

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Harvey Clinton Senior.
(FRANCE)

This officer has carried out over one hundred night bombing flights, and he has been conspicuous for his gallantry and disregard of danger. On the night of 28th/29th September he was detailed to carry out an important reconnaissance of the Army front. Flying very low, he was enabled to make a very complete and exhaustive report. During the flight he obtained direct hits on an ammunition dump, causing a big and prolonged explosion.

Lieut. Evander Shapard. (FRANCE)

On 4th November, in low clouds and heavy rain, this officer led his patrol to attack enemy troops on the ground. Descending to so low an altitude that his machine was marked by his own bombs, he attacked a dense concentration of enemy troops and transport in face of heavy fire at point-blank range. He has accounted for six enemy aircraft, and inspires the greatest confidence in his patrol by his intrepid daring and resource.

Lieut. Stanley Maurice Sharpe.
(SALONIKA)

A brave and capable officer, who has carried out many valuable long-distance photographic reconnaissances with marked success, invariably displaying great keenness and courage.

Lieut. John Alexander Shearer.
(FRANCE)

Always keen and eager to ascend, however bad the weather, this officer sets a very high example of devotion to duty. He has taken part in over 160 successful shoots in the last five months, and has obtained for the various formations concerned much valuable information.

Lieut. Thomas MacMillan Shields.
(FRANCE)

This officer has shown consistent courage and powers of observation when on contact patrols, having on numerous occasions rendered most valuable reports as to the positions of our own and enemy troops. He has also done excellent photographic work. When engaged on the latter service he was, on 8th October, attacked by nine Fokker biplanes; one of these was driven down out of control. Further observation being impossible owing to the presence of these aeroplanes, he was compelled to retire, which he successfully accomplished, displaying marked skill in eluding the enemy.

Lieut. William Sidebottom, 203rd Squadron.
(FRANCE)

This officer has carried out numerous offensive and low bombing patrols with courage, skill and judgment. He has also proved himself a bold and resolute fighter in aerial combats, having nine enemy machines to his credit.

Lieut. Harold William Skinner.
(FRANCE)

This officer has flown about 500 hours on active service; and on all occasions has shown

fearlessness in action against the enemy. During recent battles he has rendered conspicuous service, engaging troops, transport, guns, &c., from very low altitudes, and obtaining many direct hits on ground targets with bombs. He has destroyed four enemy machines.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Francis Ryan Smith,
M.C. (Australian F.C.). (FRANCE)

This officer combines high individual enterprise and determination with exceptionally able leadership. These qualities were conspicuous on 14th October, when, leading a patrol of five machines, he saw a formation of twelve Fokker biplanes above him. Relying on the co-operation of another higher formation of Bristol machines, he deliberately manœuvred his formation into a disadvantageous position in order that our higher patrol might be able to attack the enemy while the latter's attention was concentrated upon destroying his, Lt. Smith's, formation. The stratagem was entirely successful, with the result that two enemy machines were destroyed and two others were believed to crash. The Fokkers were then reinforced by eight more machines, and in the ensuing combat Lt. Smith shot down one in flames, his patrol destroying two others. We suffered no casualties.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Harold Smith.
(FRANCE)

An officer of high courage and determination. On 1st October, in exceptionally inclement weather, he successfully bombed a railway station, being the only officer who reached the objective. On another occasion, when ten miles over the enemy lines, his pilot fainted and fell over the controls, forcing the machine to a steep dive. Pushing back the pilot off the controls, Lt. Smith regained control of the machine and brought it safely to our lines.

Capt. Ross Macpherson Smith, M.C. (Australian L.H. and Australian F.C.).

(EGYPT)

Lt. Walker Alister Kirk (Australian F.C.).
(EGYPT)

During the months of June and July these officers accounted for two enemy machines, and they have been conspicuous for gallantry and initiative in attacking ground targets, frequently at very low altitudes. The keenness and fine example set by these officers cannot be over-estimated.

(Capt. R. M. Smith's M.C. gazetted 11th May, 1917; Bar to M.C. 26th March, 1918. The awards of first and second Bars to the D.F. Cross are also announced in this Gazette.)

2nd Lt. William Watson Smith. (ITALY)

This officer has shown exceptional keenness and efficiency as an observer. He has taken part in numerous reconnaissances, and his reports are invariably clear and accurate, containing valuable information which has proved of great assistance in our recent operations.