

RB BANNERMAN'S VICTORIES*

	Dolphin Serial #	Enemy Aircraft	Combat Report Extract
4 Aug 8.40am	C3879	Fokker biplane	Height: 3,000 to 500 feet ... fired a burst into him at close range and the EA [enemy aircraft] crashed into a house...
20 Aug 6.45pm	C3879	LVG.C	Height: 1,200 feet ... dived on him and fired about 30 rounds at very close range. EA burst into flames and went down on fire.
22 Aug 9.45am	C8075	DFW.C	Height: 5,000 to 2,000 feet ... guns jambed (sic). EA went east ... saw EA coming back ... met him head on and opened fire at fairly close range ... followed him down ... firing about 300 rounds in all ...
24 Aug 1.50pm	C3879	Balloon	Height: 1,500 feet ... dived on one but my guns jambed (sic) ... got one gun working and attacked three others in succession which were close together, firing into each one at very close range ... last one attacked smoking very hard
31 Aug 7.10-7.15am	C3879	LVG	Height: 3,000 feet ... approached unseen in line with his exhaust manifold ... fired a burst at very close range and he went down in a dive ... crashed into a field
7 Sep 11.00am	C3879	LVG	Height: 200 feet ... dived on him and fired one burst at very close range ... [EA] flew into the ground and crashed
16 Sep 11.45am	C3879	LVG	Height: 200 feet ... dived on him and forced him to do a sharp turn. He came out of the turn into a nose-dive and crashed
And 12.00pm	C3879	LVG or DFW	Saw another DFW or LVG about the same height over Hooge ... fired a long burst into it at close range ... [it] started to glide east but eventually crashed
19 Sep 7.35am	C3879	Fokker biplane	Height: 5,000 feet ... a Fokker began circling over me ... fired at him with my top gun and he then dived on me and I got on his tail. I fired a long burst and he dived vertically; on trying to pull out he broke up
21 Sep 10.15am	C3879	DFW	Height: 1,500 feet Fired a long burst ... but lost sight of him as he dived ... [Log book adds that he 'attacked another but guns would not work']
28 Sep 12.35pm	C3879	Fokker biplane	Height: 2,000-3,000 feet ... fired several bursts ... he eventually spun and crashed
29 Sep 5.40pm	C3879	Hannover	Height: 4,000 feet ... I fired several bursts at very close range ... had no effect and he continued east ... climbed above and dived on top of him. After a long burst he dived into the ground
27 Oct 8.15am	C3879	Halberstadt	Height: 4,000-100 feet ... I fired a burst ... EA went down completely out of control and was last seen at 100 feet spinning ... unable to see his crash owing to low ground mist in the gully into which he spun
1 Nov 15.00	C3879	Fokker	Height: 4,000-1,000 feet ... fired several bursts into him at close range. He crashed near Audenarde. [Log book adds 'crank shaft broke – 3879 sent back to base as too old']
2 Nov 10.00	E4716	Halberstadt	Height: 3,000 feet ... attacked it firing several bursts into him ... crashed near Sulsique
4 Nov 12.45	E4716	DFW or LVG	Height: 2,000 feet ... fired several short bursts at the EA, the first burst appeared to have hit the observer. EA went down in a dive and crashed into a hedge

*From Bannerman's logbook entries and confirmed in 79 Squadron Records

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