1st Telephone Message from Headquarters R.F.C. France

The machine which was flown by Lt Macaskie and 2nd Lt Sandys Thomas was reported as

brought down by German fire on the 20th April just in the German lines. At first it was reported that the machine fell quickly to earth, so it was presumed both pilot and observer were killed. Later information makes it out that the machine seen to fall was not the one

they were in so that there is a chance that their machine landed in the German lines and

that they may be prisoners.

2nd Telephone Message R.F.C. Headquarters

The Staff Captain said they had no further news except that they were convinced that the

plane reported in the German war news as having been brought down over Bapaume was

not the one they were on. The plane came down over Pozieres so it is considered that there is still a chance of there

being prisoners. The Staff Captain told me today that news had just come through about one

of their officers who had been missing some considerable time before so he thought there

was … a chance of there being prisoners.

I don’t think they would say that without some reason. I think myself there is always a

chance as the machines now are so good that even when damaged can land well though

often on the Hun side.