

The following Officer and Men have been mentioned in despatches:—

Gnr. Horace Percy Hamlyn, R.N.
A.B. Jeremiah Murphy, O.N. J19705 (Ch.).
Sto., 1st Cl., Ormonde Pugh, O.N. S.S.116822 (Ch.).

HONOURS FOR THE ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following decorations and medals to Officers and Men of the Royal Naval Air Service:—

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Lieut. (Actg. Flt. Cdr.) Cyril Burfield Ridley, R.N.A.S.

For distinguished services as a pilot and for courage in low-flying expeditions during which he attacked enemy trenches with machine-gun fire from a height of 30 feet.

On the 9th March, 1918, he attacked a formation of enemy scouts, selecting one which was attacking one of our machines. The enemy aircraft dived down with a quantity of smoke issuing from it, but appeared to flatten out at 2,000 feet and disappeared in the mist.

He has previously destroyed several enemy machines, and has at all times led his flight with great skill and courage.

Actg. Flt. Cdr. Cyril Fraser Brewerton, R.N.A.S.

Flt. Obs. Hector Albert Furniss, R.N.A.S.

For the skill and courage displayed by them in carrying out many long and valuable photographic reconnaissances over enemy territory, particularly over Ostende, on the 21st February, 1918.

Flt. Lieut. Bertie Arthur Millson, R.N.A.S.

For the skill and courage displayed by him in carrying out two successful bombing raids on Bruges Docks on the night of 17th-18th February, 1918. This officer has taken part in many night bombing raids.

Flt. Lieut. John de Campbourne Paynter, R.N.A.S.

For the good work performed by him during a bombing attack on Ostende Seaplane Base on the 3rd March, 1918, carried out in spite of very adverse weather conditions. He has shown great zeal and courage as a fighting pilot, having destroyed several enemy machines, and been twice wounded in aerial combats.

Flt. Lieut. Frederick George Horstman, R.N.A.S.

For good services rendered in a bombing attack on Ostende Seaplane Base on the 3rd March, 1918, when many direct hits were made. The raid was carried out in spite of very adverse weather conditions. He has also shown skill and courage as a fighting pilot during many engagements with the enemy.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Maxwell Hutcheon Findlay, R.N.A.S.

For the courage and daring displayed by him as a pilot. On the 8th March, 1918, whilst on patrol, he engaged an Albatross scout, firing effectively from very close range. The enemy aircraft went down completely out of control. He has also destroyed or driven down out of control many other enemy machines.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. John Melbourne Mason, R.N.A.S.

For consistently good work performed in the course of numerous bombing raids on enemy aerodromes. On the 18th February, 1918, he obtained a direct hit on a shed of the Varsenaere Aerodrome. On the return journey, during a fight with enemy aircraft, his control wire was shot away, but he succeeded in safely landing his machine.

Flt. Sub-Lieut. Thomas Arthur Warne-Browne, R.N.A.S.

Obs. Sub-Lieut. Frederick Stratton Russell, R.N.A.S.

For the skill and determination displayed by them on the 18th March, 1918, when carrying out a reconnaissance over Bruges and Blankenberghe under heavy anti-aircraft fire. Both these officers have taken part in many reconnaissances over the enemy's lines, often in face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and attacks by hostile aircraft, and have always displayed great gallantry and determination.

Obs. Sub-Lieut. Frederick Harry Stringer, R.N.A.S.

For the zeal and ability shown by him as observer in many daylight bombing attacks over enemy territory, especially on the 26th February, 1918, when a direct hit was made on Engel Dump.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Cdr. Cecil Hill Darley, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For zeal and determination in carrying out numerous night bombing raids on enemy aerodromes, docks, etc. On the night of the 18th-19th February, 1918, he carried out two attacks on the St. Denis Westrem Aerodrome.

Flt. Lieut. Valentine Edgar Sieveking, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For skill and determination in attacking enemy aerodromes, docks, etc., with bombs. On the night of the 17th-18th February, 1918, he carried out two bombing attacks on Bruges Docks, and on the following night he again carried out two attacks, one on St. Denis Westrem Aerodrome and one on Bruges Docks. His zeal and determination cannot be too highly praised.

Flt. Lieut. Stanley Wallace Rosevear, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For the skill and gallantry displayed by him on the 15th March, 1918, when he attacked a formation of eight enemy aircraft, destroying two of the enemy machines. This officer has destroyed numerous enemy machines and is a very skilful and dashing fighting pilot.

To receive a Second Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Richard Pearman Minifie, D.S.C., R.N.A.S.

For courage and daring in the face of the enemy, particularly on the 13th March, 1918. On that date, when on patrol with four machines, he attacked an enemy patrol of five scouts, destroying two, whilst a third was destroyed by another officer.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Minifie has now destroyed numerous hostile machines.