

On one occasion he fought an enemy machine from 18,000 feet down to an altitude of 10,000 feet, at which point he gained an advantage and destroyed his antagonist.

\*Lt. (temp. Capt.) James Henry Forman.

A skilful patrol leader, who has displayed on all occasions a high standard of courage, endurance, and skill.

In a period of ten months he has been engaged on seventy-seven offensive patrols, and has brought down three enemy aeroplanes in flames and five out of control.

Capt. Henry Garnet Forrest (Australian Flying Corps)\*.

His leadership of patrols has been characterised by great dash and determination whether on high or low work.

He has displayed skill in manœuvring and boldness in attacking superior numbers.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Mordaunt Foster.

This officer has taken part in numerous combats and led his patrols brilliantly; he has destroyed five hostile machines. On one occasion he attacked two biplanes single-handed; one he forced down and the other burst into flames and broke up in the air.

Captain Denys Gilley.\*

During a recent night bombing raid on an enemy railway station he realised when gliding down towards his objective that he would overshoot his mark, so he opened out his engine at 1,000 feet in the face of very severe machine-gun fire, and climbed sufficiently high to enable him to get directly over his objective, in which he succeeded and dropped his bombs on the sidings from an altitude of 600 feet. He then descended to 200 feet and enabled his observer to fire several bursts of machine-gun fire into the station and sidings.

He has successfully carried out many long distance raids, and invariably sets a high standard of keenness and proficiency to his squadron.

T./Capt. Frank Godfrey (late Midd'x Regt.).

This officer has taken part in many offensive patrols. During recent operations he has accounted for eight enemy aeroplanes, proving himself at all times a skilful and bold airman.

Lt. John Everard Gurdon.

This officer is a brilliant fighting pilot who on all occasions shows great determination with entire disregard of personal danger. He has personally destroyed nine enemy machines. On a recent date when on offensive patrol with another Bristol fighter he attacked a formation of seven enemy machines; one of these he shot down in flames. The enemy were then reinforced by two other formations, which brought their number up to twenty. Fighting continued for about half an hour when the Bristols broke off the engagement, their ammunition being exhausted. Only seven enemy machines remained, many having been seen to spin away, and one was shot down by this officer.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Halley.

A gallant and determined leader in long distance night bombing raiding.

Has been most successful in many of these raids, generally under adverse weather conditions and intense anti-aircraft fire from the enemy, and having had to fly by compass course owing to density of mist.

In his last raid the flight outward and homeward lasted eight hours.

Lt. Herbert Nind Hampton.

He recently carried out a night reconnaissance lasting three hours; at times he descended to within 500 feet of the ground, following down his Michelin flares to this height in the face of intense machine-gun fire. By this means he and his observer were able to obtain valuable information. During the past five months he has taken part in forty-one bombing raids, many of which were a long distance over the enemy's lines.

Lt. William Frederick James Harvey.\*

As a fighting pilot this officer has the real offensive spirit regardless of personal danger.

He has destroyed several enemy machines whilst fighting against superior numbers.

Lt. Charles Robert Reeves Hickey.

Has been engaged in numerous air battles with marked success during a period of twelve months.

On a recent occasion he flew to the assistance of one of our machines which was being pressed by two enemy machines and succeeded in destroying one of them.

2nd Lt. Reuben John Hook (late Rifle Brigade).

He has carried out twenty-two night bombing raids, displaying great endurance and fearless disregard of self.

On a recent occasion he carried out a comprehensive reconnaissance by night in heavy rain at a height of only 400 feet. He returned to his aerodrome in the face of a blinding storm after a flight of three hours.

Capt. William Henry Hubbard.

During recent operations he has repeatedly descended to low altitudes to release his bombs and to open machine-gun fire on troops and transport. He has shown the greatest gallantry, judgment and presence of mind. On several occasions he has attacked and driven down out of control enemy aeroplanes.

Lieut. August Thayer Iaccaci.

This officer has taken part in many engagements, and he and his observer have been most successful in destroying enemy machines. A resolute and skilful airman.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Gordon Irving.

He has carried out numerous offensive patrols, and under his able leadership many enemy formations have been successfully engaged. He has personally accounted for six enemy aircraft, and by his consistent keenness and fearlessness he sets a fine example to the pilots in his squadron.