

His leadership, coolness and initiative largely contributed to the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. James Percival Savage, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy gaining a temporary footing on the right flank of the line, he immediately collected a few men and charged into the midst of the enemy, whom he succeeded in holding in check until that section of the line was reorganised, after which the enemy were completely repulsed. His gallantry and presence of mind undoubtedly averted the possibility of critical developments.

Lt. James Scott, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an officer was wounded in a front-line observation post, he immediately went forward through a very heavy barrage to take his place and direct the fire of the battery. His gallantry cannot be too highly praised, and his services were invaluable.

T./2nd Lt. William Henry Sharratt, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a successful raid on the enemy's lines. He led his party into the enemy's position in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, inflicted casualties on the enemy, and brought back a prisoner. He withdrew the whole of his party at the conclusion of the raid, having shown splendid leadership and courage throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Jack Victor Sorsoleil, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol with three other scouts he engaged a hostile formation of ten scouts, driving one of these down. While climbing to rejoin his patrol he was attacked by an enemy scout, upon which he opened fire at close range, bringing it down spinning, with the result that it crashed to earth. He has also driven down one enemy machine in flames, and sent another crashing to earth, where it was destroyed. His gallantry and skill have been most conspicuous.

Capt. Douglas Buchanan Stephenson, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a raiding party he showed great dash, and at one place where the wire was not cut himself lay on the strands, thus enabling his men to pass over. He displayed great resolution, and prior to the operation, which resulted in the capture of seven prisoners and two machine guns, twenty-five of the enemy being killed, he showed the most commendable keenness, and inspired his men with great confidence, which helped to ensure its success.

T./2nd Lt. David Arthur Stewart, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when returning

from bombing an enemy dump, he was intercepted by a formation of thirty hostile machines. He attacked the leader and shot his machine down out of control, whilst his observer shot down another enemy scout. He then fired a burst at another large scout, which dived down vertically out of control. On his observer being hit whilst engaged with another four machines, he spun down 4,000 feet and dived for our lines. Later, when on photographic duty, he was attacked by five enemy scouts, three of which were accounted for by his observer and himself. In the face of heavy odds, his courage, skill and fine fighting spirit have been most conspicuous.

T./Lt. David Simes Stiven, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before a raid on the enemy's lines he reconnoitred a position in advance of our outpost line for a report centre, and supervised the laying of three lines to it. On the night of the raid he established communication by lamp from one of the objectives two minutes after its capture, and also telephonic communication to the rear. He organised a system of runners right up to the final objective, and established power-buzzer communication from the report centre to advanced brigade headquarters. The communications worked splendidly throughout, a fact which was undoubtedly due to his gallantry and determination.

2nd Lt. Fred Norman Stone, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked a post of the adjoining battalion, he led a counter-attack to relieve the pressure. Though he was met by a superior force of the enemy, he drove them back with great courage and skill, and held on to the ground gained until the line was re-established. He showed splendid promptness and initiative.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Geoffrey Hugh Benbow Stratfield, Durh. L.I., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on photographic work, accompanied by one other machine, he attacked and drove off seven hostile scouts, finally securing some very valuable photographs. On a previous occasion, while on the same duty, he drove off a patrol of five hostile aeroplanes and then continued and completed his photography. On four other successive occasions he successfully drove off numerous enemy aeroplanes, which attempted to interfere with his work. He showed splendid pluck and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Robert Albert Keizer Stuart, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He passed through the enemy's outpost line and wire entanglements to a position in rear of an enemy post. Here he captured two prisoners, one of whom was a sergeant-major, and succeeded in bringing them back to our lines. He showed the greatest skill and daring.