

Lt. Thomas Rose.

This officer has accounted for nine enemy machines during recent operations. Possessing in a marked degree the real offensive spirit, he sets a notable example to the other pilots of his squadron by his utter disregard of personal danger.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Ross.

Since October last this officer has carried out 240 hours' service flying, mainly on long solo photographic reconnaissances at very low altitudes. In this arduous and trying service he has shown exceptional skill, perseverance and courage, notably on one very important reconnaissance, when he was attacked by ten enemy aeroplanes. Engaging one at close range, this officer shot it down in flames, and in face of the hostile attack he completed the reconnaissance.

Lt. Charles Gordon Ross.

A bold and skilful airman who has, during the last few months, accounted for four enemy machines. On 8th August, when on offensive patrol, he engaged a two-seater, driving it down. On his return journey he saw a hostile balloon, which he destroyed, the observer escaping in his parachute.

Lieut. Edward Fearnley Rowntree (Australian Flying Corps).

Between the 8th and 11th August this officer carried out six contact patrols at very low altitudes and in face of heavy machine-gun fire. No difficulty deters this officer from accomplishing his task. On August 11th, while subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, he flew for an hour and a half over a certain area and eventually established the position of our line; this was the more difficult owing to the low visibility at the time.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Benjamin Roxburgh-Smith.

This officer has shot down six enemy aeroplanes during the last few months. Bold in attack, skilful in defence, he is a valuable airman.

Lieut. Horace William Russell.

This officer displayed remarkable gallantry on August 11th. Being on a low patrol he saw that our advancing troops were held up by a nest of six machine guns. These he engaged with his own machine gun, repeatedly diving so low as almost to touch the ground, and eventually silencing the hostile guns, thus enabling our troops to occupy the position. Having expended all his ammunition he returned to his aerodrome, and, obtaining another machine (his own being almost shot to pieces) he again joined the attack. A brilliant and most gallant performance.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Hugh William Lumsden Saunders, M.C., M.M.

An officer of exceptional courage, who, since he was awarded the M.C., has destroyed five enemy aircraft and shot down two balloons in flames. While on patrol he observed a formation of seven hostile scouts below him. Diving to attack he engaged the leader and firing short bursts at close

range shot him down nose foremost; the remainder of the formation scattered in all directions.

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Lieut. (T./Capt.) George John Scaramanga (N. Staffs. R.).

During recent operations this officer has rendered most brilliant service on numerous contact patrols, and the information he has brought in has materially contributed to the success of our operations. On the 23rd of August the situation in a certain area was very obscure; this officer carried out a patrol lasting two and a half hours, and, flying at a very low altitude, he drew the enemy's fire and so located their troops. Proceeding up and down the line he was enabled to render a very valuable and accurate report of the situation. His machine was badly shot about, having forty-four bullet holes. Later in the day, on another contact patrol, which lasted two hours, he saw two enemy howitzers drawn by eight horses, in retreat; diving to fifty feet he fired 200 rounds, killing six horses and sixteen men; the rear howitzer was left behind in a ditch. On another occasion when on contact patrol, lasting two and a half hours, he was attacked by three formations of four, six and seven hostile aircraft respectively at different times; all these he drove off and completed his patrol.

Lt. Thomas Robertson Scott.

The work of this officer in co-operation with our artillery, and in contact patrols is of a very high standard. In the latter duty his services have been exceptionally valuable, notably on a recent occasion when his prompt action in signalling the enemy's advance materially contributed to the defeat of the counter-attack.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Wilfred Selwyn.

On the 8th August this officer engaged some 300 enemy troops; having inflicted heavy casualties by bombing he pressed home his attack with machine-gun fire until he himself was shot down. Two days later, leading a patrol of three, he observed an enemy two-seater escorted by eight scouts approaching an area where our troops were assembling for an attack; without hesitation he attacked the two-seater, and, despite the efforts of the scouts to protect it, shot it down. A courageous officer with cool judgment, he has destroyed three machines and driven down three others out of control.

Lieut. Frank Alyn Sewell (Australian Flying Corps).

Lieut. Sewell has proved himself a cool and courageous officer on many occasions. He has destroyed three enemy machines. On August 11th he rendered conspicuous service; flying for two hours under 200 feet altitude he established the locality of our line by actual recognition of our troops, bringing back a most valuable report. During the whole time he was subjected to heavy hostile machine-gun fire.

Lieut. William Ernest Shields.

A gallant officer who inspires others by his courage and dash. In six weeks he destroyed six enemy aircraft and drove down three