

attacks up hostile communication trenches.

He sent in valuable reports during these operations.

2nd Lt. Cyril John Benest, Spec. Res. (attd. B. By., 64th Bde.), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. When a dug-out was blown in by a heavy shell he at once, under heavy fire, began to dig out the buried men, and showed great coolness in organising the rescue party and in tending the wounded under fire.

2nd Lt. George Agar Trevor Benson, 2nd Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid on the enemy's trenches. Although wounded before the advance began, he continued to lead with great determination, forced his way through the enemy's wire, and, although again twice wounded, threw bombs into the trench till his supply was exhausted. He was the last to withdraw after all the wounded had been removed to safety. He also on another occasion made a very daring reconnaissance.

Temp. 2nd Lt. James Bilsland, 10th Bn., Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry. He rallied men who had lost their Officers under very heavy shell fire, and led them forward in a counter-attack. He also did fine work establishing bombing posts and arranging for supplies of bombs and ammunition.

2nd Lt. Edwin Theodore Bird, 21st Bn., Lond. R., T.F.

For gallant conduct during an attack. He led his bombers with great skill and courage and continued his bombing after being wounded.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Alfred Chapman Blench, 20th Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry with a patrol. On a starlit night he crossed the open, entered and explored enemy trenches, and obtained valuable information. He has frequently done good work on patrol.

2nd Lt. Henry Fielding Bond, 2/4th Bn., Suff. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When the enemy had exploded a mine and had seized the crater, he organised snipers and bombers to attack them. The crater was retaken and consolidated, many of the enemy being killed.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William Arthur Bond, 1st Bn. (attd. 7th Bn.), Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry when on patrol. An enemy patrol was met and bombs were exchanged, one of which wounded both 2nd Lt. Bond and another officer. The enemy retired and opened machine-gun fire, which again wounded the other officer. 2nd Lt. Bond and Private Garnett at great risk brought him in over 200 yards under heavy machine-gun fire.

2nd Lt. Stanley Caldwell, 4th Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a successful raid on the enemy's trenches. He

commanded one party in the assault, made his way through strong wire, bombed several trenches, and saw all his men out before leaving the enemy's trench. He showed great coolness and initiative.

2nd Lt. Lindsay Stuart Campbell, "A" By., 105th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. When his battery commander became a casualty, he took command, and for thirty-six hours kept his guns continuously firing under heavy shell fire. He went about encouraging his detachments and inspiring confidence in all ranks.

2nd Lt. Harvey Gerald Carminow Carter, 1/8th Bn., Worc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous devotion to duty. While with his orderly visiting posts in the front line he saw a body of the enemy approaching, and instantly fired his revolver at them. They replied with bombs and wounded both him and his orderly severely. But he dragged himself to the posts on his right and left, and ordered rapid fire, which drove off the enemy. He then collapsed from pain and loss of blood.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Charles Herbert Crawshaw, Spec. Res. (attd. 8th Bn.), K. O. Sco. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry. He organised and led an attack under heavy artillery fire and displayed great skill and courage. He was four times wounded.

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Ralph Drayton, 3rd Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), Dorset R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When after a heavy bombardment the enemy raided our trenches, although wounded, he collected a few men and repulsed all attacks on his portion of the trench. He set a fine example to all around him.

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Ellert Webster Forbes, 6th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (attd. R.F.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. He was acting as Observer when attacked by two enemy aeroplanes, and was wounded in the chest. On recovering from the shock he saw that his pilot was killed. Climbing into the pilot's seat he succeeded in bringing his machine back from behind the enemy's lines and landing safely.

2nd Lt. William Spiers Glenn, Spec. Res. (attd. 73rd By., 5th Bde.), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability as Observing Officer. He was exposed to heavy shell fire for several hours, but with great coolness and judgment corrected the fire of his battery throughout, and sent back constant reports on the situation.

2nd Lt. William Ashwin Henderson, 3rd Bn. (attd. 13th Bn.), R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry. He carried out several dangerous reconnaissances in trenches known to be held by the enemy, after which he led a counter-attack with great coolness and utter disregard of danger.