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A
Officer Commanding,

10th Wing, R.A.F.

I wish to report the following facts in order that
and act of great gallantry may not pass unnoticed.

At about 1645 on October the 9th 1918, an officer
belonging to the Canadian Light Horse rode out from a point
about Sheet 51A T.26.c. to the assistance of Lieut. W.L. Field,
of this Squadron whose machine had been brought down and
crashed by machine gun fire from the ground.

This very gallant officer regardless of his own
personal safety rode past and within 20 yards of two enemy
machine gun posts, his horse being shot from under him.

He succeeded however in reaching the machine only
to find that Lieut. W.L. Field was not in it.

The officer was subjected to heavy fire all the time
going and returning.

He eventually succeeded in finding shelter in a
sunken road, where there was another of my Pilots who was an
eye witness to the above events.

Had Lieut. W.L. Field been stunned as was quite
probable; the machine diving straight into the ground owing
to the elevator controls being severed, the officer would
undoubtedly have saved the life of Lieut. W.L. Field.

In the Field.
12/10/18.

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Commanding No. 40 Sqn. R. A.F.