

2nd Lt. Raynsford Leopold Wemyss Whitaker, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell fell on a road, killing and wounding several men and horses, and disorganising traffic, he assisted the wounded and restored order. His coolness, courage and initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties.

2nd Lt. Ralph Piggott Whittington-Ince, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a daylight raid. He led his platoon close behind the barrage and penetrated 350 yards into the enemy's support line. He brought rapid fire to bear on the fleeing enemy, driving them into our artillery barrage, and when the remainder refused to come out of their dug-outs, he had them all blown up. He handled his platoon with great skill both during the advance and the withdrawal.

Capt. Humphrey Wolseley Wightwick, Lond. R., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombing attack on the enemy line he handled his company with skill and determination. On the enemy delivering a counter-attack he also took under his command and reorganised the remainder of another company, and with these troops successfully held up the attack. Although suffering from a painful wound in the neck, he remained at his post for twelve hours reorganising and consolidating.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Leslie Barnard Williams, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack with machine guns and bombs on enemy infantry he displayed great courage and endurance in spite of very adverse weather conditions, which caused the machines to become separated in the fog. Observing a hostile battery in action he released bombs on it, one of which was observed to be a direct hit. Afterwards, whilst continuing his attacks on the enemy front trenches, his main plane was blown away, and his machine crashed to earth in the open. Being wounded, he lay there unable to move, but was eventually rescued. This officer has always shown himself full of zeal, determination and courage.

T./2nd Lt. William Corbett Williamson, R.M.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded he led his platoon in an attack, captured a strong point, and organised the post under heavy fire until wounded a second time.

T./Lt. Edwin Ernest Wilson, K. Afr. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a convoy which was ambushed by the enemy. Under heavy close range fire he collected a few men and kept the enemy off until support came. By his courageous example and good leadership he forced the enemy to retire and saved the convoy.

Rev. Bertram Wolferstan, A. Chapln. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the brigade transport lines were being heavily bombed by hostile aircraft, causing many casualties and some confusion, he went to the spot and was of the greatest assistance in helping to restore confidence and in attending to the wounded.

Lt. John Herbert Greenwood Womersley, R.G.A. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in aerial fighting. He brought down four enemy machines and forced others to land. He also carried out reconnaissances at a low altitude.

2nd Lt. Sydney George Wood, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of all visual stations and power buzzer and wireless stations between brigade headquarters and battalions. Though several times affected by gas, he set a splendid example under heavy shelling and maintained communication in the forward area.

Capt. John Francis Wortley, York & Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company across a marsh in front of the first objective under heavy fire. With ten men he attempted to reach a "pill-box." When only he and his runner were left he sniped eight of the enemy, and then, finding that no reinforcements were arriving, was forced to withdraw.

T./2nd Lt. Albert Edmund Wright, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling officer. He was continually inspecting the wires and superintending their repair under very heavy fire, and succeeded in maintaining communication by telephone with the front line.

Hon. Lt. & Riding Master (A./Maj.) Arthur Ernest Wright, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled and a gun-pit blown up he organised a rescue party, and himself put out the fire and rescued two men who were buried.

Capt. Samuel Pearson Yates, R. of O., Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in persisting in an advance in support of the infantry when ordered to so, though informed by the officer commanding the infantry that it was impossible to advance owing to hostile machine guns. By his action he materially relieved the situation of the infantry.

200481 C.S.M. Alfred Edward Edwards, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded on the previous afternoon he accompanied his company in an attack. He captured a "pill-box," killed the occupants, and consolidated and held an advanced shell hole position until he was again wounded.