

225232 A./M. 1st Gd. (E) Douglas William Kirby (Swindon).

Whilst in action, his oil tank being pierced by a bullet, this airman climbed on to the wing and endeavoured to stop the flow of oil. Although exposed to heavy fire, he most gallantly remained at his post till the engine finally failed.

7054 Sjt.-Observer Frederick Lee (Ockley).

During a recent long-distance bombing raid the formation to which Sjt. Lee belonged was attacked when over the objective by 20 enemy scouts. He engaged one of them with his double gun, which caused the enemy machine to turn over on its back, and after various gyrations the pilot fell out of the aeroplane. This N.C.O. has proved himself a gallant and skilful observer, and in all respects a most reliable man in the air.

No. 208711 1st A./M. Alexander Robertson Moyes (Lewes).

Has always displayed gallantry and devotion to duty. Has flown for more than 300 hours in seaplanes, and has been in action with hostile aircraft on numerous occasions.

203962 A.M./2 (Gunlayer) David Lewis Moxey (Kennington, S.E.).

An excellent gunlayer observer. During a late raid he shot down and destroyed an Austrian seaplane, displaying marked skill and resource.

No. F.16604 A.C.1 (Gunlayer) William James Middleton (Woodford Green).

He has taken part in 67 raids and has shown conspicuous gallantry and skill in bombing enemy lines of communication, dumps and aerodromes. On one occasion he obtained six direct hits, despite intense anti-aircraft fire.

No. 67162 Pte., 1st Cl., Arthur Newland (Enfield Wash).

He is an excellent shot, and has done remarkably well as an observer, gaining the confidence of the pilots with whom he has served. He has personally assisted in shooting down five enemy aeroplanes.

211300 Sjt. Cecil Arthur Otway (Harringay, N.).

A very skilful observer on long-distance bombing raids. On a recent occasion, owing to exceptionally bad visibility, the objective town could not be found by the pilot. Sjt. Otway persisted, and eventually found the locality, and the great enemy war factory was most successfully bombed. This non-commissioned officer displays exceptional ability and great determination in the carrying out of any task assigned to him.

No. 21530 1st Cl. Air Mech. Cecil Herbert Palmer (Weston-super-Mare).

This airman displays conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On six occasions he has been shelled while on observation duty in a balloon, but he has invariably completed his task. In one attack his balloon was punctured in nine places.

No. 205416 Corpl. Mech. Thomas Mayne Reid (Banbridge, co. Down).

Has flown for 300 hours in seaplanes, and has been engaged in many long reconnaissances.

Recently he was forced to alight after a fight with hostile aircraft, and effected an engine repair on the spot, which enabled the seaplane to return home.

206515 Serjt. Mech. (E) Henry Robert Stubbington (Southsea).

Deserves the highest praise for his coolness and skill in repairing the oil pipe of his seaplane in a very heavy sea. The damage occurred in an attack on a Zeppelin, and his good service in repairing the pipe prevented the machine falling into the hands of hostile destroyers which were in pursuit.

221380 Corpl. (Gunlayer) George Ernest Thrift (Bordon, Hants).

A most reliable gunlayer observer who has taken part in numerous bombing raids, invariably rendering valuable service.

225673 Pte. 1st Cl. Gunlayer, Douglas Wentworth (Ereth).

Whilst taking part in a bombing raid on hostile docks his machine was attacked by several enemy aeroplanes and badly shot about, the petrol supply pipe being perforated. Realising the danger of the machine catching fire, Pte. Wentworth, with great courage and presence of mind, climbed over the pilot and stopped the leakage with his hand.

AWARDED THE AIR FORCE CROSS.

Captain John Auguste Boret, M.C. (R. West Surrey Regt.).
Captain Sidney Robert Stammers.

AWARDED THE AIR FORCE MEDAL.

21929 Signalman Colin Hazlewood (Observer).

The undermentioned Officers and other Banks have been brought to notice in Despatches and Reports, for valuable services rendered:—

Lieut. Edward John Addis (Sea Patrol).
Capt. Rene Maurice Bayley (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. Leslie Wallis Beal (Pilot, temporary Sea Patrol duty, 36th Squadron).
Major, the Hon. Roger Coke (Airship Service).
Lieut. Graham Heath (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) John Frederick Horsey (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. Gordon Frank Hyams, D.F.C. (Sea Patrol).
Pilot-Ensign P. J. Ives, U.S.A., Aviation Service (Sea Patrol).
Capt. Geoffrey Littleton Lewis (Airship Service).
Pilot-Ensign J. F. McNamara, U.S.A. Aviation Service (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. Jaffray John Walter Nicholson (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. Frederick William Pickup (Sea Patrol).
Lieut. John Nettleton Raby (Observer), temporary Sea Patrol duty (36th Squadron).
Lieut. Albert Cyril Sharwood (Sea Patrol).
Capt. Charles Thomas Tyrer (Sea Patrol).
2nd Lieut. Thomas Willis (Sea Patrol).
208368 1st Class Clerk A. H. Ashton (Basingstoke).
204286 Serjt. Mech. R. H. (C.) F. B. Clark (Folkestone).