

HONOURS.

Further Honours for Naval Air Workers.

A SPECIAL supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on the 24th ult. contained the following:—

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned officer to be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:

Flight Sub-Lieutenant CHARLES WALTER GRAHAM, R.N.
For his services on December 14th, 1915, when, with Flight Sub-Lieutenant Ince as observer and gunner, he attacked and destroyed a German seaplane off the Belgian coast.

The King has further been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned officers:

Captain DUDLEY LEIGH AMAN, R.M.A.
For his services with the Royal Marine Artillery Anti-Aircraft Brigade. Captain Aman has commanded two sections of anti-aircraft guns in the salient of Ypres continuously since May 3rd, 1915, with marked success, and has shown great ability and zeal, and a fine example of coolness and courage under fire.

Temporary Captain GUY EVANS, R.M.
For his services with the Royal Marine Artillery Anti-Aircraft Brigade. Captain Evans has commanded a section of anti-aircraft guns in the salient of Ypres continuously since May 12th, 1915, and has shown an example of conspicuous coolness and courage on every occasion under the continual conditions of fire to which the section has been exposed.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant ARTHUR STRACHAN INCE, R.N.
For his services as observer and gunner on December 14th, 1915, when, with Flight Sub-Lieutenant Graham, he attacked and destroyed a German seaplane off the Belgian coast.

The following awards have also been approved:

- To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.
- Motor Driver FRANK BAKER, R.M.A., 622 (S.).
- P.O. Mechanic SPENCER CRISP, O.N. F. 956.
- P.O. Mechanic MALCOLM ANDREW LOCKIE, O.N. F. 1075.
- Senior Reserve Attendant THOMAS MCNEILL, R.N.A.S. B.R., O.N. M. 10299.
- Motor Driver JOHN ERNEST THOMPSON, R.M.A., 552 (S.).

French Honours for the R.F.C.

In the list of British officers and men upon whom the French President has conferred honours for distinguished services, as announced in a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on the 24th ult., may be noted the following:—

The Roll of Honour.

THE Secretary of the Admiralty has announced the following casualties:—

Under date February 18th:

Slightly Injured.
Probationary Flight Sub-Lieutenant G. Dover Melville, R.N.

Under date February 25th:

Injured.
Flight Sub-Lieutenant Hugh L. Francis, R.N.

Under date February 27th:

Killed.
Flight-Lieutenant Harold Rosher, R.N.

The following casualties in the Expeditionary Force have been reported from General Headquarters to the War Office:—

Anti-Aircraft Guns.

REPLYING to questions put in the House of Commons on the 24th ult. by Sir A. Markham, Colonel Lee said that under instructions issued on February 10th the manufacture of certain anti-aircraft guns for home defence was given priority over that of certain classes of field guns, of which the existing and prospective deliveries were so large that it was possible to adopt the above course without detriment to military interests. There was no intention of taking any action detrimental to the interests of our forces in the field.

The President of the French Republic has bestowed the decoration of the Legion of Honour, with the approval of His Majesty the King, on the undermentioned officers in recognition of their distinguished service during the campaign:

Croix d'Officier.

Major and Brevet-Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) W. S. BRANCKER, R.A.

Croix de Chevalier.

- Captain and Brevet-Major (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) J. H. W. BECKE, Noths and Derby Regt. and R.F.C.
- Captain (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) G. W. P. DAWES, R. Berks Regt. and R.F.C.
- Captain J. T. C. MOORE-BRABAZON, Royal Flying Corps (Special Reserve).
- Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) H. R. NICHOLL, Royal Flying Corps (Special Reserve).
- Temporary Second Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) E. D. HORSFALL, Rifle Brigade and R.F.C.

The President of the French Republic has bestowed the decoration of "Croix de Guerre" on the undermentioned warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men in recognition of their distinguished service during the campaign:

- 1194 1st Class Air-Mechanic A. J. BRADFORD, Royal Flying Corps.
- 886 Sergeant R. G. BROBSON, Royal Flying Corps.
- 2891 Sergeant F. C. COURTNEY, Royal Flying Corps.
- 814 Sergeant W. C. ELLISON, Royal Flying Corps.
- 1629 Sergeant A. RANDLE, Royal Flying Corps.

The President of the French Republic has bestowed the decoration of "Medaille Militaire" on the undermentioned warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men in recognition of their distinguished service during the campaign:

- 555 Sergeant A. A. J. BEER, Royal Flying Corps.
- 152 Flight-Sergeant FRANK JAMES, Royal Flying Corps.
- 251 Sergeant-Major J. KEMPER, Royal Flying Corps.
- 4917 2nd Class Air-Mechanic F. S. MACKRELL, Royal Flying Corps.
- 7146 Corporal R. S. NORTHCOTE, Royal Flying Corps.

There are no restrictions as to the occasions on which any of these decorations may be worn.

Under date February 20th:

Wounded.
Second Lieutenant C. H. Collins, Royal Warwick Regt., 13th Batt., and R.F.C.

Missing.
Second Lieutenant F. A. Garlick, Royal Flying Corps.
Captain W. Knox, Cameron Highlanders, 3rd Batt., and R.F.C.

Under date February 21st:

Wounded.
Second Lieutenant F. N. Hudson, E. Kent Regt. and R.F.C.

Under date February 22nd:

Wounded.
Lieutenant M. Henderson, 4th Seaforth Highlanders (City of Dundee) (T.F.) and R.F.C.

Undated:

Previously Unofficially reported Prisoner of War, now Officially reported Wounded and Prisoner of War.
Second Lieutenant J. G. McEwan, Royal Flying Corps.

In reply to further questions, Mr. Asquith said that the accelerated manufacture of anti-aircraft guns will not be to the detriment of the supply of the forces in the field. The priority given to the production of such guns, which was the result of a decision of the War Committee, will only affect certain classes of lighter ordnance with which the Army is already well supplied. Lord Kitchener made his view clear by a statement in another part of his speech, that "the people of this country do not desire to give too great importance to these attacks or allow them to affect our military operations."