

G. W. P. Dawes, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regt.); Dec. 12th, 1915.

*Squadron-Commanders.*—From Flight-Commanders, and to be Temporary Majors whilst so employed; Dec. 7th, 1915: Capt. Rutter B. Martyn, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regt.); Capt. Henry Le M. Brock, Royal Warwickshire Regt.; Lieut. (Temporary Capt.) Louis A. Strange, Dorsetshire Regt. Capt. John G. Hearson, R.E.; Dec. 17th, 1915.

*Flight-Commanders.*—From Flying Officers: Capt. H. Petre, Commonwealth Military Forces; Nov. 22nd, 1915. Capt. (Temporary Lieut. in Army) E. W. Powell, Unattached List, Territorial Force; Dec. 8th, 1915. And to be Temporary Captains whilst so employed: Temporary Second Lieut. H. B. R. Grey-Edwards, R.A.; Nov. 22nd, 1915. Temporary Second Lieut. B. P. Greenwood, General List; Nov. 28th, 1915. Dec. 3rd, 1915: Lieut. R. H. S. Mealing, Special Reserve; Temporary Second Lieut. E. E. Clarke, A.S.C. Second Lieut. R. E. A. W. Hughes-Chamberlain, Special Reserve; Dec. 6th, 1915. Dec. 8th, 1915: Second Lieut. W. D. S. Sanday, Special Reserve; Lieut. L. W. Learmount, Special Reserve. Lieut. R. Balcombe-Brown, R.F.A., Special Reserve; Dec. 12th, 1915. Lieut. G. L. P. Henderson, Special Reserve, Dec. 15th, 1915.

*Flying Officers.*—Dec. 10th, 1915: Temporary Second Lieut. A. H. W. Tollemache, R.E., and to be transferred to the General List; Temporary Second Lieut. T. A. Oliver, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and to be transferred to the General List. Dec. 14th, 1915: Temporary Second Lieut. R. H. Anderson, Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own), and to be transferred to the General List. Lieut. A. R. S. Clarke, Dorset Regt., and to be seconded; Temporary Second Lieut. F. H. Furness-Williams, R.A., and to be transferred to the General List. Temporary Second Lieut. H. S. Powell, General List. Second Lieut. H. A. B. Robb, Special Reserve; Dec. 15th, 1915.

*Supplementary to Regular Corps.*—Second Lieut. (on probation) Hugh A. B. Robb is confirmed in his rank.

To be Second Lieutenants on probation: Laurence Minot; Oct. 28th, 1915. Nov. 17th, 1915: Alexander T. Watson, John V. Nash, Leslie Porter; Nov. 22nd, 1915. John T. Spittle; Nov. 23rd, 1915. Nov. 25th, 1915: William G. Stewart, Lessel F. Hutcheon. William A. Spratt; Nov. 26th, 1915. Charles L. H. Hicks; Dec. 2nd, 1915. David W. S. Paterson; Dec. 8th, 1915. William J. M. Tomson; Dec. 28th, 1915.

The following appeared in a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on the 1st inst.:

### HONOURS FOR THE R.N.A.S.

IN a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on December 31st, it was announced: The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to Squadron-Commander RICHARD BELL DAVIES, D.S.O., R.N., and of the Distinguished Service Cross to Flight Sub-Lieutenant GILBERT FORMBY SMYLIE, R.N., in recognition of their behaviour in the following circumstances:—

On November 19th these two officers carried out an air attack on Ferrijik Junction. Flight Sub-Lieutenant Smylie's machine was received by very heavy fire and brought down. The pilot planed down over the station, releasing all his bombs except one, which failed to drop, simultaneously at the station from a very low altitude. Thence he continued his descent into the marsh. On alighting he saw the one unexploded bomb, and set fire to his machine, knowing that the bomb would ensure its destruction. He then proceeded towards Turkish territory. At this moment he perceived Squadron-Commander Davies descending, and fearing that he would come down near the burning machine and thus risk destruction from the bomb, Flight Sub-Lieutenant Smylie ran back and from a short distance exploded the bomb by means of a pistol bullet. Squadron-Commander Davies descended at a safe distance from the burning machine, took up Sub-Lieutenant Smylie, in spite of the near approach of a party of the enemy, and returned to the aerodrome, a feat of airmanship that can seldom have been equalled for skill and gallantry.

