

crossed the line; he was then attacked by three Fokkers, but these he drove off, shooting down one, which was seen to crash.

2nd Lt. William Thomas Barnes. (FRANCE)

A skilful and gallant observer. On 1st October, during an important reconnaissance, this officer's machine was attacked by six or seven Fokkers; after scattering them he saw an enemy aeroplane attacking one of our machines; he at once engaged it, shooting it down in flames. Shortly afterwards he shot down another enemy machine out of control.

2nd Lieut. Oscar Berridge. (FRANCE)  
2nd Lieut. William Spriggs. (FRANCE)

On 17th October these officers carried out a contact patrol reconnaissance of the enemy lines in the face of most trying weather conditions. Flying for three-quarters of an hour in pouring rain they located enemy troops, and dispersed them with bombs and machine-gun fire. They also engaged and shot down in flames an enemy two-seater. The courage and endurance displayed by these officers on this occasion deserve very high praise.

Lieut. Roger Derrick Campbell Blake. (FRANCE)

This officer has displayed conspicuous bravery on many occasions, notably on 11th November, when our cavalry, having temporarily lost touch with the enemy owing to their retirement, Lieut. Blake flew at under fifty feet height some twenty or thirty miles east of our advanced posts. Arriving over an enemy aerodrome he saw a number of mechanics engaged in salvaging a machine; he attacked them, flying only a few feet from the ground, and in face of intense machine-gun fire, succeeded in dispersing them, inflicting heavy casualties.

2nd Lieut. John Stephen Blanford (FRANCE)

On 5th October, when returning from a raid, the machine in which this officer was observer had all the controls shot away, except those of the rudder, and started to fall out of control. With great presence of mind he jammed his heels against the Scarffe mounting and leant over the side, so bringing the machine back into a straight glide. He remained in this position from 12,000 feet until the machine crashed into some shell-holes. It was entirely due to the prompt action of 2nd Lieut. Blanford that the pilot was enabled to land the machine without injury.

Lieut. Clarence Stewart Bolsby. (FRANCE)

This officer has rendered most valuable service on numerous contact patrols. Handicapped on many occasions by difficult visibility and smoke, and subjected to severe hostile fire, he has invariably displayed marked determination and devotion to duty, locating our own and enemy troops and furnishing most reliable reports which were of the greatest assistance in our operations.

2nd Lieut. Clement Graham Boothroyd. (FRANCE)

An officer of high courage. On 23rd October, after attacking with bombs a railway station, the formation with which this officer was flying was engaged with about fifteen enemy scouts; of these, he destroyed one and his pilot accounted for a second. In all he has to his credit eight enemy aircraft and one kite balloon.

Lieut. George Spencer Bourner. (FRANCE)

An officer of courage and resource who has rendered most valuable service on contact patrols. On 28th September he dived on a party of hostile infantry in a trench. As they waved white handkerchiefs he did not attack them, but, flying at thirty feet, he directed a party of our infantry towards them.

Lt. Parcell Rees Bowen, M.G. (EGYPT)  
2nd Lieut. Robert Fawcett. (EGYPT)

These officers have displayed marked courage and determination on many occasions. On 22nd September they carried out an excellent reconnaissance under difficult conditions, the clouds being very low over the hills, bringing back most valuable information.

(Lieut. Bowen's M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

Lieut. (A./Capt.) John Denis Breakey. (FRANCE)

This officer has flown about 500 hours on active service. He has carried out 170 special missions, and has bombed and attacked enemy troops, transport, &c., from low altitudes with great success, causing serious damage. Capt. Breakey has shown marked ability and skill as a flight leader, and by his fine spirit of determination and disregard of personal danger sets a fine example to other pilots.

Lieut. Walter Gerrard Brind. (FRANCE)

Since March, 1918, this officer has carried out seventy night-bombing raids and fourteen night reconnaissances, displaying at all times marked perseverance and courage in carrying out orders, often in most adverse weather conditions. On 10th November he carried out a most successful raid on a railway station, descending to 1,200 feet, despite heavy hostile fire, and obtained ten direct hits.

Lieut. Frederick John Shaw Britnell. (FRANCE)

This officer has flown about 500 hours on active service, and on all occasions, when engaged with the enemy, has shown great dash and marked courage. He has carried out some 162 special missions, and has engaged enemy troops, transport, &c., from very low altitudes with great success.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Allan Runciman Brown (Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

Lieut. Garfield Finlay (Australian F.C.). (EGYPT)

On 22nd August Capt. Brown, with Lieut. Finlay as his observer, attacked an enemy two-seater, forcing it to land in our lines.