

He rendered most valuable service in clearing up the situation. Throughout the whole operation he showed great coolness under fire, and by his courage and contempt of danger, set a magnificent example to his men.

2nd Lt. Frederick Norman Smith Creek, Dur. L.I. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several successful reconnaissances of enemy aerodromes and railways, and obtained valuable information often under the most difficult weather conditions. On one occasion he took several photographs of an enemy aerodrome though he was attacked by an enemy machine and subjected to anti-aircraft fire. He displayed the greatest skill and determination.

Subadar Damar Sing Gurung, Gurkha Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led an attack on an enemy patrol. Having outstripped his men in the charge, he saw one of the enemy about to throw a bomb. He at once rushed at him and wrested the bomb from his hand. During a counter-attack by a strong force of the enemy, he volunteered to go forward to an advanced portion of the line, which was endangered by the enemy's attack. He crossed a hundred yards of exposed ground under heavy rifle fire, and took command of that part of the line until the attack was finally repulsed. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

T./Capt. Frederick Arthur Damer, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an extensive enemy raid on his company's position. By his careful handling of his men he prevented many casualties during the intense preliminary bombardment. When the enemy attacked he so inspired his men by his magnificent example of courage and coolness, that they drove off the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties on them, and captured three prisoners.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Harry Davies, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on artillery observation duty he engaged a hostile scout, which he succeeded in sending down out of control. He then continued to observe for the shoot, and successfully accomplished his task. Later, whilst again on artillery patrol, though attacked by five hostile aeroplanes, he, by successful manœuvring, enabled his observer to fire several bursts into the leader of the formation, whose machine was seen to go down in a vertical nose dive and crash to earth. Continuing the fight against the remaining four hostile machines, he eventually forced them away, and succeeded in ranging on and neutralising three hostile batteries. He set a magnificent example of skill and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Charles Deacon, D.C.M., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy trenches

he led his men to their objective with great dash, captured several prisoners, blew up a dug-out, and carried a wounded officer back to safety. Two days prior to the raid he performed splendid work on patrol, closely reconnoitring the enemy's wire and dispersing a working party. His leadership and gallantry were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. William Henry Horner Demuth, attd. K.R. Rif. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack on our trench system, he constantly patrolled the front and harassed the hostile reinforcements as these came up. Co-operating with our counter attack, he pushed forward his machine gun, thereby catching the retreating enemy in the flank and inflicting heavy casualties on them. His initiative and gallantry were worthy of the highest praise.

Lt. Geoffrey Edmond de Trafford, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion when the enemy attempted a strong raid, he ascertained most accurately the actual extent of the front attacked, with the result that all the available guns were thereby concentrated on the attacked sector with the most successful results. Later, having located a hostile gun firing from a short range, he ranged a howitzer battery on to the gun, on which he obtained ten direct hits, successfully destroying it. Despite a most violent shell fire, he displayed marked courage, skill and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Victor Deverall, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He blew a gap in the enemy's wire in preparation for a raid, and then remained at the gap and guided the raiding party through the wire. Seeing one of the enemy running away, he gave chase and captured him. On hearing that the officer in command of the raid was missing, he organised a search party, found the officer wounded in the enemy's lines, and brought him back safely. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

2nd Lt. William Barnard Duckett, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was in action a shell exploded prematurely, and set fire to some ammunition and camouflage. In spite of many exploding shells he extinguished the flames, which, but for his prompt action, would have destroyed the whole position. He set a magnificent example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. William Stoddart Edington, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had entered a portion of our trenches, at a junction of which they had established a machine gun, he boldly led an attack against this gun over the parapet, and succeeded in killing several of the crew, the remainder being forced to