

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William Benson Craig, Sea Patrol (Can. F. Art.).

Whilst acting temporarily as flight leader on one day last month he personally destroyed three enemy machines, and the remainder of his flight accounted for three more. Lt. Craig has been engaged in numerous air battles, and always displays fine spirit, ability and determination in carrying out his duties. He has personally brought down two enemy machines completely out of control, in addition to those referred to above.

Lt. James Eric Croden.

During recent operations this officer has displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in attacking from low altitudes enemy troops and transport with machine-gun fire. He has also rendered valuable service on reconnaissance duty.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Alan Rowley Crosthwaite.

When on a photographic reconnaissance this officer made a very gallant fight. His machine was attacked by six scouts at close range; engaging one at fifty yards' range, he drove it down out of control. He continued to engage the remaining five scouts until his ammunition was nearly expended, when, five of our scouts coming to his assistance, the enemy was driven off. Lt. Crosthwaite has taken part in fifty-five bombing raids, thirty-two photographic reconnaissances and several combats.

Capt. Sydney Dalrymple.

A gallant and skilful leader who has been instrumental in destroying at least five enemy machines. He has carried out many reconnaissances under very difficult circumstances and brought back most valuable information, including photographs of the enemy's position.

Lt. George William Francis Darvill.

When returning from a bombing raid this officer, singlehanded, engaged three Fokkers. Despite the fact that his observer's gun jammed, he drove down one out of control, which was seen to crash. He has carried out forty-four successful bombing raids, several of which he has led. In addition, he has rendered valuable service on photographic and other reconnaissance duty. A keen and zealous officer, who sets a fine example of devotion to duty to younger pilots.

Lt. Douglas Arthur Davies (Wilts. R.).

This officer sets a fine example of gallantry and courage, notably on two occasions. On the 12th of June he, single-handed, engaged four enemy scouts, one of which he shot down in flames and a second out of control; the latter was seen to catch fire on reaching the ground. Some weeks later he led his patrol of four scouts against a formation of eleven hostile machines; two of these were shot down in flames, the wings fell off another, and the remainder dispersed.

2nd Lt. James Gordon Dennis.

On a recent bombing raid this officer was engaged in a formation which was attacked by twenty of the enemy, and in the ensuing

fight he was severely wounded. He at once signalled to his observer to take charge of the machine, but the observer had also been wounded and was unable to comply. Lt. Dennis decided that his duty demanded that he should remain with his formation to the end of the battle, and this he did, notwithstanding the loss of blood from his wounds. He succeeded in bringing his machine back to our lines—a distance of over forty miles—a feat which surprised his commanding officer.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Henry Roger de Wilde.

This officer has proved himself a bold and skilful airman. On a recent date, having bombed an enemy dump, he dived on troops who were detrainning near; the enemy scattered and fled, so vigorous was his attack. Later on the same day he engaged several large parties of infantry in the streets of a town, inflicting casualties and causing confusion.

2nd Lt. Bruce Donald.

A most reliable and gallant observer, who has done remarkably well when flying with Lt. Buick. Relying in full confidence on Lt. Donald's ability and courage, Lt. Buick carried out shoots, and took photographs, unescorted, at considerable distances over the enemy's lines.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Michael Lawrence Doyle (Quebec R.).

This officer has completed forty bomb raids, twenty low bomb and ground raids, and six photographic reconnaissances, making sixty-six distinct flights, twenty-nine of which he has led with conspicuous success. His gallantry, judgment, and foresight are marked, and furnish a fine example to all.

2nd Lieut. Samuel Lilburn Dunlop.

On a bomb raid the machine in which this officer was Observer was attacked by a number of aeroplanes; one of these he shot down in flames. On the return journey he was again attacked, and he succeeded in shooting down a second machine in flames. In this latter attack his pilot was severely wounded, and fainted. 2nd Lieut. Dunlop immediately took the controls. Leaning over the fuselage to support his pilot, steering the machine and at intervals firing on the enemy aircraft as they closed on him, he made for our lines, and with the help of the pilot, who had recovered consciousness, landed in safety. A very fine performance, reflecting the greatest credit on this officer's courage and skill, more especially as he had only joined the squadron three weeks previously.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) William Boyd Elliott.

This officer has taken part in one hundred bombing raids, in the majority of which he has been leader, a position for which he has the essential qualities in a marked degree, viz., courage, resolution, and resource. While leading one bombing raid his formation was attacked by thirty hostile machines; ten of these were destroyed, the objective was successfully bombed, and the formation returned without the loss of a machine. This brilliant success was mainly due to Captain Elliott's skilful leadership.