

Ldg. Fireman Robert Charles James (Mercantile Rating).

Donkeyman Archibald McDonald (Mercantile Rating).

The following Officers and men have been mentioned in despatches by Vice-Admiral Reginald G. O. Tupper, C.B., C.V.O., for good service in the Patrol Cruisers:—

Eng. Cdr. George Thompson Greig, R.N.R.

Asst. Payr. Jack Barton, R.N.R.

Sub-Lieut. Charles John Leonard Hayward, R.N.R.

Sub-Lieut. Arthur Mallorie Coleman, R.N.R.

Sub-Lieut. William Mill Ruxton, R.N.R.

C.P.O. Jeremiah Wafer, O.N. 140125 (R.F.R., Po./A3089).

P.O., 1st Cl., Thomas James Bailey, O.N. 140715 (R.F.R., Po./A3388).

P.O. William Oliver, O.N. 198505 (R.F.R., Po./B5763).

Ldg. Sea. James Savage, O.N. 199651 (Po.).

Ldg. Sea. John Mackenzie, R.N.R., O.N. 2303D.

Act. Ldg. Sea. Edward Henry Shute, R.N.V.R., O.N. 2636 (Clyde).

A.B. Ernest Bennett, O.N. 209614 (R.F.R., Ch./B4946).

A.B. John Frederick Gaisford, O.N. 192325 (R.F.R., Dev./B3059).

Sea. Arthur Evans, R.N.R., O.N. 5093A.

Sea. Enos Ryan, R.N.R. (Newfoundland), O.N. 711X.

Yeo. Sigs. William Sidney Austin, O.N. 204967 (R.F.R., Ch./B10156).

Elect. Art., 4th Cl., Edward Brooks, O.N. M.10794 (Ch.).

Ch. Arm. Edwin Norris, O.N. 114281 (Po.).

Lce.-Corpl. Frederick Charles Louis Wye, R.M.L.I., No. Po./19906.

Ldg. Fireman William Purselove (Mercantile Rating).

Ch. Carp. Alfred Martin (Mercantile Rating).

HONOURS FOR ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the under-mentioned Officer

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Flt.-Lieut. (actg. Flt.-Cdr.) Bertram Charles Bell, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous bravery and skill in attacking hostile aircraft. Since February 1st, 1917, he has taken part in fourteen aerial combats, notably:—

On 17th March, 1917, on two different occasions during the same offensive patrol he attacked and drove down hostile machines, one completely out of control and the other in flames.

On March 24th, 1917, he attacked a hostile machine which was diving on one of our machines. After he had fired about 30 rounds at a range of about 50 yards the hostile pilot fell back and his machine went down spinning and side-slipping completely out of control.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Flt.-Lieut. (now act. Flt.-Cdr.) Charles Cyril Rogers Edwards, R.N.A.S.

Sub-Lieut. Charles Keith Chase, R.N.V.R.

In recognition of their services on the 1st March, 1917, when they were attacked by two

hostile machines whilst on a reconnaissance flight and brought them both down out of control. Flt.-Lieut. Edwards was hit by a bullet which passed through the left shoulder, fracturing the collar-bone, and at the same time was slightly wounded in both feet. Although suffering considerably, he brought his machine home safely, in spite of being again attacked by two hostile aircraft. By his determination and pluck he probably saved his own life and that of his observer.

Flt.-Cdr. Alfred William Clemson, R.N.A.S.

Sub-Lieut. James Leslie Kerry, R.N.V.R.

In recognition of their conspicuous gallantry on the 28th February, 1917, when they carried out a reconnaissance of Rayak and Damascus in a seaplane. During this fight they crossed two mountain ranges whose lowest ridges are 4,000 feet high, and brought back valuable information.

Lieut. (now Lieut.-Cdr.) Erskine Childers, R.N.V.R.

In recognition of his services with the R.N.A.S. for the period January-May, 1916. During this time he acted as observer in many important air reconnaissances, showing remarkable aptitude for observing and for collating the results of his observation.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Horace Ernest Philip Wigglesworth, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and enterprise on the 23rd January, 1917, during a bomb attack by aircraft when considerable damage was done to enemy blast furnaces at Burbach. During this flight he fought five engagements with enemy aircraft in formations of three, four and five at a time.

Sub-Lieut. (now Lieut.) Eric Bourne Coulter Betts, R.N.V.R.

In recognition of his services on the 1st February, 1917, when he carried out a long reconnaissance and returned with extremely important information, shooting down an enemy scout machine which attacked him on his way back.

The following awards have also been approved:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal:—
Act. Air Mech., 1st Grade, Walter Bunce, O.N. F.7088.

The following Officer has been mentioned in Despatches:—

Flt.-Lieut. Henry Guy Holden, R.N.A.S.

HONOURS FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the under-mentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Cdr. Francis William Hanan, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. James Sandbach Parker, R.N.

Lieut. (now Act. Lieut.-Cdr.) Frederick Augustus Frank, R.N.R.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Act. Lieut. John Herman Ritchie Elfert, R.N.R.