

yards. As there was some difficulty in getting the torpedo through the wire, he, with total disregard of all danger and with magnificent coolness, stood up, and with the light of his electric torch placed the torpedo in the right position. His remarkable courage and presence of mind proved most inspiring to all ranks.

**AWARDED A 2nd BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.**

Capt. Francis Edward Wenger, M.C., N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A N.C.O. had left our front line at dawn to endeavour to locate a hostile post, and was badly wounded. He, accompanied by another officer, left our lines with the object of bringing him in. Seeing the N.C.O.'s rifle lying on the edge of a shell hole, he kept the enemy under fire, whilst his companion got out of the trench and succeeded in reaching the N.C.O. The accuracy of his fire harassed the enemy considerably, and his comrade was able to carry the N.C.O. back to our lines. His coolness and resource were undoubtedly the means of saving the N.C.O.'s life, and of robbing the enemy of an identification of great value.

Capt. (A./Major) Christopher Probart Whitaker, M.C., Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid he commanded a company, and led it with the greatest dash and determination to its final objective under the most difficult conditions. At the final position, having reformed his men, he himself led the assault under bomb and rifle fire. During the withdrawal he was untiring in his efforts to ensure that all the wounded were brought in. On two successive nights prior to this raid he most ably conducted two reconnaissances, which furnished valuable information and materially assisted the successful execution of the operation.

**AWARDED A BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.**

Lieut. (T./Capt.) Harold Harington Balfour, M.C., K.R.R.C., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On three occasions during one month he has destroyed one hostile machine and driven down two others completely out of control. On one occasion, flying at a very low altitude, under extremely adverse weather conditions, he carried out a reconnaissance, in which he bombed two guns and silenced them, bombed large bodies of troops in a market square, and fired into the hangars and huts in a hostile aerodrome, several casualties being observed. He has at all times shown himself to be a leader of exceptional dash and ability, and offensive patrols led by him have constantly attacked enemy formations with marked gallantry and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 26th May, 1917.)

2nd/Lt. Geoffrey Bayzand, M.C., C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a party raiding the enemy trenches, he led his men close up under our barrage, which had the effect of avoiding casualties to his party and of surprising the enemy to a far greater degree than otherwise would have been the case. He showed fine judgment in deciding when the object of the raid had been attained and in ordering the withdrawal at the earliest possible moment, he himself being the last to return to our trenches. His courage, powers of leadership and ability were beyond all praise, and contributed largely to the initial success of the raid.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur William Cantwell, M.C., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out the preparations for a raid with careful and complete thoroughness in all details, and personally reconnoitring the area to be raided, gained information of the greatest value. Throughout the operation he exhibited a cool and intelligent control, and his personal example assisted greatly towards the success of the enterprise.

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T./2nd Lt. Arthur Elliott, M.C., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a party sent out to blow up a hostile mine shaft, he, together with four men, reconnoitred the enemy's tunnel, after which he returned to our lines and led out a tunnelling party together with a few men carrying explosives. He rendered assistance to the tunnelling party in their task, and guarded the entrance, while the tunnelling officer lit the fuse. Since the successful enterprise was carried out but 100 yards from a strongly defended hostile post, it was undoubtedly due to his previous reconnaissances and knowledge of the enemy's trench system that the work preparatory to the blowing up of the mine shaft did not attract the enemy's attention.

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Lt. (T./Capt.) Patrick Huskinson, M.C., Notts. and Derby. R., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of six months he has destroyed two hostile machines and driven down seven others out of control. He has also, during an attack, carried out a ground patrol, flying at a very low altitude, during which he engaged a company of the enemy with machine-gun fire. On a later occasion, when firing at roads from a low altitude, he received a direct hit from a shell, which carried away a portion of his machine. He, however, regained control, and, landing upside down in a shell hole full of water, was suspended in the water until nearly drowned. After his rescue, he remained all day working under shell fire until he had salvaged the engine. He has at all times proved himself to be a very gallant, keen and able pilot.

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