

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Neil Reitz Smuts.  
(FRANCE)

During recent operations this officer has displayed marked courage and initiative in attacking ground targets from low altitudes, inflicting heavy damage on the enemy. On 28th September he demolished at least four gun teams and limbers, causing very heavy casualties among the personnel and horses.

Capt. Frank Ormond Soden. (FRANCE)

A bold and skilful officer who has accounted for three enemy aeroplanes and two balloons during recent operations.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Speaks. (FRANCE)

A gallant and courageous officer. On 8th October he attacked, from a height of 100 feet, an enemy balloon on the ground, nine miles over the line, and set it on fire. Later, seeing a train, he descended to fifty feet and fired at it till it stopped. He then attacked and scattered horse transport, causing great confusion; and before finishing his patrol Lt. Speaks bombed a hostile town.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Herbert Victor Stammers.  
(FRANCE)

On 18th September this officer rendered very gallant and meritorious service in carrying out an aerial reconnaissance at a low altitude over the enemy lines during our attack. The reconnaissance was rendered most difficult by our smoke screen, and during the whole flight Maj. Stammers was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire and aerial hostility. Despite this, with unflinching courage, this officer persevered, and was enabled to submit a most valuable report to corps headquarters.

Lt. William Steele. (EGYPT)

On 17th September this officer gallantly landed and rescued two officers who were compelled to land behind the enemy lines. Between that date and 23rd September Lt. Steele led and took part in a number of very successful bombing raids, and, although wounded in the hand on 19th September, he remained on duty.

Lieut. Robert Sterling. (FRANCE)

2nd Lieut. James Owen. (FRANCE)

On 1st October, when on contact patrol, these officers displayed marked gallantry and endurance. Flying at altitudes from 500 to 1,000 feet for three hours, they successfully located the enemy defence lines. Frequently attacked by machine-gun fire from the ground, they never refused to engage. Having obtained the information required, they attacked enemy transport that was crowded along a certain road, continuing the attack as far as 7,000 yards behind the enemy lines.

Capt. John Heron Storey. (EGYPT)

A bold and courageous officer, who has rendered exceptional service on artillery and reconnaissance work. On 11th September, whilst reconnoitring, his observer was wounded and his machine badly damaged by a direct hit from an anti-aircraft gun. Captain Storey succeeded in bringing his machine back, and at once proceeded to com-

plete his reconnaissance in another machine, thereby displaying devotion to duty of a high order.

2nd Lieut. Frank Thomas Stott.

(FRANCE)

This officer has completed 118 hours' service flying, and has taken part in many successful bombing raids, displaying marked keenness and courage, notably on 4th October, when, three leaders having been forced to fall out owing to engine trouble, he assumed the leadership of a bombing raid on a railway siding, although at that time his machine was badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire. He led the formation over the objective with such excellent judgment that seven direct hits were obtained and considerable damage done.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Charles Sutherland.

(FRANCE)

The services rendered by this officer on contact and reconnaissance patrols during recent operations are deserving of high praise. Subjected at times to severe hostile fire, handicapped by adverse weather conditions and by our own smoke barrage, Captain Sutherland allows no difficulties to interfere with the carrying out of his allotted task, invariably bringing back valuable and accurate reports of the positions of our own and enemy troops, which have been of the greatest assistance in our operations. He sets a fine example of steady devotion to duty.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Robert Bruce Sutherland (Can. Local Forces). (EGYPT)

This officer has done very valuable work during the last year on this front. Between 17th and 23rd September he was conspicuous for his gallant and brilliant leadership.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Ronald Sykes, 201 Squadron. (FRANCE)

An excellent patrol leader, who displayed marked gallantry on 27th September. While engaged in dropping bombs on enemy infantry in a sunken road he was attacked by four enemy aeroplanes. Out-maneuvring them, he retired west. As soon as the hostile aeroplanes had withdrawn, he returned and fired a number of rounds into the infantry at 200 feet, causing many casualties. He then dived on another party of fifteen, who became so demoralised that they surrendered to one of our men.

2nd Lieut. Leslie Walter Thres.

(ITALY)

A very keen and reliable pilot, who has done excellent work in co-operation with our artillery. The success he has achieved in this service has been largely due to his unflinching perseverance and devotion to duty.

2nd Lieut. George Irving Thomson.

(FRANCE)

On 6th November the machine in which this officer was flying was hit by a shell and the left aileron control shot away. At once it began to fall completely out of control. At a height of 500 feet 2nd Lieut. Thomson, with fine presence of mind and contempt of danger, climbed on to the right-hand lower plane, thus enabling the pilot to bring the