaforth Highlanders).

This officer has carried out over 100 night bombing raids, often under most adverse weather conditions and in face of heavy hostile fire. On three consecutive nights he bombed two enemy aerodromes, obtaining direct hits at 1,000 ft. altitude. On another raid, owing to engine trouble he was unable to climb over 2,000 ft.; he nevertheless reached his objective. On all occasions this officer displays marked determination and courage.

Lieut. Douglas Darby (Scottish Rifles).

This officer has taken part in twenty-four long-distance night raids, displaying at all times remarkable determination and bravery. During recent operations he played a very prominent part in two successful night raids. In one he descended to between 500 and 150 feet altitude, getting well over the target to ensure his bombs being effective; in the other he was one of the first to find his objective, and, descending to 500 ft. altitude, he dropped his bombs.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Francis James Davies.

During recent operations this officer has accounted for five enemy aeroplanes. Bold in attack and skilful in manoeuvre, he is a valuable airman who sets a fine example to all.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Richard Jeffrey Dawes.

During recent operations this officer has destroyed six enemy aeroplanes. A very gallant and courageous officer.

Lieut. Samuel Dawson (Sea Patrol).

Was engaged in a long-distance bombing raid on an enemy aircraft station under very difficult circumstances, and carried out a successful attack from a low height in the face of severe enemy fire.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) Hippolyte Ferdinand Delarue (Sea Patrol).

This officer, in a Short seaplane, accompanied by another, formed escort to machines carrying out a long-distance bombing raid. When nearing the objective both machines were attacked by a fast enemy scout, and the companion plane was forced to alight. Captain Delarue at once followed it down, picked up pilot and observer, and returned with the two additional passengers. A brave and meritorious action, for the risk he ran was great in such close proximity to the enemy, it being extremely doubtful if his machine would rise from the water with four on board.

2nd Lieut. Edward Alphonse Dew.

A keen and dashing officer, who has taken part in numerous bombing raids and photographic reconnaissances. Whilst on a bombing raid his machine, flying in rear of the formation, was attacked by five enemy scouts. Two of these he engaged at close range; at the outset he was dangerously wounded in the thigh. Despite this he continued firing his guns until he fainted from loss of blood. He succeeded in bringing down one of the scouts in flames.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) Euan Dickson, D.S.C. (late R.N.A.S.).

Since 17th April, 1918, this officer has led eighty-four successful bombing raids. His leadership has been conspicuous for remarkable bravery, skill, and determination. On one raid directed against a town in occupation by the enemy he obtained seven direct hits on the railway station and four on a dump outside. Thrice on a prior date he led his flight to attack enemy billets and horse lines, descending to low altitudes and engaging enemy troops on the ground.

Capt. Grahame Donald (Sea Patrol).

An exceedingly keen and capable Pilot, who has proved himself subsequently to be a skilful Flight Commander. Has carried out valuable escort and reconnaissance patrols, and has brought down at least two enemy aircraft.

Lieut. Cedric George Edwards.

The fearlessness and disregard of danger displayed by this officer in attacking enemy troops, etc., at low altitudes is most marked, and worthy of the highest praise. On one