

ten miles over the lines, he engaged and destroyed it. He was immediately attacked by five scouts; these he out-mancœuvred, destroying one and driving the remainder down. He is a determined and successful scout leader, who in recent operations has accounted for nine enemy machines, in addition to three others and one balloon when serving with another squadron.

Lieut. Christopher McEvoy.

A gallant pilot who has destroyed six enemy machines in a few months. He displays great determination in his attacks in high or low flying, and in bombing attacks over the enemy's lines.

Lieut. Clifford McEwen, M.C. (Can. Inf., Res. Bn.).

A skilful and fearless officer who in three weeks destroyed five enemy aeroplanes.

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Lieut. (T./Capt.) Evans Alexander McKay, M.C.

This officer led a raid on an important railway station; during this operation, which was most successful, 24 hostile aircraft attacked his formation. In the engagement he displayed fine leadership and skill. Three of the hostile machines were destroyed and one driven down. He is an exceptionally good formation leader, and his determination to reach his objective is only equalled by his coolness and courage when attacked.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Donald Roderick MacLaren, M.C.

Accompanied by two other pilots, this officer attacked four enemy aeroplanes; all of these were destroyed; he himself fought two down to within 200 feet of the ground, destroying both. The two pilots who were with him each accounted for one of the remaining two. It was a well-conceived mancœuvre ably carried out, reflecting credit on all concerned. This officer has in four-and-a-half months accounted for 37 hostile aircraft and six balloons, displaying great resolution and exceptional tactical ability.

Lieut. Roy Manzer.

While carrying out a solitary patrol he observed a two-seater below him; diving on it he opened fire, and following it down to 1,000 feet, caused it to land outside the aerodrome. During his return to our lines he saw a hostile kite balloon; attacking it as it was being hauled down he closed to point blank range at 300 feet altitude; on reaching the ground, the balloon burst into flames. In addition to the above, this officer has accounted for seven enemy machines, four of which were destroyed and three driven down out of control.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) Harold Thomas Mellings, D.S.C. (Sea Patrol).

A very gallant officer who, on a recent patrol, attacked and caused to crash an enemy two-seater. Later, on the same patrol, he was attacked by four Fokkers, one of which he shot down at a range of ten yards; this machine was seen to crash. A second was driven down smoking. Since he was awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross Captain Mellings has, in addition

to the above, accounted for eleven enemy machines—seven destroyed, and four driven down out of control.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) James Mitchell, M.C.

During the last few months this officer has destroyed five enemy aeroplanes, displaying at all times gallantry and devotion to duty.

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Lieut. Marthinus Theunis Steyn Papenfus.

This officer displayed excellent judgment in a recent raid. Keeping his formation well together, and, descending to low altitude, he led them well over an enemy factory and so enabled them to use their bombs most effectively. The success of this operation was very largely due to his fine leadership. In addition, he has taken part in eighteen raids as deputy leader of the formation, invariably showing the greatest keenness and devotion to duty.

Lieut. Joshua Parke.

This officer has taken part in 40 long-distance day bomb raids and photographic reconnaissances. His work as an observer has been consistently good, and he displays great gallantry and determination, notably in a bombing raid when he was observer to the leader of our second formation.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Herbert Andrew Patey (Sea Patrol).

Whilst leading his flight on an offensive patrol eight enemy machines were encountered. Captain Patey was cut off from his patrol by two of the enemy who got on his tail, and continued in that position until within 2,000 feet of the ground, at which point his machine was hit in the petrol tank. Notwithstanding his serious handicap, he turned four times on his pursuers, destroying one, and driving the remainder away. On previous occasions this officer has destroyed two enemy machines and brought down two more out of control, and, in company with other pilots, he has assisted in destroying or bringing down out of control five additional enemy aircraft.

2nd Lieut. William Russell Patey (Royal Irish Rifles).

For consistent good work, gallantry, and skill as an observer on long-distance bombing raids and photographic reconnaissances. During a raid three months ago, his machine was heavily engaged by hostile aircraft. By very judicious management he remained master of the situation, and eventually destroyed one of the enemy machines. During the past month he has again displayed notable qualities of airmanship whilst encountering large numbers of enemy aircraft. Lieut. Patey is always prepared to carry out any kind of operation entrusted to him, and the spirit he has shown when attacked has been of inestimable value to the squadron.

2nd Lieut. Desmond Philip Pogson.

In a recent long-distance bombing raid his petrol tank received a shot immediately after crossing the line, but he continued on his journey and bombed the distant objective. On the return journey very fierce fighting occurred, during which both leaders and