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THE MILITARY CROSS (Contd)

15<sup>th</sup> November 1917.

killing two gunners.

On the 27th Novr. in spite of the constant attacks of enemy scouts he led a formation, carrying four bombs each, over BOURLON WOOD, all the bombs were dropped on the objectives and E.A. driven down. He then engaged a low flying scout and fired 200 rounds at him at an average 500 feet, his ammunition was then exhausted and he had to return to his aerodrome.

This Officer has been our nearly every day attacking troops with bombs and machine gun fire at very low altitudes.

His dashing leadership has been a fine example to his flight.

Lt. Leslie Hubert HOLDEN,  
Aust. Flying Corps.

For continuous gallant work at very low altitudes in almost impossible weather.

On the 23rd Novr. 1917 whilst on special mission in the BOURLON AREA he dropped one bomb direct on support trench full of troops moving West, who scattered and ran for shell holes, one bomb on strong point holding up our troops, and another bomb on light shelter and another on large group of Infantry, also using his machine gun on each target from a height of 100 feet. His machine just got home riddled with bullets.

This Officer has done fine and gallant work ever since Squadron came to France, and has been doing good work ever since the recent operations started.

Lt. Richard Watson HOWARD,  
Aust. Flying Corps.

For continuous gallant work at very low altitudes in almost impossible weather.

On the 22nd Novr. 1917 whilst separated from his patrol owing to the thick mist he drove down an E.A. out of control over FANTAINNE. He then fought an enemy two seater from 1000 to 2000 feet when the enemy machine landed in our lines near GRAINCOURT.

On the 29th Novr. when flying at 400 feet he was attacked by an enemy two seater near BOURLON and after manoeuvring shot the observer and E.A. landed apparently in difficulties but intact.

This Officer has done gallant work since the Squadron came to France, and has been out on low work almost every day since the recent operations started.

Lt. Fredk. Geo. HUXLEY,  
Aus. Flying Corps.

For continuous gallant work at very low altitudes in almost impossible weather.

On the 20th Novr. 1917 near MARCOING he dropped one bomb on a gun moving East, damaging the gun and killing three horses, and another on a G.S. wagon blowing it over and killing two of the personnel and one of the horses. He engaged 300 troops marching in fours near to CAMBRAI and scattered them, leaving at least 14 dead or wounded.

On the 22nd Novr. he located a large advance party of Prussian Guard near BOURLON AND disorganised them with two bombs and machine gun fire and shot down an enemy scout. On the 23rd Novr. he silenced

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