

Capt. Henry Thornbury Fox Russell, R. Welsh Fus., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed one of a patrol which silenced an enemy battery. He dropped bombs on to two of the guns, silenced others with his machine gun and then engaged transport on a road. This operation was carried out under heavy fire and very difficult weather conditions. On another occasion he dropped bombs and fired 300 rounds on enemy trenches from a height of 100 feet. His machine was then hit by a shell and crashed in front of our advanced position. He reached the front line, and while there saw another of our machines brought down. He went to the assistance of the pilot, who was badly wounded, extricated him under heavy fire and brought him to safety. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. George Rutherford, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all the officers had become casualties. He held his ground though the company was well in front of the troops on either flank, and sent back valuable reports. When the company had to be withdrawn about 300 yards he carried out the movement with great judgment and skill.

T./Capt. Robert Rutherford, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously day and night at his aid post under continual shell fire. When the aid post had twice sustained direct hits and he himself was suffering from severe concussion, he established a new post and remained at work under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Albert Henry Salmon, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While carrying forward ammunition he met a party of men who were being driven back by the enemy. He took command, rallied the men and established and held the position. He took Lewis guns and ammunition from a derelict Tank, and by his coolness and courage inspired the men with confidence in a critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Denton Samuel, attd. Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack, and although they suffered heavy casualties and were held up by machine-gun fire, he endeavoured to continue the advance with the survivors. He entered a village with two N.C.O.'s, himself killing four of the enemy and taking two prisoners. In the reorganisation of his line he worked untiringly under heavy fire.

Capt. Mervyn Savill, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During several days' fighting he set a splendid example of courage and determination to his company who had suffered heavy casualties. With the remainder of his men he organised an outpost position, which he held and successfully covered the withdrawal.

Lt. Edward Charles Sawyer, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of twenty mules carrying rations forward. In spite of a heavy barrage he personally reconnoitred the position and then brought up supplies to battalion headquarters. On many previous occasions he showed great resource in handling his animals under harassing fire.

Capt. Alfred Carlisle Sayer, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his battalion he was ordered to carry out an attack on the enemy's position. He carried out a difficult operation in the dark with complete success, which was largely due to his personal example and courage.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Scholes, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when the other officers had become casualties. He led forward a party of twenty men and captured two machine guns and seventy-eight prisoners. He then advanced and captured and consolidated his objective.

T./2nd Lt. William Shairp, L.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He saved the life of another officer by his coolness and resource and handled his men with great skill in a difficult situation.

T./Capt. William Harold Nelson Shakespeare, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a most successful contact patrol in very bad weather at a height of 400 feet and brought back very valuable information. Later, he carried out another successful contact patrol at a low altitude, his machine being subjected to intense rifle and machine-gun fire. He is a gallant and determined pilot and has set a fine example to his squadron.

2nd Lt. Lawrence Ernest Shaw-Lawrence, E. Kent R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out thirteen successful contact patrols and reconnaissances, many of them at a very low altitude and in very bad weather under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. On one occasion during an enemy attack he carried out three patrols in one day at a low altitude under heavy fire and brought back valuable information. In the course of one patrol he attacked a large party of the enemy from a height of 100 feet and dispersed them with machine-gun fire. He showed the greatest determination and initiative.

2nd Lt. Gilbert Recklaw Singleton-Gates, Hamps. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company and cleared part of a village of the enemy with great success. He then advanced, took up a new position and held it for twelve hours, though his left flank was exposed.