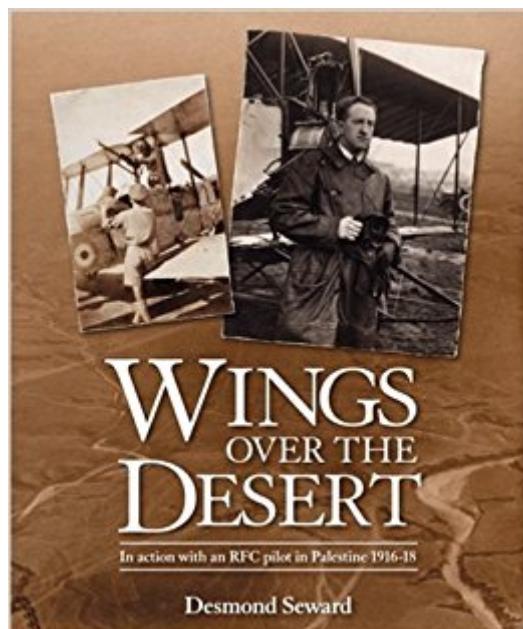


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# Wings Over The Desert: In Action With An RFC Pilot In Palestine 1916-18



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Few people know of the battle over the Sinai Desert between the Royal Flying Corps and German airmen, part of Britain's campaign against Turkey in the First World War. Although a smaller conflict than the Western Front, in some ways it was more dramatic, involving the use of cavalry and the Arab revolt led by T.E. Lawrence. This fascinating book is based around the experiences of the author's father, W.E.L. Seward, MC, who was a pilot with No 14 Squadron RFC. Illustrated with remarkable photographs that have only just come to light, this book provides a unique historical record.

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