

Lt. Roby Lewis Manuel (Australian Flying Corps).\*

During the past month, whilst on an offensive patrol, his machine was badly damaged in an encounter with an enemy aeroplane which he brought down out of control. On his return home he saw another enemy machine below him. At great personal risk, owing to the state of his machine, he nevertheless attacked and brought it down. He is a most skilful pilot of great determination.

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Melbourne Mason, L.S.C.

A most gallant and determined leader who has carried out ninety-two successful bombing raids on enemy aerodromes, dumps and communications, frequently opposed by fierce offensive action on the part of the enemy scouts and in face of intense anti-aircraft fire. He displays coolness in action and skill in leadership, and inspires all by his fine achievements.

Capt. Gerald Joseph Constable Maxwell, M.C.

This officer has at all times shown exceptional skill and gallantry, and on numerous occasions has fought against greatly superior numbers. During the last six weeks he has brought down five enemy aeroplanes. Recently, he approached unobserved to within ten yards of three Fokker triplanes, one of which he shot down. He was chased for about nine miles by the remaining two until he met a formation of six Camels; these he led to attack some enemy aircraft, although he had only twenty-five minutes' petrol left.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Thomas Percy Middleton.\*

During the past two months this officer has been very successful as a fighting pilot, destroying six enemy machines in that time—two of them being triplanes.

On one of these occasions the formation to which Capt. Middleton belonged (consisting of nine machines) attacked fifteen enemy aeroplanes, and this officer shot one of them down.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) Alfred Mills.\*

A capable and gallant observer who has been very successful in destroying enemy machines by reason of excellent marksmanship.

He has accounted for many enemy aircraft in a short period of time, and has generally fought against larger formations than his own.

2nd Lt. Walter Noble (formerly Essex Regt.).

A skilful and determined observer who has been most successful in destroying enemy machines, very often when in superior strength to his own formation.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William O'Reilly-Patey (formerly London Regt.).

This officer has on several occasions bombed trains and troops at night most successfully from very low altitudes; his courage and consistent good work have been an inspiring example to the squadron. On one occasion, having obtained two direct hits on a train

from an altitude of 400 feet, he flew up and down firing at troops on the embankment with his machine gun.

Lt. Cyril Parry.

This officer has taken part in fifty-five offensive patrols and several special missions, and has invariably shown great dash and gallantry. On one occasion he led his patrol to attack six Albatross scouts, and closed with them 3,000 feet over their own aerodrome; two enemy aeroplanes were destroyed, one by himself; he also forced another to land away from the aerodrome. He led his patrol safely out of the fight.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Alexander Augustus Norman Pentland, M.C.

A gallant flight commander, who in the last three months has destroyed two enemy machines and driven down four out of control. Recently, whilst on special patrol, he, single-handed, attacked four enemy aeroplanes; having driven down one out of control, he engaged the leader, damaged his engine, and compelled him to glide to his lines. One of the remaining machines followed the leader, but he attacked the other and drove it down in a steep dive.

Capt. Roy Cecil Phillipps, M.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

Whilst on offensive patrol this officer destroyed personally four enemy aeroplanes; he has also shown the greatest gallantry during the recent operations in attacking troops and transports on the roads, and dropping bombs from very low altitudes.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Stewart Nelson Pike.\*

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in bombing by night the enemy line of communication, their aerodromes and billets. He has seldom been frustrated from reaching his objective, even in most adverse weather conditions, and in face of strong enemy opposition.

Lt. Croye Rothes Pithey.

When on reconnaissance 8,000 yards behind the enemy lines he saw a hostile balloon on the ground; descending to 1,700 feet, he and his observer engaged and destroyed it. He then completed his reconnaissance.

On another occasion, when on photography work, he was attacked by nine hostile scouts. By skilful manœuvring he enabled his observer to shoot down three; the remaining six dispersed. He displays the greatest courage and determination in photographic and reconnaissance work.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Frank Cecil Ransley.

This officer displays conspicuous gallantry and skill. On a recent occasion, while on patrol he was attacked by seven enemy scouts; he and his observer drove down two, and by skilful manœuvre and dash he rallied his formation, which were being driven down, and succeeded in driving off the remaining enemy scouts. He has, in all, destroyed three hostile machines and driven down three others completely out of control.