

machines; two of these he destroyed in one flight. His keenness and disregard of personal danger is worthy of the highest praise.

Lieut. Harold Arthur Sydney Molyneux
(Canadian Forces and 56th Squadron).

(FRANCE)

During the August operations this officer rendered conspicuous good service on low-flying patrols, causing much damage and inflicting heavy casualties, showing brilliant dash and resolution. He is a bold fighter in the air, and has accounted for two enemy aeroplanes.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Guy Newton Moore.

(FRANCE)

An officer of high courage and ability who has rendered most valuable services in co-operation with our artillery, notably during the operations 1st to 5th September, when, in spite of adverse weather conditions, necessitating flying at a very low altitude, he located sixty-six active hostile batteries and directed fire on a number of other targets. The skill and accuracy displayed by Capt. Moore during these operations was exceptional and of the greatest value.

Lieut. Maurice Ashdown Newnham.

(FRANCE)

This officer has taken part in several night-bombing raids and in 102 offensive patrols, many of which he has led with ability and success. On the night of 23rd-24th September Lt. Newnham carried out a very successful long distance raid on an enemy aerodrome. Owing to heavy rain and a strong west wind he had difficulty in reaching his objective. Undeterred by this, he succeeded, and effectively bombed the aerodrome, obtaining two direct hits on a large Zeppelin shed. He then attacked other objectives, descending to ground level to do so. He returned to our lines after a 2½ hours flight.

2nd Lieut. Frank Samuel Occomore.

(FRANCE)

On 31st August this officer carried out a most successful contact patrol over the front of two divisions. The area was twice covered at an altitude varying from 150 to 300 feet, and most valuable information was obtained. During these operations the machine was subjected to very heavy machine-gun fire, being hit in twenty places, and it was also attacked by an enemy aeroplane. On other occasions 2nd Lt. Occomore has displayed the same courage and determination in carrying out reconnaissances, invariably bringing back valuable and reliable reports.

2nd Lieut. George Leslie Pargeter (R. Fus.).

(FRANCE)

A very gallant officer. On two occasions (10th August and 1st September), when on patrol duty over the enemy lines, the petrol tank was hit by hostile fire. With rare courage and presence of mind 2nd Lt. Pargeter climbed out on to the bottom plane and plugged the hole with his glove. Remaining on the plane, he held the glove in position, thus enabling the pilot to bring the machine back to our lines in safety.

Lieut. Clement Wattson Payton.

(Sea Patrol, FLANDERS)

A gallant and skilful pilot who has himself destroyed two enemy machines and driven down two out of control. Assisted by other pilots, he has also accounted for four others. On 23rd August, in a bombing raid, one of our machines, compelled to descend owing to engine trouble, was heavily engaged by anti-aircraft fire. Observing this, Lt. Payton, with great courage, attacked the hostile batteries at a very low altitude, silencing several of them.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Harold Aubrey Pearson,
M.C.

(ITALY)

During the last ten months this officer has displayed exceptional keenness and ability in carrying out photography and trench reconnaissance. Frequently handicapped by adverse weather conditions and in very difficult country, he has rendered most valuable service in clearing up obscure situations. On June 14th, in low clouds and mist, he took thirty-five successful photographs previous to an enemy attack. These very materially aided our operations. (M.C. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

Lieut. William Ritchie Phillips (Lond. R.).

(FRANCE)

Since joining his balloon wing this officer has done over 350 hours in the air, and during recent operations has displayed gallantry, determination and devotion to duty worthy of high praise. On September 27th Lt. Phillips made a continuous flight of thirteen hours, rendering very valuable service.

Lieut. Cleo Francis Pineau.

(Sea Patrol, FLANDERS)

An officer of exceptional merit, who sets a very high example of courage and devotion to duty to other pilots. He has destroyed four enemy machines and driven down two out of control. After one of these combats, on 8th October, in which he destroyed a Fokker biplane, he was reported missing.

Lieut. Bernard George Porter. (FRANCE)

On September 5th this officer's balloon and winch were heavily shelled when the balloon was 500 feet from the ground. Six of his winch and balloon party were killed and ten wounded. His balloon being badly damaged, he directed that it should be let up to 1,500 feet. This was done, and the observers were enabled to parachute successfully. The presence of mind displayed by Lt. Porter undoubtedly saved the lives of his observers, and his cool courage set a fine example to his men, keeping them at their posts.

Lieut. Jarvis Rupert Francis Randell.

(Sea Patrol, MEDITERRANEAN)

This officer has shown great gallantry on several occasions, notably on 9th August, when, having driven down a hostile machine, he attacked a train at 500 feet altitude, compelling the drivers to jump out. He then engaged a machine leaving its aerodrome, causing it to crash. Descending to twenty feet he obtained a valuable recon-