

administrative work as commanding officer. During this period Major Stodart dropped 115 bombs on the enemy's position, exposed 326 negatives over enemy territory, and acted as observer for 163 rounds of our heavy artillery. In a period of twenty-one days this officer was thirty-seven hours in the air, performing all the duties of an entire flight, a record which it would be difficult to surpass.

**AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE  
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.**

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Arthur Henry Cobby, D.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

One evening this officer, in company with another machine, attacked five Pfaltz Scouts, destroying two; one fell in flames, and one broke up in the air. The officer who accompanied him brought down a third machine out of control. While engaged in this combat they were attacked from above by five triplanes. Displaying cool judgment and brilliant flying, Captain Cobby evaded this attack and returned to our lines in safety, both machines being undamaged. A determined and most skilful leader, who has destroyed twenty-one hostile machines or balloons, accounting for three machines and two balloons in four days.

(The announcement of award of first Bar is also contained in this Gazette; D.F. Cross was gazetted on 3rd August, 1918.)

**AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED  
FLYING CROSS.**

Lieut. William Gordon Claxton, D.F.C.

This officer is conspicuous for his courage in attack. Recently in one day he destroyed six enemy aeroplanes—four in the morning and two in the evening. In thirteen days he accounted for fourteen machines. His utter disregard of danger inspires all who serve with him.

(D.F.C. gazetted 3rd August, 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Arthur Henry Cobby, D.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

An officer whose success as a leader is due not only to high courage and brilliant flying, but also to the clear judgment and presence of mind he invariably displays. His example is of great value to other pilots in his squadron. During recent operations he shot down five machines in eleven days, accounting for two in one day.

(D.F.C. gazetted 3rd August, 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) James Ira Thomas Jones, M.C., D.F.C., M.M.

A gallant officer who in the last three months has destroyed twenty-one enemy aeroplanes. On one occasion he attacked a Halberstadt two-seater, which was escorted by two scouts. On his approach the scouts deserted the two-seater, which he shot down in flames. He then pursued the two scouts, one of which he destroyed.

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Lt. (T./Capt.) Edgar James McClaughry, D.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

In the short space of one month this officer has destroyed ten enemy aeroplanes and balloons. He has organised and carried out numerous raids on the enemy, frequently at very low altitudes. Altogether he has destroyed fifteen aeroplanes and four balloons. Early one morning he crossed our lines to attack a balloon which he had previously located. As soon as daylight allowed he dived and opened fire on the balloon, which was on the ground, descending to within fifty feet of it. The balloon burst into flames. He then attacked some horse transport, dropping bombs and firing some 300 rounds at 1,500 feet altitude.

(The award of D.F.C. is also contained in this Gazette.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) John Stanley Fleming Morrison, D.F.C.

A distinguished and zealous officer whose success in carrying out photographic reconnaissances is marked. He has also on several occasions led his flight on long-distance bombing raids, displaying sound leadership and powers of endurance.

(D.F.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Lieut. (T./Capt.) George Edward Henry McElroy, M.C., D.F.C. (Royal G. Artillery).

In the recent battles on various army fronts this officer has carried out numerous patrols, and flying at low altitudes, has inflicted heavy casualties on massed enemy troops, transport, artillery teams, etc., both with machine-gun fire and bombs. He has destroyed three enemy kite balloons and forty-three machines, accounting for eight of the latter in eight consecutive days. His brilliant achievements, keenness and dash have at all times set a fine example, and inspired all who came in contact with him.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918, 1st Bar 22nd April, 1918, 2nd Bar 26th July, 1918. D.F.C. gazetted 3rd August, 1918.)

**AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
CROSS.**

Lieut. Charles Torr Anderson.

An exceptionally skilful and intelligent observer, who on numerous occasions has most successfully directed artillery fire on hostile batteries, transport and massed infantry. His reconnaissance reports also have been most valuable and accurate, and of the greatest assistance to our raiding parties. Recently in twenty-four hours this officer was in the air for over seven; during this time he directed fire on four hostile batteries, all of which were silenced, and three heavy explosions were caused. He also reported by zone call ten other batteries, good results being obtained on each position. In addition, he carried out two valuable reconnaissances of enemy wire entanglements at low altitudes.

Lieut. (temp. Capt.) Sydney Anderson (Sea Patrol).

In an engagement between three of our machines and seven of the enemy this officer displayed remarkable courage and determination. Wounded early in the fight and