

charge of a flight during this period, and has continuously carried out most valuable work as a pilot both of reconnaissance and photographic and of fighter escort machines. His machine has been constantly under heavy anti-aircraft fire for long periods while carrying out his work.

Flt.-Lieut. (now actg. Flt.-Cdr.) Frank Fowler, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry during the last nine months, in reconnaissance, photographic and spotting machines. On the majority of occasions he has acted as pilot to Lieut. Gow, R.N.V.R., his machine being constantly hit by anti-aircraft fire.

Flt.-Lieut. Frank Thomas Digby, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuously good work as a pilot of bombing machines. He has taken part in numerous bomb raids with successful results.

Flt.-Lieut. Herbert George Brackley, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuously good work as pilot of a bombing machine. Has carried out twelve raids since the 1st June, 1916, mostly by night. On one occasion he returned with forty holes in his machine.

Flt.-Lieut. Noel Keeble, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd October, 1916, when he attacked four German seaplanes and brought one of them down in a vertical nose-dive into the sea.

Flt.-Lieut. Thomas Frederick Le Mesurier, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous work as a pilot of a bombing machine. Has taken part in fourteen raids and numerous fighter patrols.

Flt. Lieut. Irwin Napier Colin Clarke, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuously good work as a pilot of bombing machines. He has taken part in seventeen attacks with good results, in addition to carrying out numerous fighter patrols.

Flt. Lieut. Robert John Orton Compston, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry during the past nine months, in particular when attached to the Royal Flying Corps, when he had numerous engagements with enemy aircraft, and certainly destroyed one.

Flt. Lieut. William Edward Gardner, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuously good work as a pilot of a bombing machine. He has taken part in seventeen raids and numerous fighter patrols.

Lieut. Russell William Gow, R.N.V.R.

For consistently good work when acting as observer, being responsible for many valuable photographs; also for his good work in connection with artillery spotting. His machine has been hit on many occasions by anti-aircraft fire.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Philip Sidney Fisher, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous skill as a seaplane pilot during the last nine months. Has carried out many valuable reconnaissance patrols and several bomb attacks with good results.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Douglas Alexander Hardy Nelles, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuously good work as a pilot of a bombing machine. He has taken part in seventeen raids, and has also done a large amount of fighter patrol work.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Ernest John Cuckney, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability when taking part in a raid on the seaplane station at Zeebrugge.

Flight Sub-Lieut. John Edward Sharman, R.N.A.S.

For devotion to duty during long distance air raids. On one occasion, after leading a flight in the morning and returning safely he volunteered and flew a bombing machine with a second flight in the afternoon, again acting as leader.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Walter Ernest Flett, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry during an air raid. Shortly after leaving the objective he was engaged with three enemy machines—two single-seater and one two-seater. His gunlayer, Air-Mechanic, 1st Grade, R. G. Kimberley, was slightly wounded in the wrist, which numbed his hand. Notwithstanding this he succeeded in bringing down two of the enemy machines, being again wounded by an explosive bullet in the ankle. The machine was riddled with bullets, and owing to the damage navigation was most difficult, and the return journey was very slow. Consequently he was again attacked, but although the gunlayer was twice wounded, the enemy machine was driven off.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to approve of the award to the under-mentioned officer of a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross:—

Flt. Lieut. Ronald Grahame, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous gallantry during raids on the seaplane station at Zeebrugge. On one occasion he descended to 600 feet, and on another occasion to 300 feet, before releasing his bombs.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Cross was announced in London Gazette dated 25th October, 1916.)

The following awards have also been approved:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

- P.O. Mech. Walter Laurence, O.N. 300142.
 P.O. Mech. Frederick Henry Winstone, O.N. F570.
 C.P.O. Mech., 3rd Gr., George Frederick Ridgeway Marden, O.N. F4718.
 P.O. Mech. William Stephen Burville, O.N. F4117.
 C.P.O. Mech., 1st Gr., Charles Harold Potts, O.N. M1008.
 C.P.O. Mech., 3rd Gr., Herbert Ernest Phillip, O.N. F6491.
 Ldg. Mech. John McCredie, O.N. F148.
 P.O. Mech. Edward William Dawson, O.N. F1748.
 P.O. Mech. Alexander Bell, O.N. F2422.
 Ldg. Mech. Charles Thomas, O.N. F2350.