

MEMORANDUM BY THE DIRECTOR OF
THE AIR DEPARTMENT, ADMIRALTY.

Commander Charles R. Samson, R.N., was in command of the Aeroplane and Armoured Motor Support of the Royal Naval Air Service (Naval Wing) at Dunkerque, between the dates 1st September to 5th October.

During this period several notable air reconnaissances were made, and skirmishes took place. Of these particular mention may be made of the Aeroplane attack on 4th September on 4 enemy cars and 40 men, on which occasion several bombs were dropped; and of the successful skirmishes at Cassel on 4th September, Savy on 12th September, Aniche on 22nd September, Orchies on 23rd September.

On the 22nd September, Flight Lieutenant C. H. Collet, of the Royal Naval Air Service (Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps), flying a Sopwith tractor biplane, made a long flight and a successful attack on the German Zeppelin Airship Shed at Dusseldorf.

Lieutenant Collet's feat is notable—gliding down from 6,000 feet, the last 1,500 feet in mist, he finally came in sight of the Airship Shed at a height of 400 feet, only a quarter of a mile away from it.

Flight Lieutenant Marix, acting under the orders of Squadron Commander Spenser Grey, carried out a successful attack on the Dusseldorf airship shed during the afternoon of the 8th October. From a height of 600 feet he dropped two bombs on the shed, and flames 500 feet high were seen within thirty seconds. The roof of the shed was also observed to collapse.

Lieutenant Marix's machine was under heavy fire from rifles and mitrailleuse and was five times hit whilst making the attack.

Squadron Commander Spenser Grey, whilst in charge of a flight of naval aeroplanes at Antwerp, penetrated during a 3½ hours' flight into the enemy's country as far as Cologne on the 8th October. He circled the city under fire at 600 feet and discharged his bombs on the military railway station. Considerable damage was done.

11th October, 1914.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD:

Lord Chamberlain's Office,

St. James's Palace,

October 21st, 1914.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer mentioned in the foregoing despatches:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class or Companion.

Captain Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt (Commodore, Second Class); Royal Navy.

Admiralty,

21st October, 1914.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross (late Conspicuous Service Cross), in respect of the undermentioned Officers in recognition of their services mentioned in the foregoing despatches:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.

Captain William Frederick Blunt.
Commander the Hon. Herbert Meade.
Commander Frank Forester Rose.
Commander Charles Rumney Samson.
Lieutenant-Commander Max Kennedy Horton.
Lieutenant Frederick Arthur Peere Williams-Freeman.
Squadron-Commander Spenser Douglas Adair Grey.
Flight-Lieutenant Reginald Lennox George Marix.
Lieutenant Charles Herbert Collet, Royal Marine Artillery.

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross (late Conspicuous Service Cross).

Lieutenant Henry Edward Horan.
Lieutenant Charles Manners Sutton Chapman.
Lieutenant Charles Reid Peploe.
Chief Gunner Ernest Roper.
Gunner Robert Mitchell Taylor.
Gunner James Douglas Godfrey.
Gunner Harry Morgan.
(Acting) Boatswain Charles Powell.

The following promotions in His Majesty's Fleet have been made in recognition of the services mentioned:—

To be promoted to Commander.

Lieutenant-Commander Malcolm Lennon Goldsmith.
Lieutenant-Commander Ernest William Leir.
Lieutenant-Commander Cecil Ponsonby Talbot.

To be promoted to Lieutenant.

Sub-Lieutenant Clive Askew Robinson.
Sub-Lieutenant George Haines Faulkner.

The following Officer has been noted for early promotion:—

Lieutenant-Commander Max Kennedy Horton.

The following awards have also been made:—

To receive the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

Ernest Randall Cremer, Able Seaman, O.N. 214,235.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

Ernest Edward Stevens, Chief Engine Room Artificer (1st class), O.N. 269,451.
Arthur Cecil Smith, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (2nd class), O.N. 270,627.
Albert Fox, Chief Yeoman of Signals, O.N. 194,656.