

machine on an even keel and to land safely in our lines.

Lieut. Albert Victor Tonkin (Australian F.C.) (EGYPT)

A gallant and determined officer who, in various engagements, has destroyed two enemy aircraft and driven down seven others. During recent operations he has been conspicuous for his boldness in attacking hostile troops on the ground. On three occasions Lieutenant Tonkin has been forced to land beyond our lines. On one of these, his machine being riddled with bullets, he was taken prisoner, but was subsequently recaptured by our advancing troops.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Thomas Cathcart Traill. (FRANCE)

An officer of marked skill and bravery, who has shot down three enemy machines and seriously damaged a fourth. On 23rd October his machine accidentally collided with one of ours at a height of 7,000 feet, and a part of the left plane was carried away, the machine being thereby rendered out of control. With great presence of mind Captain Traill ordered his observer to climb out and so directed him to balance the machine which enabled him to obtain partial control. Displaying rare skill and determination, he managed to land his damaged machine safely.

Lieut. Philip Murray Tudhope. (FRANCE)

On 18th October this officer displayed marked presence of mind and initiative. Seeing an enemy battery proceeding along a road towards a town which he knew was held by our troops, Lieut. Tudhope descended to a low altitude to accelerate its progress. So successful was this manoeuvre that the leading gun was driven into the hands of our infantry and captured; the remainder wheeled about and retired, pursued by this officer.

Lieut. Kenneth Russell Unger. (FRANCE)

A gallant and skilful officer. On 30th October, separated from his patrol owing to engine trouble, he was attacked by seven Fokkers; undaunted by the odds against him he, without hesitation, engaged them, and by skilful manoeuvring, shot one down to crash. He has accounted for nine enemy aeroplanes and one kite balloon.

2nd Lieut. Reginald Charles Van Der Ben, M.C. (EGYPT)

During recent operations this officer's reconnaissance work has been invaluable in keeping touch with the advanced cavalry and in reporting the disposition of the enemy. 2nd Lieut. Van Der Ben is a keen and zealous officer, always ready to volunteer for any service requiring quick initiative and daring.

(M.C. gazetted 24th September, 1918.)

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Henry Edward Walker, M.C. (EGYPT)

A gallant and courageous officer who has served continuously on the front for twelve months, during which period he has shot down several enemy machines. Throughout

recent operations his bombing has been exceptionally accurate, a large percentage of direct hits on transport, etc., being obtained. (M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lieut. (A./Capt.) John McDonald Walker. (FRANCE)

On 9th October, during an artillery patrol, this officer was, on two occasions, attacked by eight and two Fokker biplanes in succession. Displaying marked courage and determination, he drove off these attacks and continued his patrol far into the enemy country engaging troops and transport from a low altitude with bombs and machine-gun fire. On another occasion when on patrol he was attacked by seven enemy machines which he drove off, and most successfully completed his patrol.

Capt. John Banks Walmsley (Indian Army). (SALONIKA)

A resolute and gallant officer and a most efficient fight leader. On 4th September, when on contact patrol, his machine was set on fire; his Observer having extinguished it, Capt. Walmsley descended to 500 feet in order to attack the enemy trenches. His engine was again hit and set on fire, but he succeeded in bringing the machine home, thus displaying marked skill and presence of mind.

Major Andre Adolph Walser, M.C. (FRANCE)

A brilliant and exceptionally able squadron commander who, by his unsparing efforts and his fine personal example, has raised the morale of his squadron to a very high level. The comprehensive and detailed information obtained by Major Walser in the large number of low reconnaissances he has conducted has proved of the greatest value to his corps.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Lieut. Kenneth Bowman Watson. (FRANCE)

On 28th October, when on offensive patrol, this officer took part in an engagement between six of our machines and twenty-two Fokkers. In the combat that ensued four of the latter were destroyed, Lieut. Watson accounting for one. In addition to the foregoing he has four other machines to his credit.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL.

49701 Serjt.-Mech. Charles Beeks (Byton, Radnorshire). (EGYPT)

This non-commissioned officer observer has displayed the greatest courage and keenness during recent operations. Untiring and efficient in his devotion to duty, he is of the greatest assistance to the officers under whom he serves.

2834 Serjt.-Mech. Thomas Dowsett (Perth, Australia). (SALONIKA)

During the operations, August to October, 1918, this pilot was engaged in more than one hundred bombing raids on the 16th Corps front, on several occasions taking part in three flights, and sometimes four, in one