

Lt. Douglas Vernon Tomson, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all telephone lines were cut during an intense enemy barrage of gas and high explosive shells he went out to attempt to establish communication. Seeing that it was impossible to maintain a ground line he went to the nearest test box, which was under a heavy hostile barrage, and remained there without cover for four hours, though he was suffering from the effects of gas, sending back most valuable information. Later in the day he was wounded in the head, but continued to carry out his duties, and refused to have his wound attended to until communication had been satisfactorily established. He showed splendid courage and determination.

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Lt. Charles Henry Tremayne, M.C., Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his sector of the line was heavily attacked and the troops on his right flank withdrew, he made repeated counter-attacks, by which certain high ground, the key of the whole position, was undoubtedly saved from falling into the hands of the enemy. He displayed gallantry and determination worthy of the highest praise.

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T./Capt. John Lightfoot Trollope, M.C., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during the recent operations, while on offensive patrol, he encountered three enemy machines, two of which he completely destroyed. He then attacked a scout, and after firing 100 rounds into it, the enemy machine went down completely out of control, eventually crashing. Later in the same day, on his flight encountering four enemy two-seater planes, he sent three of them down crashing to earth. Within a month previous to this he fought two hostile formations, numbering 12 machines in all, single-handed, and did not break off the engagement until he had driven off all of them towards the East. He has accounted for 14 enemy machines, and has rendered exceptionally brilliant service by his gallantry and determination.

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Lt. (T./Capt.) William Lewis Wells, M.C., Midd'x R., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He frequently attacked enemy troops and transport with bombs and machine-gun fire during operations, often flying at a very low altitude under heavy fire. While attacking enemy troops from a height of 150 feet he was severely wounded, but succeeded in bringing his observer and machine back safely. He has destroyed five enemy machines and driven down five others out of control, and has always set an example of courage and determination to the flight which he has commanded.

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Capt. Richard Nigel Wolton, M.C., R.F.A., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On discovering bodies of the enemy descending from motor lorries at a certain point behind the front, he sent down a wireless call, and having used his bombs and ammunition, he landed and reported to headquarters. He then went up again and dropped messages to several of our field batteries, with the result that heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. On the following day, noticing some hostile bodies crossing the bridges and failing to receive any answer from his wireless calls, he landed by the side of one of our siege batteries and personally directed the fire of the guns on to the enemy. His information has at all times been most reliable, and his work in co-operation with the artillery was of exceptional value.

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T./Capt. Henry Winslow Woollett, M.C., R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when on offensive patrol, he dived on to an enemy plane, which was attempting to cross our lines, and fired 100 rounds into it at 100 yards range, causing it to burst into flames and crash to the ground. He then dived on to another hostile machine, which went down in a spin and finally crashed to earth. On a later occasion he attacked and brought down in flames two enemy observation balloons. The gallantry and skill exhibited by this officer have been most inspiring to his flight.

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CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt. Henry Vernon Le Mesurier, M.C., Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his troop was ordered to reconnoitre the position of a machine-gun, in order that the remainder of the squadron could reach its objective, finding two guns in the position, he immediately commenced to surround them, and continued to engage them until every man in his troop had become a casualty. Having obtained reinforcements, he still continued to attack the enemy, until he himself was wounded. His gallant conduct and dogged perseverance in carrying on with his task enabled his squadron to reach its objective.

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Lt. Frederick Robert McCall, M.C., Infy., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst engaged on photographic work, he observed a hostile scout, on which he dived and fired a burst from his machine-gun. The enemy machine went down in a steep dive out of control. On a later occasion he engaged two hostile two-seater planes, which immediately turned East. Though a steady rate of fire was kept up against him, he continued the attack, during which the observer of one of the hostile machines collapsed in the cockpit, other observers reporting that this machine crashed to earth in the enemy lines. He has always displayed the greatest gallantry and determination in carrying out his work, and has set a very high example to his squadron.

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