

lected during a 2,000 feet spin, he cleared the jamb and brought his gun into action again.

202839 Sergt.-Mech. (Pilot) Leslie Alexander Dell (Hanwell, S.W.).

(Sea Patrol, FLANDERS)

This non-commissioned officer has taken part in over thirty raids. He is an exceptionally keen observer and a very good navigator. During recent operations he has been conspicuous for his skill in dropping bombs, causing heavy loss to the enemy.

100425 Sergt.-Mech. James Grant (Sandbank, Argyllshire). (FRANCE)

A gallant and capable non-commissioned officer who has accounted for six enemy aeroplanes. On 1st September, whilst on a bomb raid his formation was attacked by fifteen Fokker biplanes and five triplanes. In the severe fighting that ensued Sergt. Grant served his gun with exceptional skill, crashing one enemy machine, and it was largely due to his good shooting that the enemy were eventually driven off.

20261 3rd A./M. (W.) Frederick George Hayward (Corfe Mullen, Dorset).

(Sea Patrol, IRISH SEA)

A most reliable and skilful Wireless Operator who has done excellent work as an Observer on seaplane patrols. His consistent good work deserves high praise.

S/35453 Sjt. Mech. Meyrick Jones (Cricklewood, N.W.). (FRANCE)

On 16th September this non-commissioned officer displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty. In an engagement with a Fokker formation he was wounded in the arm; not realising this, the Pilot directed Serjeant Jones to climb on to the right wing to steady the machine, which was almost out of control, owing to the aileron controls being shot away, and was side-slipping down over enemy territory. This he did, and the pilot regained control of the machine, and landed safely at the aerodrome. By this time Serjeant Jones was almost fainting from loss of blood.

232650 2nd A./M. (W.T.) Berrard Edward Guy Taplin (Southampton).

(Sea Patrol, NORTH SEA)

This airman has rendered consistent good service as Observer on anti-submarine patrols, having completed 200 hours in the air since 1st April, during which period he has bombed three hostile submarines.

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

His Majesty the KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations, conferred on the Officers indicated in recognition of valuable services in connection with the War:—

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

The Croix de Guerre, with Palme.

Major (A./Lieut.-Col.) Arthur Clinton Maund, D.S.O., 8th Can. Inf. and R.A.F.
Lieutenant (A./Capt.) Stanley Gordon Smith.
Lieutenant (A./Capt.) Arthur Hyde Flower.

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY.

Croce di Guerra.

Lieutenant (Hon. Capt.) George Francis Meager.

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM.

Major (A./Lieut.-Col.) Alwyn Vesey Holt, D.S.O. (Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne).
Major The Honourable Edward Alexander Stonor (Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold).
Capt. Francis Gordon Hogarth (Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne).

CONFERRED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

(For Services at Thasos.)

The Cross of Military Merit.

Surgeon Louis Bruce Stringer, Royal Navy, attached to Royal Air Force, Limenaria Hospital, Thasos.
Mrs. Lilian O'Imeira Doughty-Wylie, M.B.E., Matron of Limenaria Hospital, Thasos.

AWARDED AIR FORCE CROSS.

Capt. (A./Major) Archibald Stuart Charles MacLaren, M.C. (EGYPT)
Lieut. Kenneth Misson Pennington. (MESOPOTAMIA)

AWARDED AIR FORCE MEDAL.

213223 Sergt.-Mech. Raymond George Goldfinch (Fielding, New Zealand).
224802 1st A./M. John Alfred Francis (Stapleford, Notts.).

AWARDED MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

59991 Pte., 1st Class, Stanley Addison Seaman (Gislingham, Suffolk) (FRANCE)
281161 Pte., 2nd Class, Charles Arthur Reeder (Huddersfield). (FRANCE)
21707 1st A./M. Leonard Betteridge (Monmouth). (FRANCE)
73213 Acting Corporal G. Clifford (Canada). (CANADA)

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