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 Act. Sub-Lieut. (act.) Raymond Kerr Rogerson, R.N.R.  
 Mid. Felix John Mossop, R.N.R.  
 Sig. Albert James Taylor, R.N.V.R., O.N. Z1395 (Wales).  
 A.B. Arthur George Carter, O.N. 195458 (R.F.R. Po./B5249).  
 A.B. Bertie Robert Manders, O.N. J17687 (Po.).  
 P.O. Charles Thomas Jordon, O.N. 189576 (Ch.).

#### HONOURS FOR THE ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following honours, decorations and medals to officers and men of the Royal Naval Air Service:—

##### *To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Bernard Arthur Smart, R.N.A.S.

##### *To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Flt. Cdr. Harold Austen Buss, R.N.A.S.

For his services on the occasion of a bombing raid on Bruges Docks on the night of the 2nd-3rd September, 1917, when numerous direct hits on the docks, submarine shelters and railway sidings on the quay were obtained.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Stearne Tighe Edwards, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the following occasions:—

On the 3rd September, 1917, with his flight he attacked a two-seater Aviatik. The enemy machine was observed to go down in a vertical nose dive, and the enemy observer was seen to collapse in the cockpit.

On the 21st September, 1917, he drove a two-seater enemy machine down out of control.

On the 23rd September, 1917, he attacked an Albatross scout, which crashed into the sea.

On the same date he attacked three Albatross scouts. One got on the tail of another officer's machine at very close range, shooting him up very badly. Flt. Cdr. Edwards attacked him from above, and the enemy machine turned on its back and went down in a vertical dive. He followed the enemy machine down to 8,000 feet, when its wings came off, and it fell to the ground.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Howard John Thomas Saint, R.N.A.S.

For conspicuous bravery in attacking superior hostile formations of enemy aircraft.

On the 21st September, 1917, he, with three other machines, attacked five hostile scouts. After getting to close quarters with one of them, he fired three bursts from his machine-gun and drove it down completely out of control.

On the 23rd September, 1917, while leading a patrol of eight scouts, he attacked a hostile formation of ten machines. One of these he drove down, diving vertically, out

of control. He has forced down other machines completely out of control, one of them in flames; and has also shown great courage in attacking enemy troops and aerodromes with machine-gun fire from very low altitudes.

Flt. Lieut. Harold Spencer Kerby, R.N.A.S.

For the great courage and initiative shown by him on many occasions, notably on the 12th August, 1917, when he attacked hostile machines returning from a raid on England. One hostile machine was driven down by him to the water, where it was observed to turn over.

Flt. Lieut. John Fleming Jones, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the night of the 15th-16th August, 1917, when under adverse weather conditions, he dropped bombs on railway sidings at Ostend, causing a fire which continued to burn as long as it was under observation.

Flt. Lieut. Arthur Frank Brandon, R.N.A.S. (since killed).

For services on the 22nd August, 1917, when he attacked single-handed an enemy formation returning from a raid on England and brought down one of them in flames. As his aeroplane had been hit several times, he landed to change machines, and proceeded to attack again with a new one, making repeated attacks on individual machines, and pursuing the enemy formation over the North Sea to the Belgian coast, where he made a final attack.

Flt. Lieut. Ronald Roscoe Thornley, R.N.A.S.

For gallantry and skill in aerial combats, notably on the following occasions:—

On the 16th June, 1917, whilst on patrol, he attacked a two-seater Aviatik, which fell to the ground, inside our lines.

On the 15th August, 1917, he attacked an Albatross scout and shot it down out of control.

On the 19th August, 1917, he attacked an Aviatik and drove it down out of control.

On the 11th September, 1917, he engaged one of three enemy machines, firing about fifty rounds when quite close, apparently wounding the observer at once, and shortly afterwards the enemy machine fell out of control.

Act. Flt. Lieut. Richard Pearman Minifie, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of his services on the following occasions:—

On the 22nd April, 1917, he destroyed two enemy scouts.

On the 8th August, 1917, he brought down an Albatross scout in flames.

On the 16th September, 1917, he destroyed an Albatross scout.

On the 19th September, 1917, he crashed an Albatross scout.

In addition to the above mentioned combats, he has driven down numerous enemy machines out of control, and on the 3rd July, 1917, he attacked parties of troops on the road from a height of 200 feet.

On the 19th August, 1917, he attacked two enemy aerodromes, firing 450 rounds at the hangars from a height of 400 feet.

On the 20th September, 1917, he did ex-