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Lieut. Walter Carl Simon.

This officer has carried out sixteen successful reconnaissances, many at long distances, and frequently strongly opposed by hostile aircraft. In this service Lieutenant Simon has shown great ability and determination, rendering excellent reports and obtaining much valuable information. In the encounters with hostile aircraft he has proved himself a gallant and skilful fighter.

2nd Lieut. Edward Arthur Simpson.

On their return from a bombing raid, the formation, with which this officer was serving as an observer, was attacked by twenty-five to thirty Fokkers. In the running fight that ensued, 2nd Lieut. Simpson, with marked coolness and judgment, shot down two machines in flames and caused two more to crash. He has displayed gallantry and courage in many bomb raids, and he rendered exceptional service during the Marne operations.

Lieut. Charles John Sims (Sea Patrol).

In a recent raid on an aerodrome this officer at 200 feet altitude bombed the objective, obtaining a direct hit; he then descended to about 50 feet altitude and attacked some Fokker biplanes lined up outside the hangars. He is an officer of exceptional courage and ability, possessing remarkable powers of observation.

Lieut. Austin Edward Smith (Dorset R.).

This officer has rendered valuable and gallant service in carrying out shoots in co-operation with our artillery and on reconnaissance duty. He is a most steady and reliable pilot, and his unfailing perseverance has largely contributed to the success of the many shoots in which he has taken part.

Lieut. James Lee Smith (Australian F.C.).

This officer has shown conspicuous bravery in attacking enemy kite balloons and in carrying out reconnaissances of very low altitudes. While on a recent patrol far over the enemy lines he observed a kite balloon, he at once attacked it at low altitude. While thus engaged, he was himself attacked by an enemy machine; this he drove off and he then completed his patrol, obtaining valuable information of enemy back areas.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Walter Alfred Southey.

A gallant and skilful officer. On the 9th August, observing a large body of enemy troops and artillery on a road, he descended to 50 feet and bombed them, causing heavy casualties; he then engaged them with machine-gun fire, inflicting further loss and scattering them in all directions. He displays great courage in the air, having accounted for seven enemy aircraft.

Lieut. Arthur Rowe Spurling.

On his return from a recent bombing raid, this officer was separated from his formation owing to clouds. After flying for some twenty minutes, and thinking that he was over our lines, he came down to find his

position; seeing an aerodrome, he was preparing to land when, at 2,000 feet, a Fokker biplane attacked his machine; Lieut. Spurling then observed some thirty machines of the same type heavily camouflaged; with great gallantry he dived through the centre of the formation, shooting down one machine in flames; two others were seen to be in a spin, one of which crashed. Five of them then closed on his machine, but by skilful manoeuvring Lieut. Spurling enabled his observer to shoot down two of these in flames. The three remaining aircraft broke off the combat and disappeared in the mist. A fine performance, reflecting the greatest credit on this officer and his observer.

Capt. Charles Ronald Steele (York. R.).

A bold and skilful leader who inspires confidence in those who serve with him. On August 13th, while leading an offensive patrol of five machines, he observed six enemy scouts; attacking these he shot down one out of control, his observer driving down a second. In this engagement he became separated from his patrol; seeing this, eight scouts dived to attack him; one of these his observer shot down out of control. Eventually he rejoined his patrol and led them back to the aerodrome. In all he has destroyed three enemy machines and driven down four others out of control.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) William Gordon Stevenson.

A fine leader, who has taken part in twenty-six successful raids, displaying marked skill and gallantry, notably on the 7th of July, when with five other machines he carried out a successful raid. On the return journey the formation was engaged by ten hostile aircraft, who made repeated and determined attacks; that these attacks were repulsed without loss was largely due to the cool judgment and strong initiative shown by this officer.

Lieut. (T./Capt.) David Arthur Stewart, M.C.

An able leader, conspicuous for initiative and dash. He has destroyed three enemy machines, and has, in addition, taken part in numerous bombing raids, reconnaissances and photographic flights. In the majority of these he has been leader, and frequently in order to obtain accurate information he has led his flight at very low altitudes.

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Lieut. James Alexander Stewart.

A gallant and very capable pilot, who has been engaged in thirteen successful night bombing long-distance raids. He has never failed to achieve his object under the most trying weather conditions. He displays excellent judgment as to correct altitude from which bombs should be dropped, and consequently has invariably hit his objectives.

Lieut. Malcolm Gilbert Watson Stewart.

This officer rendered most valuable service in co-operation with our artillery during the operations between the 8th and 14th of August, notably on the latter date, when, engaged in observing for a battery, he saw a