

considerable damage, Captain Hepburn climbed through the clouds and found his way home.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Oscar Alois Patrick Heron. (FRANCE)

An officer conspicuous for his skill and daring in aerial combats. He has accounted for eight enemy aeroplanes. On 28th September he attacked, single-handed, three Fokkers; one of these he shot down. On another occasion he, in company with five other machines, engaged six Fokkers, all six being destroyed, 2nd Lt. Heron accounting for two.

Lt. Geoffrey Bruce Hett. (FRANCE)

This officer has taken part in fifty bombing raids, proving himself a capable and resolute officer. On 30th October, during a return journey, his formation was attacked by thirty scouts. Lt. Hett, flying in the rear, bore the brunt of this heavy attack. With skill and cool judgment he so manœuvred his machine that his observer was enabled to destroy two of the hostile aircraft before he was seriously wounded. Facing the enemy scouts, Lt. Hett maintained a successful combat until they were driven off by the arrival of some of our scouts.

Major Henry Philip Lamton Higman. (FRANCE)

Since 8th August this officer has rendered exceptionally valuable service. On 10th October, when observing from his balloon some 2,500 yards from the lines, he was subjected to constant anti-aircraft fire, and was also attacked by four enemy machines. His balloon being riddled by hostile fire, he was compelled to descend in a parachute. Although under shell fire, he at once had the balloon repaired and again ascended, completing his observation and furnishing most useful information.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) John Charles Francis Holland. (SALONIKA)

During a period of seven months this officer has flown over 200 hours, carrying out many long distance reconnaissances and contact patrols and rendering most valuable service. On one patrol his machine, in company with another, was attacked by five others. One of these was shot down and the remainder were driven off. The reconnaissance was successfully completed.

Lt. Thomas Stanley Horry. (FRANCE)

An officer of exceptional courage and daring. On 5th November, in face of driving rain and low clouds, he led his patrol far into enemy territory in order to engage enemy troops and transport that were retiring. Reaching his objective, he attacked the enemy with vigour, causing heavy casualties. He has in all destroyed three enemy aircraft and driven down another out of control, and has, in addition, taken a leading part in the destruction of six others.

2nd Lt. Frederick John Hunt. (FRANCE)

A bold and skilful airman who has accounted for three enemy machines and two hostile balloons.

Capt. Leonard Franklin Hursthouse. (ITALY)

This officer has rendered most valuable service on reconnaissance and photographic duty, frequently under very adverse weather conditions. On 30th October he took a prominent part in an attack on hostile columns, dropping his bombs and scattering personnel with machine-gun fire from a very low altitude. Whilst so engaged he was severely wounded, but managed to bring his machine back.

Capt. Reginald Vye James. (FRANCE)

This officer has taken part in seventeen bomb raids, thirteen of which he has personally led. The success of these raids has been largely due to the determination and courage Captain James displayed, combined with leadership of high merit.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Olans Charles William Johnsen. (FRANCE)

A brilliant leader and gallant fighter. On 1st October this officer led a bombing formation against a railway junction, and, owing to his skilful leadership, serious damage was caused. Three big explosions occurred in the station, wrecking a number of trucks, and a factory near by was demolished. He has taken part in thirty-four raids, eighteen of which he has led. He has accounted for five enemy aeroplanes.

Lieut. Hugh Robert Junor. (EGYPT)

On 17th September this officer performed an act of conspicuous merit and gallantry. Single-handed, he engaged five enemy machines, and so protected the Arab force from aerial attack at a most critical time when they were engaged in destroying an important railway. Lieut. Junor continued the combat till he was driven down by force of numbers, his petrol supply being practically exhausted.

Lieut. Edward Patrick Kenny, M.C. (Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

Since joining the squadron in July last this officer has carried out 360 hours' flying on strategical and photographic reconnaissances. He has, in aerial combats, destroyed one enemy machine, driven down two out of control, and forced four to land. During recent operations he has shown great gallantry on numerous occasions in attacking ground targets from very low altitudes in face of intense hostile fire.

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Lieut. (A./Capt.) Andrew Cameron Kiddie. (FRANCE)

A gallant officer, who has proved himself resolute and courageous in aerial combats. He has to his credit six enemy machines and one balloon shot down in flames.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Charles Stewart Touzeau Lavers. (FRANCE)

On a recent occasion this officer led his scout formation, escorting bombers to an objective thirty-nine miles over the lines; all the bombing machines were brought safely back. This was the twentieth successful escort formation that he led during a period of two and a half months. On several occa-