

non-commissioned officer uses his experience to the greatest advantage, and has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

No. 202615 Cpl. (Aerial Gunlayer) Leonard Albert Allen (Henly-in-Arden).

One of the keenest and most reliable gunlayers in his squadron. He has frequently been in action with enemy aeroplanes, and has flown for 100 hours on photographic and reconnaissance flights.

204157 Cpl. (E) William Norman Blacklock, D.S.M. (Hendon).

Whilst in action the oil tank of one of his engines was struck. Exposed to very heavy fire this mechanic, regardless of danger, went out on the plane, and, with his hand, stopped a heavy leakage of oil, and so enabled the machine to fly a considerable distance and land within reach of help.

K/3007 1st Pte. Aerial-Gunner Sydney Frank Briggs (Brighton).

For distinguished service in an attack on an enemy seaport, when he sunk a hostile destroyer by a direct hit from a bomb.

No. 206181 Serpt. Mech. Thomas Caird, D.S.M. (Edinburgh).

Has assisted to destroy hostile aircraft on several occasions, and has been frequently in action. Serpt. Caird has been twice shot down in flights a long distance away from his base, and always performs his duties with gallantry and zeal.

No. 224573 Serjt. Mech. William George Chapman, D.S.M. (Streatham, S.W.).

Has been a member of a seaplane crew on practically every long-distance patrol. He has taken part with zeal, gallantry, and coolness in numerous engagements with hostile aircraft.

No. 223740 1st Class Pte. (Gunlayer) James Chapman (Percy Main, N.-on-Tyne).

During a recent raid four of our machines were attacked by twelve enemy aeroplanes. The pilot of this observer's machine was badly wounded, and lost consciousness. The machine fell out of control, but Pte. Chapman took control from his seat and flew the machine back to our aerodrome, and landed without breaking a wire, exhibiting skill and presence of mind worthy of the highest praise.

65289 1st Class Pte. (A./Serjt.) Ernest Clare (Chorley).

Has been engaged on seventeen long-distance bombing raids. He has displayed skill and coolness in handling his gun on the numerous occasions on which his formation has been attacked by hostile aircraft. Serjt. Clare has rendered valuable services as an observer on photographic reconnaissances as well as on long-distance raids.

F/9689 Act. A./M. (W.T.) Albert Edward Clark (Woodford).

Has been employed flying as an observer for nine months, during which period he has rendered valuable services; on two occasions he dropped bombs over enemy submarines.

No. 202067 Serjt. Mech. Sydney Hinton Crook (Horley, Surrey).

Has carried out a great deal of useful work as engineer on seaplane long-distance patrols. Has been in many engagements with hostile seaplanes, and has always behaved with courage and coolness.

No. 228395 3rd A./M. (W./T.) Cyril Rupert Deeley (Birmingham).

Has carried out consistently good work on special reconnaissance patrols over hostile waters. On a recent occasion he established wireless telegraphic communication with his base from a distance of 140 miles, after half his aerial had been shot away by hostile aircraft.

No. 121180 Serjt. William Dyke, D.C.M. (Nuneaton).

On all occasions this N.C.O. observer has carried out his work conscientiously and well, notably when engaged on photographic service, obtaining excellent results often under very difficult conditions. Since joining his present squadron he has taken part in twenty-nine bombing raids, ten photographic flights, and fourteen reconnaissances, many at low altitudes. On four occasions he has encountered large formations of enemy aeroplanes, and has himself shot down out of control three machines.

No. 210359 2nd A./M. (W./T.) George Alfred Gibbs (Pláistowe).

Has been engaged on long patrols for twelve months; carries out his duties under fire with gallantry, and can be thoroughly relied upon in any emergency.

113763 Serjt. John Charles Hagan (Ulverston).

A gallant and skilful aerial gunner who shows the greatest keenness in his work on patrol. On one occasion he shot down an enemy machine after he himself had been wounded.

210675 Pte./2 (Gunlayer) Arthur Tom. Harman (Edmonton, N.).

For gallantry in the air in assisting in the destruction of an enemy airship which recently attempted a raid on the North-East Coast of England. One airship was completely destroyed and another was damaged.

222927 1st Pte. (Aerial-Gunner) Albert Edward Humphrey (Plumstead, S.E.).

When escorting an important reconnaissance his machine was attacked by eight enemy aeroplanes. After firing several rounds his gun jammed, when he immediately picked up his spare gun, and, firing from his shoulder, brought down one of the enemy machines and continued firing on the others until he was severely wounded. Aerial-Gunner Humphrey has been 23 times engaged over enemy territory, and has proved himself gallant and resourceful on all occasions.

204706 A./A.Mt. (G) Gunlayer William Jones (Ealing).

He has taken part in 105 successful bombing raids and has shown conspicuous courage and determination often in the face of strong opposition and intense anti-aircraft fire. He has destroyed or brought down out of control six hostile machines.