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SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1918.

*Air Ministry,
30th November, 1918.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers of the Royal Air Force, in recognition of bravery of the highest possible order:—

Capt. (A./Major) William George Barker, D.S.O., M.C., No. 201 Sqn., R.A. Force.

On the morning of the 27th October, 1918, this officer observed an enemy two-seater over the Forêt de Mormal. He attacked this machine, and after a short burst it broke up in the air. At the same time a Fokker biplane attacked him, and he was wounded in the right thigh, but managed, despite this, to shoot down the enemy aeroplane in flames.

He then found himself in the middle of a large formation of Fokkers, who attacked him from all directions; and was again severely wounded in the left thigh; but succeeded in driving down two of the enemy in a spin.

He lost consciousness after this, and his machine fell out of control. On recovery he found himself being again attacked heavily by a large formation, and singling out one machine, he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames.

During this fight his left elbow was shattered and he again fainted, and on regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked; but, notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered, he dived on the nearest machine and shot it down in flames.

Being greatly exhausted, he dived out of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on landing.

This combat, in which Major Barker destroyed four enemy machines (three of them in flames), brought his total successes up to fifty enemy machines destroyed, and is a notable example of the exceptional bravery

and disregard of danger which this very gallant officer has always displayed throughout his distinguished career.

Major Barker was awarded the Military Cross on 10th January, 1917; first Bar on 18th July, 1917; the Distinguished Service Order on 18th February, 1918; second Bar to Military Cross on 16th September, 1918; and Bar to Distinguished Service Order on 2nd November, 1918.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Andrew Weatherby Beauchamp-Proctor, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., No. 84 Sqn., R.A. Force.

Between August 8th, 1918, and October 8th, 1918, this officer proved himself victor in twenty-six decisive combats, destroying twelve enemy kite balloons, ten enemy aircraft, and driving down four other enemy aircraft completely out of control.

Between October 1st, 1918, and October 5th, 1918, he destroyed two enemy scouts, burnt three enemy kite balloons, and drove down one enemy scout completely out of control.

On October 1st, 1918, in a general engagement with about twenty-eight machines, he crashed one Fokker biplane near Fontaine and a second near Ramicourt; on October 2nd he burnt a hostile balloon near Selvigny; on October 3rd he drove down, completely out of control, an enemy scout near Mont d'Origny, and burnt a hostile balloon; on October 5th, the third hostile balloon near Bohain.

On October 8th, 1918, while flying home at a low altitude, after destroying an enemy two-seater near Marez, he was painfully wounded in the arm by machine-gun fire, but, continuing, he landed safely at his aerodrome, and after making his report was admitted to hospital.

In all he has proved himself conqueror over fifty-four foes, destroying twenty-two enemy machines, sixteen enemy kite balloons, and driving down sixteen enemy aircraft completely out of control.

Captain Beauchamp-Proctor's work in attacking enemy troops on the ground and in reconnaissance during the withdrawal following on the Battle of St. Quentin from March 21st, 1918, and during the victorious

advance of our Armies commencing on August 8th, has been almost unsurpassed in its brilliancy, and as such has made an impression on those serving in his squadron and those around him that will not be easily forgotten.

Capt. Beauchamp-Proctor was awarded Military Cross on 22nd June, 1918; D.F.C. Cross on 2nd July, 1918; Bar to M.C. on 16th September, 1918; and Distinguished Service Order on 2nd November, 1918.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS. ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty the KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officers and other ranks indicated in recognition of valuable services in connection with the War:—

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Légion d'Honneur, Croix d'Officier.

Col. (A./Brig.-Gen.) Rudolph Edward Trower Hogg, C.I.E. (Indian Army).

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Alwyn Vesey Holt, D.S.O. (Royal Highrs.).

Lt.-Col. Reginald Percy Mills, M.C. (R. Fus.)

Légion d'Honneur, Croix de Chevalier.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Owen Morgan Baldwin, D.F.C.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Gavin Lynedoch Graham, D.F.C.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Wilfred Barrat Green, D.F.C.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) Charles Philip Harrison, M.C.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest James Salter.

Capt. Henry Winslow Woollett, D.S.O., M.C. (Linc. R.).

Medaille Militaire.

2249 Serjt.-Mech. Horace William Bush (Paddington, W.).

140801 Pte., 1st Class, Edward Richard MacDonald (Matheson, Ont., Can.).

15399 Serjt. Stephen Bernard Percival (Manch. R., attd. R.A.F.) (killed 14th Aug. 1918).

240289 Serjt.-Obsr. Francis Leonard Roberts (Finsbury, London).

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