

Capt. Wilfred Ernest Young.*

A gallant, skilful, and determined patrol leader. During the last few months he has destroyed five enemy machines, and previous to joining his present squadron he accounted for three more.

Temp. Lt. George Herbert Hobson (formerly North'd Fus.).

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Albert Oliver Lewis-Roberts.

2nd Lt. Ewart Newman Lohmeyer.

2nd Lt. Godfrey Norman Sellers (formerly West Yorks. R.).

Lt. Clifford Copeland White.

Lt. Roy Wilson.

These officers carried out a night reconnaissance under exceptionally bad weather conditions, the clouds varying in height from 500 to 1,500 feet. A strong wind was blowing, with heavy rainstorms. Owing to the low altitude at which the reconnaissance was conducted it was impossible to avoid searchlights, and they were subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire. Under these conditions the successful completion of the reconnaissance was a most gallant effort on the part of the officers concerned, calling for courage, determination, and technical skill worthy of the highest praise.

Lt. Harry Bowen Davies (Observer).*

Lt. Horace Norman Young (Pilot).*

Whilst engaged during the past month on a bombing raid they observed a large amount of rolling stock at a railway siding. The pilot, Lt. Young, brought his machine down to within 2,000 feet from the ground after releasing his bombs, and Lt. Davies then made an exhaustive reconnaissance of the area, notwithstanding an intense concentration of anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire which the enemy brought to bear upon the machine.

Whilst engaged on this reconnaissance numerous groups of enemy troops engaged on the railway trucks were scattered in all directions by fire from the aeroplane.

On completion of this duty these two officers located a very active enemy anti-aircraft battery, and immediately directed the attention of our artillery thereto, which resulted in silencing it, consequent on an explosion which followed a salvo.

Courage, determination, and ability are the marked qualities of these officers.

Lt. John Malcolm Glaisher.*

Lt. Gordon Alexander King (Observer).*

Whilst proceeding on a bombing raid last month these officers were attacked from behind by ten enemy scouts.

The observer, Lt. King, opened fire on their leader, who went down, diving vertically, his machine emitting black clouds of smoke. After some minutes' further fighting the pilot, Lt. Glaisher, was able to fire a long burst at another of the enemy scouts, which fell out of control in the same plight as the first-mentioned.

They then proceeded on their mission and dropped their bombs successfully.

These officers have carried out work of high merit in reconnoitring enemy trenches from low altitudes, regardless of personal risks, displaying a fine spirit of gallantry and determination.

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Awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry and distinguished service in operations in Mesopotamia:—

Maj. & T./Lt.-Col. John Edward Tennant, M.C. (formerly Bt. Maj., Scots Guards).

The undermentioned officers have been mentioned in despatches and reports for distinguished services rendered:—

Lt. (T./Capt.) Percy Llewellyn Hunting (Mesopotamia).

Capt. Leonard Moore Lilley (Mesopotamia).

Lt. (T./Capt.) Ambrose B. Shearer (formerly No. 3 Wing).

1st Lt. Sidney Richard Simmons, United States Air Service—for very valuable services rendered on the occasion of a serious fire at an aerodrome.

Awarded the Air Force Cross.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) Roderic Maxwell Hill, M.C., Squadron Commander, Experimental Flight.

Capt. Ernest Percival Will, Seaplane Pilot.

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