

under the most difficult conditions. It was largely due to his determination and skill that the battalion eventually succeeded in occupying the position.

2nd Lt. Clare Brayton Bouchier, R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Volunteering to take part in a raid, he was in command of the left sections of the first wave, and although the sections on his right were disorganised owing to enemy bombing, he pushed on and reached his final objective, where his party performed excellent work in bombing dug-outs and killing numbers of the enemy. His splendid example of leadership and fine fighting spirit did much to ensure the success of the operation.

T./2nd Lt. John Crosby Braithwaite, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led forward a patrol at night and lay in wait for and attacked a party of the enemy. He was met by heavy rifle, grenade and trench-mortar fire, but dispersed the enemy party and withdrew all his men safely. He set an excellent example of coolness and initiative.

Lt. Frederic Elliott Brown, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst leading a patrol of five machines, on observing four hostile scouts diving on one of our formations, he at once engaged them, driving one of them down completely out of control, while his formation dispersed the others. Later, on sighting another hostile scout, he engaged it and forced it down spinning and out of control. While returning to his aerodrome, he observed an enemy two-seater, and, though his engine was running badly and might have failed him any moment, he attacked it and drove it down in a vertical nose dive. Previously to this he had driven down one other machine, which was seen to crash, and a third completely out of control. He is a most daring and skilful pilot.

2nd Lt. Walter James Brumbley, Norf. R. Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section of a party raiding the hostile trenches, he led his men into the enemy line and took a prominent part in the sharp fight which ensued, accounting for four of the enemy himself. Having bombed some dug-outs, he established a defensive flank until the withdrawal was ordered. Throughout the operation he showed exceptional courage and coolness.

2nd Lt. Mansel Ernest Carey, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with the utmost skill, and his personal example was a great incentive to all ranks. Later, when his company commander became a casualty, he assumed command and led his company to

its final objective, where his energy and powers of organisation in carrying out the consolidation were most marked.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Stanley Carhart, British West Indies R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack he led his company in a most gallant manner and quickly reorganised the captured position. Later, under heavy machine-gun fire, he carried one of his wounded men 200 yards to safety.

T./Lt. William Carmichael, attd. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he reached his objective with only a few men, and, despite the superior forces of the enemy, he immediately organised a bombing attack and succeeded in pressing the enemy back, repeating these attacks on three separate occasions. Though the hostile barrage on the trench was extremely heavy, he was untiring in his efforts to encourage his men to fresh endeavours throughout the day, and by his courage and determination was successful in maintaining the position.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Henderson Claperton, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack he led his company with magnificent courage and fine judgment under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and initiated a second forward movement on the flank of the battalion, which was at that time exposed. His skill and bold leadership materially contributed to the success of the general advance, in which three machine guns were captured. His devotion to duty regardless of his own safety proved a fine example to all ranks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Grosvenor Clarke, N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a reconnaissance his party was suddenly fired on by the enemy, and one of his men was found to be missing. He at once returned and saw the man lying wounded close to the enemy's position. He reached the man under fire from the enemy, and was severely wounded in doing so. He showed the greatest courage and self-sacrifice.

2nd Lt. Eric Fisher Cochrane, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst acting as forward observation officer during the attack, being unable to establish communication with his battery, he advanced with the leading wave of the infantry and helped to carry a machine gun into position under heavy fire. He was throughout the day continually in the most forward line, and displayed marked gallantry and resource.

2nd Lt. Herbert Charles Clive Collis, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery position being heavily shelled, resulting in an ammunition