

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

ALTHOUGH the full list of New Year Honours was not published on Monday, the Naval and Military lists which were published show that a number of honours have been awarded to members of the R.N.A.S. and R.F.C., as set out below. The half-year promotions in the R.N.A.S. are set out in their usual place under "British Air Services" on p. 19.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

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Rear-Admiral CHARLES LIONEL VAUGHAN-LEE.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the following officer in recognition of his services:—

Flight-Lieut. ERNEST WILLIAM NORTON, R.N.A.S.—In recognition of his skill and gallantry in destroying a German kite balloon on October 20th, 1916, under severe anti-aircraft fire.

The following has been mentioned in despatches:—

Warrant Officer 2nd Grade R. H. MULLIN, R.N.A.S.

The King has been pleased to approve of the following rewards for distinguished service in the field, dated Jan. 1st, 1917:—

To be Major-General.

Maj. and Bt.-Col. (Temp. Major-General) H. M. TRENCHARD, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., R.Sc.Fus.

To be Brevet Colonel.

Lt.-Col. (Temp. Brig. Gen.) E. B. ASHMORE, C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A.

To be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel.

Capt. and Bt.-Major (Temp. Brig.-Gen.) C. A. H. LONGCROFT, Welsh R.

Major C. C. Marindin, R.G.A.

Major (Temp. Brig.-Gen.) D. Le G. PITCHER, Indian Army.

Major (Temp. Brig.-Gen.) T. J. WEBB-BOWEN, Bedford R. and R.F.C.

To be Brevet Majors.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) J. G. HEARSON, D.S.O., R.E., and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) P. L. W. HERBERT, Notts. and Derby R. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) E. R. LUDLOW-HEWITT, M.C., R. Ir. Rif. and R.F.C.

To be Honorary Capt.

Qrmer. and Hon. Lieut. (Temp. Maj.) F. N. KIRBY, V.C., R.F.C.

Distinguished Service Order.

Lieut. (Temp. Major) E. J. BANNATYNE, Hrs. and R.F.C.

Major (Temp. Lt.-Col.) J. N. W. BECKE, Notts. and Derby R. and R.F.C.

Major A. B. BURDETT, Yorks. and Lancs. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Major) T. A. E. CAIRNES, D. Gds. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Major) J. A. CHAMIER, Ind. Army. and R.F.C.

Temp. Major F. H. CLEAVER, Spec. List and R.F.C.

Major (Temp. Lt.-Col.) G. W. P. DAWES, R. Berks. R. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) R. C. DONALDSON-HUDSON, T.F. Res. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) A. HUGGINS, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

Capt. (Temp. Major) G. B. HYNES, R.A. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) P. B. JOUBERT DE LA FERTE, R.A. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Major) W. F. MACNEECE, R.W. Kent R. and R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Lt.-Col.) C. F. DE SALES MURPHY, M.C., R. Berks. R., and R.F.C.

Major SIDNEY SMITH, R.F.A., and R.F.C.

Military Cross.

Capt. (Temp. Major) R. G. CHERRY, R.F.A. and R.F.C.

Temp. Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) C. DANBY, Gen. List and R.F.C.

Temp. Major T. E. ST. C. DANNIELL, Gen. List and R.F.C.

Temp. Capt. J. O. DAVIS, R.F.C.

Qrmer. Hon. Lieut. and Temp. Major A. FLETCHER, R.F.C.

Temp. Capt. A. C. B. GEDDES, Gen. List and R.F.C.

Capt. N. J. GILL, R.A. and R.F.C.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. (Temp. Lieut.) G. W. M. GREEN, R.F.C.

Capt. R. R. DE C. GRUBB, Hrs. and R.F.C.

2nd Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) C. A. A. HIATT, Norf. R. and R.F.C.

Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) F. HUDSON, R.F.C. Spec. Res.

1717 Sergt.-Major C. N. KERNOT, R.F.C.

Capt. H. LE JEUNE, R.F.C. Spec. Res.

Capt. (Temp. Major) R. B. MARTYN, Wilts. R. and R.F.C.

Temp. Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) R. S. MAXWELL, Gen. List and R.F.C.

Qrmer. and Hon. Lieut. (Temp. Major) J. MEAD, R.F.C.

