

him from what seemed certain death. Although badly shaken he volunteered at once to ascend in another balloon. On a later date, when engaged in registration for one of our batteries, his balloon was burnt; after parachuting down, he at once ascended in another balloon and completed his task. The courage and coolness shown by him under these circumstances deserves the highest praise.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) William Ernest Staton, M.C.

This officer has already been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty. Since this award he has accounted for eleven enemy aeroplanes—nine destroyed and two shot down out of control. He has proved himself a most efficient flight commander and an enterprising leader, setting a very fine example to his squadron.

Lieut. William Samuel Stephenson, M.C.

This officer has shown conspicuous gallantry and skill in attacking enemy troops and transports from low altitudes, causing heavy casualties. His reports, also, have contained valuable and accurate information. He has further proved himself a keen antagonist in the air, having, during recent operations, accounted for six enemy aeroplanes.

Lieut. Earle Richard Stewart.

For gallantry and skill as an observer on long-distance bombing raids. During a raid a few months back he was in the deputy-leader's machine (which usually has to bear the brunt of an attack), and in the course of repelling vigorous enemy attacks he had a breakage in his gun, with the result that he could only fire single shots. In these circumstances he would have been justified in causing his pilot to close up under the remainder of the formation, but with great coolness and sound judgment he maintained his place, and thus avoided the risk of impairing the squadron's defensive efficiency. By his action he rendered the most valuable assistance to his formation in holding off the enemy, and by the time the enemy had been dispersed he had fired 200 rounds by single shots with excellent effect. Lieut. Stewart has rendered further distinguished services during the past month, displaying very great ability and absolute fearlessness.

Lieut. Harold Waller St. John (Sea Patrol).

An intrepid and skilful observer who has rendered most efficient service on reconnaissance and long-distance bombing raids. He bombed and destroyed an enemy flying boat on one raid, and on another occasion sunk a torpedo boat.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Theodore Quintus Studd (Sea Patrol).

As pilot he has been engaged in more than 60 successful bombing raids many miles behind the enemy's lines. Captain Studd is a most skilful pilot who can always be relied upon to carry out any task that he may be called upon to perform, no matter what adverse conditions may prevail.

Lieut. George Thomson (King's Own Scottish Borderers).

A brilliant and intrepid observer in whom his pilot places implicit confidence when engaged in action. He has personally accounted for nine enemy machines. On one raid, when acting as escort, 15 enemy aeroplanes were encountered; of these this officer shot down two, which crashed, and one out of control.

Lieut. Ernest Henry Tredcroft.

A cool and courageous observer with marked initiative. He has taken part in 41 successful bomb raids and seven photographic reconnaissances. On one raid, having dropped his bombs on a bridge, he attacked and dispersed with gun fire a number of the enemy on the bank of the river although he had received two severe wounds. On the return journey his machine was attacked by five enemy aeroplanes; with great gallantry he drove them off by his fire. He became exhausted by the exertion and severity of his wounds, which caused him to collapse in the machine.

Lieut. William Beresford Walker (H.L. Inf.).

This officer has taken part in twenty-one bomb raids, and has rendered excellent and valuable service in photography and general observation. He has shown himself a brave and skilful officer in action, notably on one occasion when his formation was attacked by twelve hostile scouts which approached to within short range; he engaged one at 150 yards and drove it down in flames. In another engagement he attacked one enemy aeroplane at close range and drove it down; he then engaged several others with good effect.

Capt. Richard Percyvale Ward, M.C. (Royal Welsh Fusiliers).

Has been engaged on thirty-seven bombing raids, and on ten photographic reconnaissances, and has been in nearly all the raids in which severe fighting has taken place. Captain Ward has displayed the greatest coolness and courage in action, combined with ability and keenness in the work entrusted to him.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Leslie Reginald Warren (late R.N.A.S.).

This officer has taken part in forty-six successful raids, fourteen of which he has led. In these operations his formation has only suffered one casualty. This remarkable immunity has been in the main due to his brilliant and skilful leadership; he combines keenness and determination with sound, clear judgment. In addition to raids, he has taken many area photographs, and carried out five long-distance reconnaissances, rendering valuable reports.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Eric Waterlow, M.C.

This officer has carried out thirty-three bombing raids and over forty solo photographic and long-distance reconnaissances far over the enemy lines. In one flight he took no less than 108 photographs. In these services he has proved himself an exceptionally skilful and resolute pilot; his railway reconnaissances have been markedly successful,