It was also announced that His Majesty the King had been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the undermentioned officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Captain EDWIN HAROLD BARR, R.M.A.

For services with the Royal Marine Artillery Anti-Aircraft Brigade in France.

*Attached to Headquarter Units.*

*Brigade Major.*—Capt. Bertram C. Fellows, retired pay, Indian Army, from a Wing Adjutant, Royal Flying Corps; Dec. 18th, 1915.

*Establishments.*

*Flight-Commanders.*—From Flying Officers; Dec. 7th, 1915: Capt. Robert G. Cherry, R.A.; Capt. Harry F. A. Gordon, York and Lancaster Reg. And to be Temporary Captains whilst so employed: Lieut. Sydney W. Smith, R.A.; Second Lieut. (Temporary Lieut.) W. H. Primrose, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), (T.F.); Second Lieut. (Temporary Lieut.) John E. A. Baldwin, 8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars; Second Lieut. Reginald H. Carr, Special Reserve. Temporary Lieut. F. J. Powell, General List; Dec. 15th, 1915. Lieut. Evelyn P. Graves, R.A.; Dec. 17th, 1915.

*Flying Officers.*—Dec. 6th, 1915: Temporary Lieut. J. Clisdal, General List; Second Lieut. F. W. Brett, Special Reserve. Dec. 9th, 1915: Second Lieut. A. W. Kilgour, Special Reserve; Temporary Second Lieut. J. E. Pike, Durham L.I., and to be transferred to the General List.

*Supplementary to Regular Corps.*—Second Lieut. (on probation) Arthur W. Kilgour is confirmed in his rank.

The following appeared in a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on the 3rd inst.:

*Memorandum.*—To be Temporary Second Lieutenant: Air-Mechanic John L. Miles, from Royal Flying Corps; Dec. 14th, 1915.

*Supplementary to Regular Corps.*—Second Lieutenants (on probation) confirmed in their rank: Francis W. Brett and James W. Jardine. To be Second Lieutenants (on probation); Nov. 15th, 1915: Wilfrid H. Tolhurst and Peter Tremlett. Dec. 13th, 1915: Kenneth E. Page and Francis R. Hudson.

### Central Flying School.

The following appeared in a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on the 1st inst.:

*Instructor.*—Lieut. (Temporary Capt.) H. R. Nicholl, Special Reserve, a Flight Commander, Military Wing, and to retain his temporary rank whilst so employed, vice Lieut. (Temporary Capt.) J. E. Tennant, Scots Guards. Dec. 12th, 1915.

The following appeared in the *London Gazette* of the 4th inst.:

*Staff Captain.*—Lieut. A. J. L. Scott, Sussex Yeomanry, T.F., from a Flying Officer, Royal Flying Corps, vice Lieut. E. P. Graves, R.A. Dec. 17th, 1915.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant JAMES BRIAN PATRICK FERRAND, R.N.

On November 28th, 1915, accompanied by First Class Air-Mechanic Oldfield as gunner, Flight Sub-Lieut. Ferrand attacked a hostile seaplane, which was accompanied by three more seaplanes and a destroyer off the Belgian coast, and brought it down by gunfire into the water, where it immediately sank. He then attacked the destroyer, and only abandoned the attack after coming under heavy shell fire both from the destroyer and the shore batteries of Westende.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant TAUNTON ELLIOTT VINEY, R.N.

For his services on November 28th, 1915, when, accompanied by le Lieutenant en second de Sinçay as observer, he destroyed a German submarine off the Belgian coast by bombs dropped from an aeroplane.

### To be an Honorary Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Le Lieutenant en second COLLEY SAINT-PAUL COMTE DE SINÇAY, attached to No. 1 Wing, Royal Naval Air Service.

For his services in connection with the destruction of a German submarine by bombs dropped from an aeroplane on November 28th, 1915.

The King has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned officer:—

Acting Lieutenant HAROLD ROGER LAMBERT, R.M.

For services with the Royal Marine Artillery Anti-Aircraft Brigade in France.

The following awards have also been approved:—

### To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

1st Class Air-Mechanic GEORGE THOMAS OLDFIELD.

Officier-marinier FRANCOIS BILLOIS, pilote d'avion, Dunkerque Naval Aeroplane Squadron.