Capt. (Temp. Major) W. G. S. MITCHELL, High. L.I. and R.F.C.

Capt. A. H. MORTON, R.F.A. and R.F.C.

Lt. (Temp. Major) H. A. OXENHAM, Spec. Res. R.F.C.

Lt. E. W. J. PAYNE, Spec. Res. R.F.C.

2nd Lt. C. R. ROBBINS, R.A. and R.F.C.

Temp. Lt. (Temp. Capt.) P. G. ROSS-HUME, Gen. List and R.F.C.

Lieut. J. C. SLESSOR, R.F.C. Spec. Res.

2nd Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) B. E. SUTTON, Yeo. and R.F.C.

Qrmer. and Hon. Lieut. W. THOMAS, R.F.C.

Temp. Capt. N. W. WEBB, R.F.C.

2nd Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) J. T. WHITAKER, A.S.C. and R.F.C.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

333 A.-S.-M. R. A. BAUGHAN, R.F.C.

1336 Sergt. D. R. BAXTER, R.F.C.

241 A.-S.-M. L. E. CARTER, R.F.C.

891 A.-S.-M. F. ELDRIDGE, R.F.C.

723 Fl.-Sergt. H. A. GAMON, R.F.C.

54 A.-S.-M. J. C. JONES, R.F.C.

1739 A.-S.-M. C. MARLEY, R.F.C.

Meritorious Service Medal.

5011 Sergt. G. N. BICKNELL, R.F.C.

6217 Corpl. F. A. W. BRAINE, R.F.C.

2570 Sergt. J. C. COOPER, R.F.C.

6629 Corpl. (Act.-Sergt.) W. R. DANDY, R.F.C.

3810 Fl.-Sergt. C. W. DURMAN, R.F.C.

80 Sergt. (A.-S.-M.) E. FOWLES, R.F.C.

255 Sergt. (A.-S.-M.) W. C. HAYWARD, R.F.C.

3724 Sergt. N. A. HEMMING, R.F.C.

3892 Fl.-Sergt. H. I. HOOPER, R.F.C.

3682 1st A. Mech. J. HORTON, R.F.C.

1416 Fl.-Sergt. C. J. HOWARD, R.F.C.

209 A.-S.-M. L. H. METZ, R.F.C.

64 A.-S.-M. C. MULLEN, R.F.C.

7134 1st A. Mech. O. S. SINGLETON, R.F.C.

1498 Fl.-Sergt. E. F. SMITH, R.F.C.

3793 Sergt. H. B. STRINGER, R.F.C.

1428 Fl.-Sergt. R. J. TALLYN, R.F.C.

2639 Fl.-Sergt. L. Wardley, R.F.C.

7649 Sergt. F. A. WOODALL, R.F.C.

Echo of a Zeppelin Raid.

TWELVE silver watches were, on Dec. 20th, presented to special constables of the district where the Zeppelin "L32" fell in flames, in recognition of their work on that occasion. Watches were also presented to Inspector Ellis and Police Constable Sparks, of the Essex Constabulary.

The Year's Air Fighting.

IN a review of the aerial warfare during the year 1916, the *Guerre Aérienne* states that nearly 900 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, the French accounting for 450 and the British 250. Of 81 observation balloons brought down, 41 fell to the French and 27 to the British. Although the summary only goes from January 1st to December 20th, it is stated that when the figures for the last ten days of the year are added it will be found that in one year the Allies have carried out at least 750 bombardments, of which France was responsible for 250 and Great Britain for 180, to which must be added 174 which took place in Macedonia. The monthly

reports show that the rate of progress has been constant from January to the end of September, since which time the atmospheric conditions have compelled aviators to moderate their activity.

Another Prominent German Pilot Killed.

It is reported from Berlin that Lieut. Leffers, upon whom the Kaiser had conferred the Order Pour le Mérite for his aerial work, was killed in an aerial fight on the Western front on December 27th.

German Aeroplane on a Dutch Roof.

ON December 28th a German aeroplane was obliged to descend at Nymegen owing to the motor catching fire, says the *Handelsblad*. The machine crashed on to the roof of a house, and the two occupants, one of whom was an officer wearing the Iron Cross of the first class, were injured. When they descended from their machine they were taken by soldiers to the officer commanding the garrison.