

fifteen minutes in addition to the two hours' flight on their first attempt. It is difficult to speak too highly of the fine spirit of determination and devotion to duty displayed by these two officers on this occasion.

Lieut. Ernest Andrew Mustard (Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

During the recent operations this officer has shown exceptional ability as a bomber, obtaining numerous direct hits on railway lines, stations, etc.; extensive damage was caused, and the enemy lines of communication were seriously interfered with. In an aerial combat he forced an enemy aeroplane to land, and destroyed it with machine-gun fire.

2nd Lieut. Gerald Basil Nicholas. (FRANCE)

This officer has carried out 95 night bombing raids, and has displayed marked skill and initiative. He has been extremely successful in low reconnaissances and attacks on ground targets, having twice obtained direct hits on trains at a height of about 800 feet.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Hedley Francis Nicholls. (FRANCE)

This officer has rendered exceptional service on contact patrols, setting a fine example of keenness and courage to his flight and squadron. On 9th October he attacked, with his machine gun, an enemy battery, causing heavy casualties and a general stampede.

Capt. John Hamilton Norton, M.C. (EGYPT)

On all occasions this officer displays gallantry and devotion to duty, notably on 29th July, when, in co-operation with our artillery, he carried out a shoot against two anti-aircraft pits. On approaching this target Captain Norton was wounded in the left foot; notwithstanding this, he continued the shoot, and succeeded in destroying both pits, thereby putting out of action two hostile guns.

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2nd Lieut. (A./Lieut.) Wilfred Laurence Falkiner Nuttall. (FRANCE)

This officer has shown marked devotion to duty and disregard of danger in carrying out low reconnaissances over the enemy lines. These have been for the most part in very unfavourable weather, but in spite of this he has consistently shown great determination in obtaining the required information as to the position of the enemy troops, and has pushed his observations well forward in face of heavy hostile fire.

Lieut. Maurice Alexander O'Callaghan. (FRANCE)

This officer has been conspicuous for his excellent work on contact and photographic patrols. Subjected frequently to heavy hostile fire, and handicapped by adverse weather conditions, his reports have invariably been accurate and of great value. On 8th October, when on photography duty, he was attacked by seven scouts. In the combat that ensued he crashed one of these, but the remainder, pressing home their attack,

forced his machine down to crash in "No Man's Land," Lieutenant O'Callaghan being wounded. He and his Observer made their way to our lines after dark.

Lieut. Harold Oldham. (EGYPT)

A gallant and able officer, who has done continuous good work, especially on contact patrols, frequently under difficult conditions. On 22nd September, in spite of clouds 500 feet above the hills and in face of heavy hostile fire, Lieutenant Oldham reached his objective and rendered a valuable report.

2nd Lieut. William Arthur Owens. (FRANCE)

A gallant and determined officer, who is conspicuous for his skill in aerial combats. He has accounted for five enemy machines.

Lieut. Louis Henry Pakenham-Walsh. (Sea Patrol, MEDITERRANEAN)

As an Observer officer he rendered valuable services in obtaining photographs of the enemy's position at Beirut, and also as a "Spotter" for the French cruiser "Requin" off the Palestine coast, near the Wadi Hesi. During the performance of these duties he was regularly exposed to hostile anti-aircraft fire and very frequently to attacks from the enemy's fast aeroplanes. Lieutenant Pakenham-Walsh subsequently rendered gallant service in the attack on the "Goeben" on 28th January, 1918, in the Dardanelles.

Lieut. William Eustace Palk. (FRANCE)

On 4th November, after bombing enemy troops and transport, this officer attacked, from a very low altitude, two companies of enemy infantry, turning their orderly retirement into a rout. On numerous occasions the damaged state of his machine has borne testimony to his boldness in pressing home his attacks on various ground targets.

Lieut. Carrick Stewart Paul (Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

Lieut. William James Alexander Weir (Australian L.H. and Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

Lieutenant Paul is a gallant and skilful Pilot, who has been very ably assisted by his Observer, Lieutenant Weir. These officers have shown great initiative in attacking ground objectives on numerous occasions, notably on 14th August, when, in face of intense hostile fire, they, at a very low altitude, attacked bodies of enemy cavalry, causing heavy casualties. They have also displayed great courage and skill in air combats, having destroyed four enemy aircraft.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) James William Pearson. (FRANCE)

On 26th October, while leading a patrol, this officer observed a formation of enemy scouts. Diving to the attack, he engaged one and drove it down out of control. He then attacked a second, which he drove down to crash. In all he has accounted for seven enemy aircraft, setting at all times a fine example of skill and courageous determination.