

different occasions during one flight, he attacked hostile machines, one of which was driven down in a spinning nose dive and another turning over on its side went down completely out of control. This Officer has driven down four machines completely out of control, and forced many others down.

Flt. Lieut. Charles Adrian Maitland-Heriot, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. John Roland Secretan Devlin, R.N.A.S.

Sub-Lieut. Rupert Forbes-Bentley, R.N.V.R.

In recognition of their services in a bombing attack on the Kuleli Burgas Bridge on 4th January 1917, when several direct hits were scored and considerable damage done. The machines were exposed to anti-aircraft, rifle, and machine gun fire during the attack, and also on the return journey.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Leo Philip Paine, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Robert Leckie, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Basil Deacon Hobbs, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Charles M'Nicoll, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Valentine Edgar Sieveking, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the night of 3rd to 4th May 1917, when he dropped bombs on Ostend seaplane base with good results, making two trips.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Harold Thomas Mellings, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the 19th March 1917, when he attacked a hostile aeroplane with great gallantry at heights varying from 12,000 to 2,000 feet.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Frederick Earle Fraser, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. (act. Flt. Cdr.) Charles Dawson Booker.

For special gallantry in the field on numerous occasions, especially the following:—

On 26th April 1917 he went to the assistance of some of our photographic machines, which were about to be attacked by twelve Albatross scouts. One of these he fired on at close range, and brought it down out of control.

On 24th May 1917, whilst on patrol, he went to the assistance of a formation of our machines, which was being attacked by nine hostile scouts. He attacked one of the latter, which was driven down in flames and crashed. Later in the same day he attacked and drove down out of control another hostile machine.

On numerous other occasions he has attacked enemy machines and driven them down out of control.

Flt. Lieut. George Goodman Simpson.

For gallantry and able leadership in aerial fighting, notably on the following occasions:—

On 3rd May 1917 he drove down a hostile aeroplane out of control.

On 11th May 1917, while on offensive patrol with five other machines, he attacked six hostile aircraft. One of these he brought down out of control, and a few minutes later he attacked another at close range and brought it down in flames.

On 23rd May 1917 he led a formation of five machines to attack at least twice that

number of hostile aeroplanes. Both formations became split up, and a general fight ensued. Five times during the combat he drove off hostile aeroplanes from another of our machines, and one of those which he attacked was seen to go down in a spin.

The undermentioned Officers have been awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross for subsequent acts of gallantry:—

Flt. Cdr. Theodore Douglas Hallam, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Cross was announced in the London Gazette of 15th December 1915).

Flt. Cdr. Roderic Stanley Dallas, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the 23rd April 1917, when with two other machines he engaged a formation of nine hostile scouts and two-seater machines. Two two-seater machines were shot down, one of them by Flt. Cdr. Dallas unassisted.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Cross was announced in the London Gazette of 6th September 1916).

Flt. Lieut. Charles Langston Scott, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

Flt. Lieut. Robert Alexander Little, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For exceptional daring and skill in aerial fighting on many occasions, of which the following are examples:—

On the 28th April 1917 he destroyed an Aviatik; on the 29th April he shot down a hostile scout, which crashed. On the 30th April with three other machines he went up after hostile machines and saw a big fight going on between fighter escorts and hostile aircraft. Flt. Lieut. Little attacked one at fifty yards range, and brought it down out of control. A few minutes later he attacked a red scout with a larger machine than the rest. This machine was handled with great skill, but by clever manœuvring Flt. Lieut. Little got into a good position and shot it down out of control.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Cross was announced in the London Gazette of 16th February 1917.)

The following awards have also been approved:—

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Act. Air Mech., 1st Cl., Frederick Bate, O.N. F.13351.

Air Mech., 2nd Cl., Arthur Gilbert Flowers, O.N. F.19901.

P.O. Mech., 3rd Cl., John Willis Rose, O.N. J.2348 (Dev.).

Air Mech., 1st Cl., George Benedict Clements, O.N. F.9008.

Air Mech., 2nd Cl., John Robinson Laycock, O.N. F.9281.

C.P.O., 3rd Cl., Vernon Frank Whatling, O.N. 238581 (Ch.).

Air Mech., 1st Cl., Douglas Gream Bennett, O.N. F.9088.

Air Mech., 2nd Cl., Charles Stanley Laycock, O.N. F.10364.