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Lt. James Alexander Anderson, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of an enemy position, he organised and led forward a bombing party up an enemy communication trench. He cleared about 150 yards of the trench and located the line which the enemy were holding. He showed splendid coolness and initiative.

Lt. Sydney Astle, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's lines. His party was held up for some time by hostile machine-gun fire, but by his good leadership and determination he succeeded in reaching his objective, captured a prisoner, and put a large number of the enemy out of action. He also destroyed an enemy dug-out in spite of strong opposition.

Lt. Theodore Henry Newsum Battle, R.G.A. Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was subjected to a very accurate bombardment, in the course of which a dug-out was blown in and six men were buried and pinned down in the debris. He organised a party and, regardless of the heavy shelling, set to work to dig the men out. He set a splendid example of coolness and resource.

Subadar Major Bhim Sing Thapa, I.O.M., Gurkha Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in an attack through intense machine-gun and rifle fire. After the capture of the enemy's position, seeing that a gap had occurred between the right of the battalion and the next unit, he filled the gap on his own initiative. He took command of that portion of the line, the British officer having been killed, and consolidated the position under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

Capt. James Dykes Black, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and determination in an attack. He captured his objective four times, but was driven back on each occasion by enemy counter-attacks. Whilst reconnoitring, with a view to making a fifth attempt, he was severely wounded. He set a magnificent example of courage and resource under the most difficult conditions.

T./Capt. Edward William Bonnyman, D.S.O., A. and S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice went forward close up to the enemy's position under a heavy bombardment with utter disregard of danger,

and obtained information which was of the greatest value at a critical time.

2nd Lt. Albert Norman Bolt, D.C.M., M.M., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a raid on the enemy's trenches with the greatest dash and determination. When the party was held up by wire between the enemy front and support lines and came under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he moved about from group to group with utter disregard of danger, superintending the cutting of the wire and organising an attack on a bombing block in the communication trench. He conducted the withdrawal with great coolness and skill, being the last to leave the enemy's trenches, and later went out into "No Man's Land" to make certain that none of his men had been left behind.

T./Capt. Charles Herbert Brewer, Bedf. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set out to make a special railway reconnaissance, and though the weather conditions became very bad, he continued his task with the greatest determination. His engine began to fail when he was a long distance over the enemy's lines. By skilful piloting he succeeded in crossing the enemy's trenches, but the machine crashed in "No Man's Land," and turned completely over. Heavy machine-gun fire was opened by the enemy, and though his jaw was broken he extricated the observer, who was pinned under the machine and was unconscious, and dragged him to a shell hole in the face of the enemy's fire. He showed splendid courage and resource.

Lt. Derrick Beale Brook, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great courage and determination in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He moved about from one party to another regardless of danger, and guided his men skilfully to their objectives. He entered a "pill-box" from which the enemy refused to come out and killed all the occupants.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Brown, Linc. R., attd. T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile bombardment, when the whole of one of his trench mortar detachments had become casualties, he crawled to the emplacement and fired the gun himself with the help of his servant, who kept him supplied with ammunition. His gallantry and determination were most praiseworthy.

2nd Lt. Noel Buckley, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a party taking part in a raid on the enemy trenches he skilfully led his men to the second objective, bombed a dug-out, captured a prisoner, and held up a strong counter-attack, which the enemy were attempting down a communication trench. He afforded his men a fine example of resource and initiative.