

STATEMENT
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I was on a bombing raid on the 21/2/17 when Capt. Rutherford had to descend with engine trouble. I saw bodies of enemy troops advanced to surround the machine sweeping up a heavy fire, bullets striking all round the machine. I saw Lieut. MacNamara descend at once with the greatest gallantry although the country was very difficult and the near approach of the enemy left no time to examine the ground and a decision had to be taken immediately. By the time Lieut. MacNamara got off again, bodies of the enemy were within 100 yards and was firing point blank at the machine. Even had he been unwounded Lieut. MacNamara's action was one of the very greatest gallantry as it seemed practically certain that he must be either shot or taken prisoner but to carry out the rescue in his wounded condition required the very highest devotion and courage.

In the Field.
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