

Flying Officer Arthur Edward Lettington.
During the operations of the "Syren" Force in North Russia, from July to September, 1919, this Pilot has proved himself a gallant officer, with marked ability and initiative.

In machine-gunning the enemy from very low altitudes he has met with signal success. On the 3rd August, 1919, in co-operation with our Lake Flotilla off Tolvuya, he descended and attacked the enemy quite near the water, in the face of concentrated machine-gun fire, which resulted in the capture of the town and three of the enemy's steamers.

Many other instances are recorded wherein this officer displayed gallantry of a high order in circumstances of great difficulty.

Flying Officer Lloyd Wesley Mason.

This officer has shown great dash and courage whilst flying a Snipe at extremely low altitudes. He has taken part in operations throughout the summer both on the Dwina and Railway Fronts, and has attacked many targets with his machine-guns, dispersing troops and breaking up counter-attacks.

In an attack on Puchega Aerodrome he descended very near the ground in an endeavour to silence machine guns which were concentrating on his Squadron-Commander's machine.

Flight Lieutenant Alfred Price Maurice.

Commanded the Royal Air Force Unit at Obozerskaya since the 5th May, 1919, with marked success, proving himself a most capable and reliable officer, adapting himself readily to the unusual and often unfavourable conditions.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice has constantly carried out reconnaissances over the enemy's lines in dangerous circumstances, and has conducted bomb raids from low levels, notwithstanding the strong opposition from the enemy's anti-aircraft guns and machine guns.

Flying Officer John Percival Morkam (Northants. R.).

For more than six months, including the coldest and most inclement portion of the Arctic winter, this officer has displayed marked qualities of good leadership.

In May, 1919, great efforts were made to prepare a forward summer aerodrome, but not with much success, and owing to the unsuitability of the available machines all attempts to rise from it failed—in one of these attempts at rising Flying Officer Morkam's machine was smashed and he himself severely injured. Notwithstanding these difficulties this officer, under urgent necessity, voluntarily undertook a reconnaissance flight of three hours over unknown and unmapped country, and returned with very valuable information, his petrol being absolutely exhausted on alighting. The nature of the country in such that no landing was possible anywhere on the return journey until his own base was reached. ("Syren" Force, North Russia.)

Flight Lieutenant Walter Henry Park, M.C.

An exceptionally good Pilot who has displayed marked ability and courage during the operations with the "Syren" Force in North Russia.

His service flights have been specially praised on six occasions by the Commander of the Force during a period of three months, and his determination in pressing home the attacks on the enemy contributed in a large measure to the success which attended the work of the Air Force.

Observer Officer Edward Eric Spencer Wheatley (Roy. Arty.).

Has rendered valuable services in artillery observation from low altitudes, having been mentioned several times for this work.

During the operations on the Dwina in June, 1919, he carried out many contact patrols, flying very low over the heads of the enemy, keeping our headquarters constantly and accurately informed as to the position.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL.

No. 207177 Serjeant Charles Victor Robinson, late 205th Squadron, Royal Air Force (France).

On the 18th May, 1918, whilst acting as observer in a bombing attack on Chaulnes Railway Junction, his formation was attacked by seven enemy scouts. His machine was attacked simultaneously by two of these, one of which he shot down in flames.

On the previous day he dropped a 112-lb. bomb on this junction, causing a great conflagration.

Serjeant Robinson has carried out 100 successful bombing raids, and is a most reliable Observer.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

His Majesty The KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the officers indicated for valuable services rendered in connection with the War:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Croix de Commandeur, Legion d'Honneur.
Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., O.M.G. (Retd. List).

The Croix de Guerre, avec Palmé.
Flying Officer Arthur Rowan (Salonika).
Flight Lieutenant Charles Ernest Sherwin, M.C. (R.E., T.F.) (Aden).

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Chevalier, Military Order of Avis.
Captain Bernard Purvis Broackes Carter, D.F.C. (France).