

determination he doubled his men to the spot and attacked so fiercely that the enemy were obliged to reinforce that flank. He showed splendid gallantry and resource.

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T./2nd Lt. James Edgar Abel, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty he assumed command at a critical period and worked his men forward to a strong point, whence the enemy were developing heavy machine-gun fire, and silenced them by concentrated rifle fire. His courage and fine leadership saved many casualties, and enabled the battalion to continue the advance.

2nd Lt. Albert Joseph Acarnley, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in command of a patrol reconnoitring on the farther side of the river his position was discovered, but, owing to his good leadership and initiative, he succeeded in withdrawing his patrol without loss. His patrol work has at all times been most conspicuous, and during numerous difficult crossings of the river he has displayed great courage and skill.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Jack Manning Allport, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during night flying he made four trips during a period of four hours, dropping sixty bombs on his two objectives with excellent results. On a later occasion, whilst on photographing work, he was attacked by six enemy machines, but by skilful manœuvring he enabled his observer to shoot down in flames one enemy machine, another falling to pieces in the air. On several occasions he has carried out his tasks of photographing hostile battery positions and calibrating our long-range batteries on their targets under the most unfavourable conditions and with the excellent results, showing a magnificent example to the whole squadron.

Lt. Reginald Barrett William Goldsworthy Andrew, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he led his platoon through an intense artillery and machine-gun barrage over very difficult country to render assistance to a battalion at a critical juncture, which, thanks to his timely aid, was able to repulse the enemy attack. His courageous determination and initiative were most praiseworthy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Keith Arbuthnot, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He took an active part in the preliminary reconnaissances and training and led his men with great success in the raid, inspiring them by his courage and keenness.

Capt. Frank Douglas Balfour, N. Cyc. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though his flank was turned and the enemy captured the trenches on his immediate left, he succeeded in maintaining his position intact under heavy fire. It was due to his courage, example and leadership that his men held their ground under most difficult conditions.

T./2nd Lt. Gerald Harman Ball, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a machine-gun post which the enemy attempted to raid under cover of an intense bombardment. His machine gun was put out of action by a shell, and the enemy succeeded in entering the trench. He at once engaged them, and after severe hand-to-hand fighting drove them out without any casualties among his own men. He handled a very awkward situation with the greatest coolness and courage.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Gordon Barrett, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party raiding an enemy strong point. He was the first to enter the enemy trench, where he killed one and captured another of the enemy. It was entirely due to his dash and initiative that the operation was so successfully carried out.

T./2nd Lt. James Wilfred Bennett, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two nights prior to a raid he carefully patrolled the area to be raided, gained valuable information, and with the assistance of a N.C.O. cut a considerable amount of wire. On the night of the raid he made a final reconnaissance, and while doing so was wounded by a stray shot. The information which he obtained enabled additional arrangements to be made for protection against a machine gun which he had located on the flank. His energy and initiative were of the utmost assistance.

T./2nd Lt. William Matthew Blackie, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on a special reconnaissance of two small hostile works, he dived to within 300 ft. of the ground, dropped his bombs near the works and then engaged with machine-gun fire a number of men who were running for cover. On a previous occasion he carried out a very successful night bombing raid under the most adverse conditions. He has always shown great determination, and has set a splendid example to his squadron.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leslie William Harold Bowler, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battalion was ordered forward at night to reinforce a position in a wood which had been heavily shelled and gassed throughout the day. He went ahead and reconnoitred the whole position