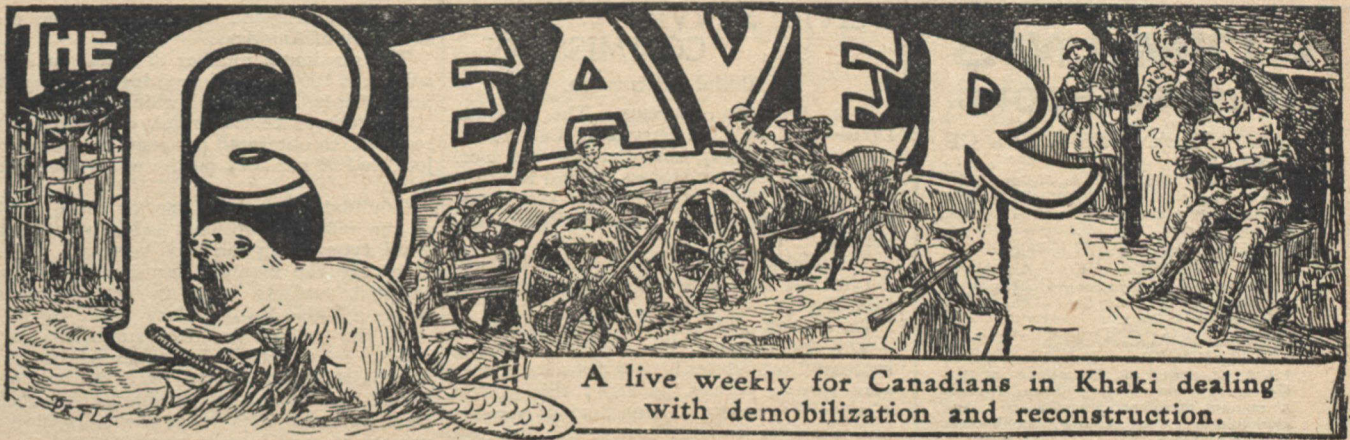


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**Y**OUNG Canada has won glory and renown on land, on sea, and in the air. The fame of the Dominion has been lifted by the magnificent achievements of her magnificent sons.

The latest conspicuous example of courage and fertility of resource is furnished by the bestowal of the Victoria Cross upon Major William George Barker for a series of miraculous exploits in the air which beggar description and read like a wonder tale.

To attempt literary embellishment of the plain official announcement would be to paint the lily. The facts in the *Gazette* speak for themselves, and here they are:

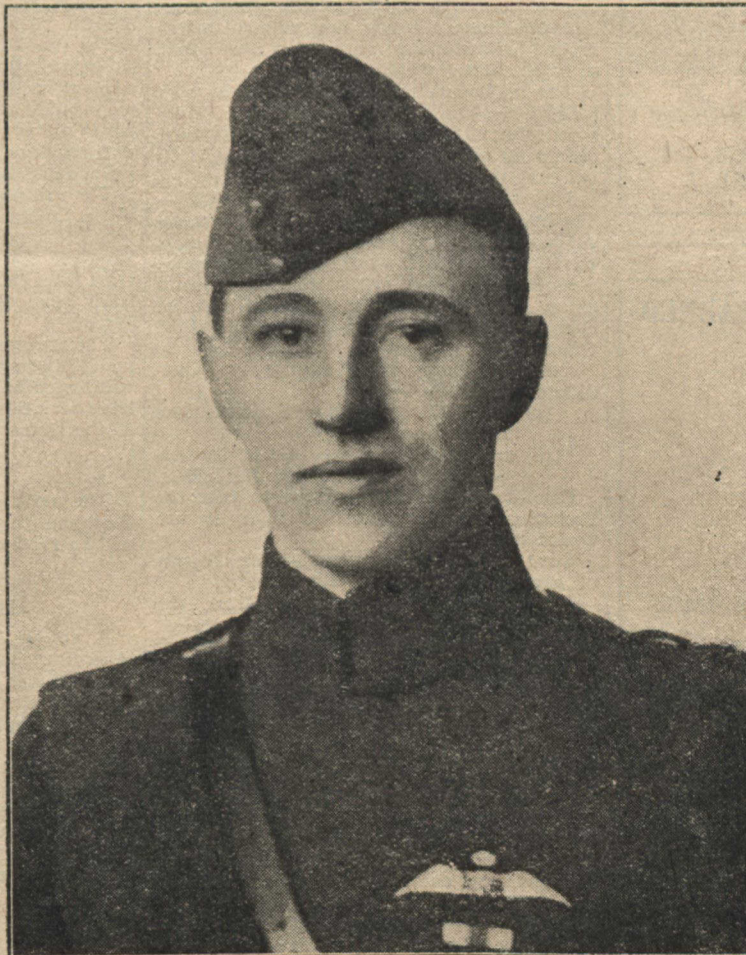
“His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned officer of the Royal Air Force, in recognition of bravery of the highest possible order:

“CAPT. (A/MAJOR) WM. GEORGE BARKER, D.S.O., M.C., No. 201 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

“On the morning of the 27th October, 1918, this officer observed an enemy two-seater over the Foret de Mormal. He attacked this machine, and after a short burst it broke up in the air. At the same time a Fokker biplane attacked him, and he was wounded in the right thigh, but managed despite this to shoot down the enemy aeroplane in flames.

“He then found himself in the middle of a large formation of Fokkers, who attacked him from all directions, and was again severely wounded in the left thigh, but succeeded in driving down two of the enemy in a spin. He lost consciousness after this, and his machine fell out of control. On recovery he found

## ANOTHER AIR V.C.



Beaver Gallery: No. 5.  
Major William George Barker, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.

Service Order on 2nd November, 1918.”

Major Barker comes from Dauphin, Manitoba, and holds the record among Canadians for fighting decorations won during the war.

himself being again attacked heavily by a large formation, and singling out one machine, he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames.

“During this fight his left elbow was shattered and he again fainted, and on regaining consciousness he found himself still being attacked, but notwithstanding that he was now severely wounded in both legs and his left arm shattered he dived on the nearest machine and shot it down in flames.

“Being greatly exhausted, he dived out of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on landing.

“This combat, in which Major Barker destroyed four enemy machines (three of them in flames) brought his total successes up to fifty enemy machines destroyed, and is a notable example of the exceptional bravery and disregard of danger which this very gallant officer has always displayed throughout his distinguished career.

“Major Barker was awarded the Military Cross on 10th January, 1917, first Bar on 8th July, 1917, the Distinguished Service Order on 18th February, second Bar to Military Cross on 16th September, 1918, and Bar to Distinguished