

2nd Lt. Douglas George Philippe, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although his men were greatly exhausted, he led them with such courage and cheerfulness that they were inspired with confidence by his personal example, and successfully consolidated the captured position. It was entirely due to his prompt action that two enemy guns and some valuable instruments were captured.

T./Capt. Samuel Ernest Picken, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward under heavy shell fire and attending to the wounded in advanced trenches and shell holes. He remained in the shelled area for a long period, working incessantly and efficiently at the dressing and evacuation of the wounded. He has always shown the same gallant spirit and devotion to duty.

T./Lt. James Allanson Picton, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A large number of men having been buried in a tunnel by the enemy's bombardment, he proceeded with great promptness and gallantry to rescue them, though under heavy shell fire at the time. He volunteered to do this, though not belonging to the company, and by his personal example and disregard of danger several lives were saved.

2nd Lt. Ernest Borkman Pigott, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when F.O.O. during our infantry advance. His promptness and energy enabled hostile machine guns to be successfully dealt with at a moment when they would have undoubtedly held up our advance had he not detected and reported upon them. He has frequently shown great coolness and courage in laying wires at short notice and under trying circumstances and in maintaining communications throughout operations with great ability and success.

T./Lt. Eric Springfield Playle, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile counter-attack. He displayed boundless energy in collecting and organising Lewis guns and teams, moving from post to post under enemy rifle fire, and personally supervising every detail of the defence. He set a very fine example of fearlessness, and did work of the utmost value for a continuous period of several days.

2nd Lt. Thomas Handley Porritt, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a most successful raid into the enemy's lines. He was the first to enter the trench, and owing to intense barrage and the dilapidated state of the trenches it became necessary to reorganise his party. He accomplished this with great promptness and decision, continuing to lead his men and personally directing the bombing sections. He shot one of the enemy with his revolver, and when the signal to withdraw was given he personally superintended the covering

party, and was the last to leave. The success of the raid was entirely due to his coolness and splendid leadership.

Lt. Frederick Thomas Alfred Power, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Forward Signalling Officer. He pushed forward through enemy barrage and maintained communication with the firing line for forty-eight hours in a very exposed position under continuous enemy shell fire. Through his initiative and resource communication was successfully kept up with our troops whilst advancing for a mile over very difficult country. He set a splendid example of pluck and ability.

2nd Lt. Henry Percy Ralph, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping to extinguish a burning gun pit in which a large number of fused shells had been stored. His promptness and energy saved a violent explosion and the probable wrecking of a gun and much material.

2nd Lt. Alexander Ramsay, R. Sco. Fus., and M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in proceeding with great promptness and courage to a heavily shelled trench and attending to the wounded. By his timely aid and great presence of mind he undoubtedly saved several lives, as he was instrumental in getting the wounded bandaged and removed before further casualties from shell fire could occur. He set a very fine example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Richard Raymond-Barker, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading a fighting patrol. He attacked a large hostile formation, destroying two of them. He has also done excellent work in leading distant photographic reconnaissances, notably upon two occasions when his skilful leadership enabled photographs to be taken of all the required hostile area in spite of repeated attacks from enemy aircraft. He has helped to destroy seven hostile machines, and has at all times displayed conspicuous skill and gallantry.

2nd Lt. Archibald Charles Reeves, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in artillery observation, contact patrols and reconnaissance. He has continually done very daring and excellent work at low altitudes with a fine disregard of hostile fire and adverse weather conditions, and he has contributed information of the greatest value by his enterprise and fearlessness on all occasions.

2nd Lt. James Francis Rennie, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two of his men he made three attempts to extinguish a dump of heavy ammunition which had been set alight by an enemy shell. On each occasion they were knocked down and buried by the bursting shells, and their action was exceptionally