

On four other occasions these officers have engaged and destroyed enemy aircraft, displaying marked gallantry and skill. In addition, they have rendered most valuable service in attacking enemy cavalry, anti-aircraft guns and other ground targets, inflicting heavy loss.

2nd Lieut. John Renwick Brown.

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2nd Lieut. Gerard Kannemeyer.

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On 14th October these officers, unescorted, made a low reconnaissance of the enemy positions. They penetrated, at about 1,000 feet altitude, some 9,000 yards behind the enemy lines, obtaining information of considerable value. On other occasions they have made accurate contact patrol reconnaissances and taken photographs at low altitudes, displaying absolute fearlessness.

2nd Lieut. Sydney MacGillvary Brown.

(FRANCE)

On 28th October, when on offensive patrol, this officer, in company with three other machines, attacked nine Fokkers; three of the latter were destroyed, 2nd Lieut. Brown accounting for one. In addition, he has three hostile aircraft and one balloon to his credit. He is a fearless and intrepid officer.

Lieut. (Hon. Capt.) Leslie William Burbidge.

(FRANCE)

On 23rd October this officer displayed marked gallantry and bravery. After destroying a hostile machine his own machine collided, by mischance, with another of his formation on the return journey, and at once began to fall out of control. Capt. Burbidge, with great presence of mind and considerable personal risk, climbed out on to the damaged plane, and so enabled his pilot to regain partial control, maintaining this position till the machine slowly side-slipped on to the ground. By his courageous action this officer undoubtedly saved the life of his pilot at considerable danger to his own, for, on the machine striking the ground, he was thrown from the plane and received serious injuries to his face.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Malcolm Graham Stewart Burger.

(FRANCE)

During the last battles this officer displayed marked gallantry and devotion to duty on low-flying bombing patrols, inflicting heavy casualties on numerous occasions. He has destroyed three enemy machines, and forced another to land.

2nd Lt. (Hon. Lt.) Robert Alan Caldwell.

(FRANCE)

This officer has been conspicuous for his daring attacks on ground targets. On 28th September, descending to 400 feet over a town, he found it congested with transport. Flying along the streets, he dropped bombs with excellent results, and also attacked enemy troops with machine-gun fire. Later, he materially assisted the advance of our infantry by diving on and engaging the enemy holding a bridgehead.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert North Chandler.

(FRANCE)

In aerial fighting this officer has destroyed three enemy aircraft and driven down two others out of control. He has also displayed marked courage in attacking enemy troops, etc., on the ground. On 28th October, having attacked enemy troops with great success and silenced an anti-Tank gun, he later on silenced two enemy machine guns and inflicted heavy casualties on infantry in shell holes. Whilst so engaged his machine was hit in the engine and he was forced to land.

Lt. Joel Gordon Hirst Chrispin.

(FRANCE)

This officer has carried out over eighty bombing raids far into enemy country and has shown most consistent determination and gallantry, notably on 4th November, when, leading a formation of some sixty machines to bomb an enemy aerodrome, he encountered a large number of enemy aircraft. His progress was also seriously interfered with by many thick clouds. Undeterred by these difficulties, he never wavered, but led the whole raiding party straight to the objective, and descending to the low altitude of 1,000 feet, inflicted very serious damage on the aerodrome.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph William Greig Clark (Gen. Ontario R.).

(FRANCE)

On 5th October this officer carried out a very successful shoot, causing a fire and an explosion, and completely destroying the position. During the shoot he was continually harassed by eight Fokker biplanes, but, exhibiting marked courage and skilful shooting, he drove down one in flames and dispersed the remainder.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) Charles Thornton Cleaver, M.C.

(FRANCE)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Frederick Peacey.

(FRANCE)

On 11th October these officers carried out a most daring and successful contact patrol. Flying at an average height of fifty feet in the face of extremely heavy machine-gun fire, they at times descended to twenty feet to enable Captain Cleaver to communicate with the troops. Much valuable information was obtained as to the strength and location of the enemy, proving of the greatest assistance to our troops. The machine and engine were hit by fire from the ground, but although these officers fully realised this they refused to leave the lines until the reconnaissance was completed.
(Capt. Cleaver's M.C. gazetted 20th October, 1916. Bar to M.C. 18th June, 1917.)

Lt. Thomas Linnæus Coates. (FRANCE)

On 28th October this officer's balloon was attacked by enemy aircraft and brought down in flames. Lt. Coates descended in a parachute, but fell through the branches of a tree and was badly shaken. In spite of this, with most praiseworthy devotion to duty, he immediately re-ascended, and remained up till dark. On a previous occasion he was forced to parachute, and, despite a bad landing, at once re-ascended.