



***Australian Flying Corps, by I. Hodges***  
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This book is a photographic essay of the AFC in WWI. After 28 pages of introduction covering the theatres and squadrons of the AFC, the book comprises a photograph per page with captions. The usual Bristol Fighters, Camels, R.E.8 and S.E.5a biplanes appear in well-known photographs, but it is the other photographs that are this book's strength.

These are the photographs of the other men of the squadron, the fitters, photographic staff, armourers as well as shots of the transport and the men themselves. One glaring error to this reader was the statement that the LVG C.V brought down by Brown and Finlay in Palestine is housed in the Australian War Memorial's collection. This aircraft was brought back to Australia but was lost in the years between the wars. The author does not mention that the Albatros D.Va brought down by Sandy and Hughes on the Western Front is the only German aircraft brought down in combat that survived and is currently on display in the AWM. This book is extremely good value for its price. It is in its second edition, probably due to the interest that the centenary of the War is generating. Recommended. – **Colin Owers**